

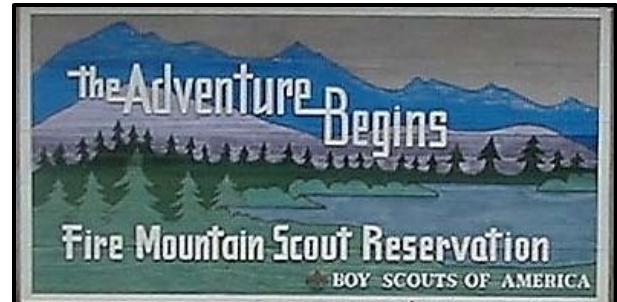
# FROM THE COUNCIL PROPERTIES COMMITTEE

By Properties Vice President Scott Suchan

## ***How has the Council funded all the improvements at Fire Mountain?***

Fire Mountain Scout Camp has been going through a top to bottom transformation over the past seven years. This year alone and before summer camp even starts, we will complete the following:

- Build a new parking lot
- Finish the swim beach that was started last year
- Build a new staff shower house and common building
- Build staff tree houses and cabins.



## **Have you ever wondered how the Council Properties Committee has funded all the projects that have been completed to date?**

It really starts with keeping the projects affordable right from the planning stage. We try to keep the projects highly functional and durable, but still simple in design. To keep costs at a minimum, we utilize the talents of a number of skilled volunteers who help build smaller structures in their entirety, or complete bigger projects started by contractors. We have also had projects completed by units (usually troops) that have contributed both the funding and the labor. For example: Troop 91 out of Snohomish funded and constructed the Snohomish Campsite on the west side of Lake Challenge, while Troop 18 out of South Everett funded and constructed the fishing shelter and a new trail on the west side of the lake.

The rest of the funding has come from very generous corporate, foundation, and individual donors:

- Our number one funding source comes from the **Boeing Employees' Matching Hour Program**. We owe a serious debt of gratitude to the Boeing Company and all the employees who volunteer and record their hours of service to Scouting.
- The **Nysether Family Foundation** has assisted with a number of projects over the years. Notably the expansion of Hollander Hall (dining hall), the renovation of Fort Boeing, the construction of the Sea-Dog Marina, and now the funding for the new Ranger's shop and storage building.
- The **Murdock Trust** out of Oregon has been with us on every major project for the last two decades. They helped fund Hollander Hall and the new shower houses to name a couple.
- The **Fluke Corporation** has been a great supporter right along with the Murdock Trust. The main shower house is named the Boeing-Fluke Shower House.
- Lastly, the **Council Executive Board** has been very generous. The Board members individually have always made sure we get to the finish line on projects. I would specifically like to thank **Marty Robinett** and his family and **Brent and Jeremiah McKinley** and their family for their extremely generous support of the Fire Mountain transformation. Without the vision provided by the Robinett and McKinley families, the camp transformation simply would not have happened.



My heartfelt thanks go out to everyone mentioned above, and all that were not mentioned. We are building a world class Scout Camp, and it can't happen without organizations and individuals stepping up financially.

Please contact me if you want to be a part of the team. My phone is (425) 232-5901.