



## Skagit Pack 4001 Promotes Scouting with a 5K Run

The Webelos II boys in Pack 4001 are working on earning their Arrow of Light badge and just completed a seven-week service project aimed at shining a light on the benefit of Scouting in local communities. Did you know that Scouts performed over 15 million hours of community service in 2016? We did and we thought others should too. Scouting provides our children with a unique opportunity to give back to their communities at a young age. When habits of service are formed early on, it's impossible to measure the future positive effects that service will have on their communities as they continue to grow and give back.

The den chose to raise awareness by participating in a 5K run. Starting this summer, the boys trained hard for the race, and worked to solicit sponsors and donations. All the money they raised is being donated to our council's Friends of Scouting fund. Among other things, Friends of Scouting provides scholarship opportunities to Scouts in need. They pay for uniforms, handbooks, annual dues, and camps for scouts whose families cannot afford these things. Through their generosity more boys are able to experience the joy of Scouting. And through service projects like this, we are empowering the next generation to be community minded citizens who serve and give back.