

MCCHORD AIRWAVES

December 2008

McChord Officers' Spouses Club, P.O. Box 4088, McChord AFB, WA 98438

www.mcchordosc.com

President's Pen

Ladies,

Happy Thanksgiving! I am just sitting down to prepare my Thanksgiving menu, so I thought I'd share one of my family's favorite holiday recipes. It is made with sweet potatoes, but it tastes like dessert and the leftovers are just as good! Y'all enjoy and have a very relaxing and fun holiday season!

Sweet Potato Crunch Casserole

Serves 6

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Potatoes:

3 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes/yams

1 cup sugar (white)

2 eggs, beaten

1 stick margarine, softened

2 tsp vanilla

½ tsp salt

Topping:

1 cup pecans, chopped

1/3 cup flour (self-rising or all purpose)

½ stick margarine, melted

½ cup brown sugar

Peel and cube potatoes. When done, drain off excess water. (If using canned yams in syrup, open can and drain potatoes – do not rinse and reduce sugar to ½ c). Mash thoroughly. Add all other ingredients listed under "Potatoes" and mix well. Put in a 2 qt dish.

Prepare topping. Melt margarine and sugar in microwave safe dish. In separate bowl, flour pecans. Add pecans to margarine/sugar mixture. Stir well. Spoon the pecans over the whole surface of potatoes.

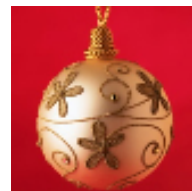
Bake for 35 – 40 minutes and watch closely toward end to make sure the topping doesn't burn.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

Erica McDonald

President 2008-2009

December Social



Ornament Exchange

Tuesday, Dec 16 11am

McChord Combined Club Enlisted Heritage Room

Ornaments with a Northwest theme are preferred, \$10 limit. They can be wrapped or unwrapped.

French Onion Soup & choice of:

Tuna Salad Plate with fruit garnish or

Turkey and Cheese Croissant with fruit garnish

Vegetarian salad & croissant available

Dessert, coffee and tea

\$9.00 (gratuity included)

RSVP with menu choice to Mary Beth Clavenna,
584-2718 or clavennas@airforcefamily.us
by Friday, Dec 12.

First 3 Weekends in Dec
Leavenworth Lighting Fest,
Downtown Leavenworth
www.leavenworth.com



Discover Your Own Backyard

McChord

All Month

Santa's Workshop, 3PM to 5PM, McChord Youth Center
Keystone Club is selling gifts
Complimentary gift wrapping, too!

1 Dec

McChord Tree Lighting, 4:30PM, outside the Chapel Support Center

1 Dec

Deployed Spouse Dinner, 6PM to 8PM, Chapel Support Center
"A Soulful Season: Making Spirits Bright"

5 Dec

Wing First Friday, 4PM to 6PM, McChord Consolidated Club

6, 13 &
20 Dec

Visit Santa at the BX, 11AM to 3PM

8 Dec

Ft Lewis Tree Lighting, 6PM, Cascade Community Center, Ft Lewis

30 Dec

Nutcracker Ballet Field Trip, 11:30AM to 5:30PM,
McChord Youth Center
Cost \$20 for Youth Center members
Come see Seattle's Pacific Northwest Ballet
Reservations Required, call the Youth Center at 253-982-2203

31 Dec

New Year's Eve at the Club, McChord Consolidated Club
Dinner from 6:30PM to 8PM, Entertainment from 8 PM to 1 AM
Breakfast served at 12:15AM
\$49.95 per person
Includes a three-course dinner, party favors, glass of champagne
and breakfast buffet.
Call the Club 982-5581 to reserve your table by 29
December

**4 Dec
Tops in Blue**

7PM, Hangar 9

**Come early—
seats go fast!**

Discover Your Own Backyard (cont'd)

~30 Dec

The Nutcracker, Pacific Northwest Ballet,
McCaw Hall, 321 Mercer
Street, Seattle
Friday and Saturday evening
performances
Matinees on Saturday and Sunday
Prices vary by performance time &
seat location (\$25 - \$110)
25th Anniversary of Kent Stowell's
choreography and Maurice Sendak's set and
costumes.

www.pnb.org/season/nutcracker

Thru Lucy's Legacy,
3/09 Pacific Science Center,
200 2nd Ave N, Seattle
Tues-Fri 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat-Sun 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Closed Mondays
Basic admission: \$11 ages 13+, \$9.50
seniors (64+)
\$8 ages 6-12, \$6 ages 3-5
Additional costs for IMAX films
www.pacsci.org

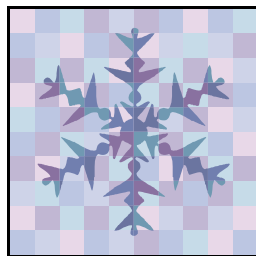
3 - 28 Dec
Seven Brides for Seven Brothers,
5th Avenue Theater, Seattle
1308 5th Avenue
Performances: Mon – Thurs,
7:30PM
Fri & Sat, 8PM; Sat, 2PM
Sun, 1:30 PM & 7PM
Tickets: \$29–81
www.5thavenue.org/show/7Bridesfor7Brothers0809/

Dec 7-9, 14-16
The Nutcracker
Washington Center for the
Performing Arts, 512 Washington St SE,
Olympia
Performances: 7:30PM Friday and Saturday
2PM Saturday and Sunday
Tickets: \$23-30 Adults, \$19-26
Student/Seniors
Online at: www.washingtoncenter.org

Dec 12 & 13, 20 & 21
Santa Breakfast at NW Trek,
Eatonville
9AM – Noon, each day
Reservations required, call 253-832-7166
\$33 ages 13+, \$15 ages 5-12
www.nwtrek.org/page.php?id=140

16 - 28 Dec
The Color Purple
Paramount Theater, Seattle
911 Pine Street
Performances: Tues – Thurs, 7:30PM
Fri, 8PM; Sat, 2PM & 8PM
Sun, 1PM & 6:30PM
Tickets: \$25-75
www.theparamount.com/artists/?artist=654

18 – 21 Dec Handel's *Messiah*
Seattle Symphony, Seattle
Benaroya Hall, Seattle
200 University Street
Performances: 18 Dec, 7:30PM
19 Dec, 8PM; 20 Dec, 1PM & 8PM
21 Dec, 2PM
Tickets: \$10-63
www.seattlesymphony.org/symphony/



****Adventures Unlimited****

27 Dec 8AM – 4PM
Ladies Only-Snowshoeing
www.mcchordafb.us

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OSC & ESC Present Operation Cookie Drop 2008

Friday, 12 December

Please help us continue the wonderful tradition of providing cookies to our Airmen. Sponsored by the OSC and ESC before the holidays, several hundred cookies are baked in the homes of Team McChord members across the community. As you are baking or shopping for cookies, please set aside a few dozen to donate. The cookies will be pack-aged and given to Airmen living in the dorms.

**Drop off donated cookies at the Chapel Support Center from:
12:00 pm to 4:30 pm Thursday,
Dec 11th
7:00 am to 10:00 am Friday,
Dec 12th**

Packaging and Wrapping at 10:30 am on Friday Volunteers needed and Welcome!

**For further information, please contact
Karmen McCloud 302-3225 or Polly
Hornitschek 581-1770**

Some days there won't be a song in your heart. Sing anyway! ~Emory Austin

Card recycling for St Jude's Ranch for Children

Thirty Four years ago, Father Ward, wanting to show our donors his appreciation for making St. Jude's Ranch for Children possible and having no money to buy gifts, came up with the idea of turning the previous year's Christmas Cards into Christmas ornaments. Father and the children worked diligently at recycling the cards. The recipients were so delighted with their recycled cards that they asked Father and the children to recycle more cards, but, this time, the donors wanted to **buy** the cards. St. Jude's Ranch for Children's Greeting Card Recycling Program was born.

People from all over the world send us their used card fronts. The children precision trim the cards and glue them onto pre-printed card backs which are then sold to the public through our newsletter, Gift Shop or by word of mouth. Each child is paid fifteen cents for each card that he or she makes. This money is divided between spending money, savings, and their Home Fund (for special group outings).

As part of St. Jude's commitment to **break the vicious welfare cycle** and to **teach the children to learn to earn**, we have expanded the recycling program to include Christmas, Thanksgiving, Mother's Day, Easter and other special occasion cards, as well as all occasion greeting cards, postcards, or just about anything else you can think of that starts with a used greeting card front. Our most popular requests are for angel and teddy bear cards. Custom orders with special printing, fancy cards, gold trim, are also available.

Please send your used card fronts that can be attractively trimmed to fit our 5"X7" card backs, and that do not have writing on the back of the card, to:

St. Jude's Ranch for Children

100 St. Jude's Street

Boulder City, NV 89005-1681

www.stjudesranch.com/help_card.php

It's ski season! Check out some of the closer ski resorts:



Hurricane Ridge	www.hurricaneridge.com
Snoqualmie	www.summitatsnoqualmie.com
White Pass	www.skiwhitepass.com
Mission Ridge	www.missionridge.com
Crystal Mtn	www.skicrystal.com
Mt Baker	www.mtbaker.us
Stevens Pass	www.stevenspass.com

Before you leave, don't forget to check conditions at:
www.skireport.com/washington/

1 Dec

McChord Tree
Lighting

4:30PM
outside the
Chapel Support
Center

2008-2009 OSC Social Calendar
"Discover Your Own Backyard!"

Explore & Uncover the AMAZING Pacific Northwest!

20 Jan 11am-1pm	Thrift Shop Fashion Show
13 Feb 6-9pm	Annual Dessert Auction
17 Mar 11am-1pm	Skagit Tulip Festival
14 April 6-9pm	Scholarship Awards Dinner
12 May 6-9pm	Bingo Night

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We're on the Web!

Visit us at:

www.mcchordosc.com

When doing your Christmas cards this year, take one card and send it to this address:

A Recovering American Soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001

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