

Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

Outings Report

In March, the Troops grabbed their mountain bikes, donned their helmets and hit the trails at Ancient Lakes. Thirteen Scouts and one guest spent nearly 4 hours riding, navigating sage brush on the scablands. Once they had their fill of trails, the bikers loaded up and headed to Crescent Bar to set up camp. Camp time featured excellent meals, games, campfire and sleep —



some more than others. The Scouts opted to skip a morning ride on Sunday and packed up camp after breakfast and chapel. The bike outing was a resounding success with no injuries and

great memories. Thank you Conrad Plyler for going the extra mile to make sure logistics were in place to make this outing a success and to the Scouters who supported the outing.

This month, the Troops are headed back over the mountains to Sun Lakes for some canoeing. Trent Siegel is the outing sponsor. Look for the trip bulletin in the coming weeks. For those considering the Long Term Hike trip this summer, the April outing will be a great chance to “test the waters”.



This Month:

April 1	BIG DIG Compost delivery 9am
April 10	No meeting, Spring Break
April 22	Troop Swim Night 5-7pm Evans Pool
April 25	Pack 338 Crossover
April 26	Troop Committee Mtg 7pm
April 29-30	Canoe Outing to Sun Lakes St Park

For Troop iCal feed, use this [URL](#) Troop Calendar: [Here](#)

BIG DIG-Compost Delivery!

The Big Dig day is here! Thanks to the marketing skills of the Scouts and their parents' leadership, we literally have tons of compost to deliver. Scouts and Scouters are gathering at the church at 9 am to make quick work of distributing this year's orders. See you there!

Swim Night!

Troop swim night is happening on April 22nd at Evans Pool, beside Green Lake. Scouts will be able to complete the BSA Swim Test and aquatics safety requirements for Tenderfoot/2nd/1st Class. This will be a great way to prepare for water activities on outings and at Camp Parsons and then have fun during the open swim time! Thank you Robyn Reed for organizing the evening and to Andrew Gall and Eagle Scout Richard Hemmen for helping with aquatics testing.

Newcomer Corner

Camporee is just around the corner and is a “not to be missed” weekend of fun and friendly competition. New Scouts can prepare now by earning their Scout Rank prior to attending. Parents can help by encouraging Scouts to reach out to their Troop Guides (RR Brendan Beaverson and Elizabeth Flynn; LS Karl Layton and Kyle McBride) via email or at upcoming meetings to get the requirements done and complete their Scoutmaster conference with SM Bill Montgomery.

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Save the Dates & Summer Plans

The Scouts have filled the coming months with activities not to be missed! Please save these dates:

May 6 Troop Trail Service Day with WTA

May 12 Annual Adult Troop Outing Planning Meeting

May 19-21 Camporee at Camp Pigott

June 5 Spring Court of Honor

June 9 Jason Poon Eagle Court of Honor

June 10-11 Whitewater Rafting Outing

June 26 End of Year Picnic/Parsons Planning

July 16-22 Camp Parsons

Aug 3-10 Canoe 50 Miler, Lower Lake Roosevelt

Aug 19-20 New Scout Pioneer Post Outing



August LTH Canoe Trip

The three activities that are often Scout favorites include: Camp Parsons, Camporee and the Long Term Hike or "50 Miler". This year, the Scouts have voted to canoe for 50+ miles on the lower section of Lake Roosevelt. The Scouts and Trent Siegel, outing sponsor, have developed a great itinerary that should make for a memorable 50-miler. Please see the trip bulletin for more details & prerequisites Scouts must meet to go. Deadline to sign up for this fantastic outing is May 30th. The April outing is canoe-themed and will be a good chance for those who are new to canoeing to see if they may want to try the LTH trip in August.

Troop Trail Service Day

On May 6 (9 am - 3 pm) the Troop will partner with the Washington Trails Association for a day of trail building and service. Our destination is Glendale Forest, a new 5-acre forested park just south of Seattle in North Highline. Scouts will staff a crew that will work on building and improving new trails in a wooded ravine with a stream flowing north to the Duwamish River. We will learn to use trail-building tools and learn about how to build and maintain trails. Watch for more communication about this exciting event, or go ahead and sign up here:

<https://www.wta.org/volunteer/schedule/workparty/a2m2K00000AWjdo/register?g=a3D2K000003BJws>

Growing our Troop

It's spring time, which means everything is preparing to grow, including our troop! On March 29th, Jack, AJ, Nicholas, Asher and Elizabeth presented at Pack 144's Hullabaloo, which is a recruiting opportunity for local troops. Later this month, Geneva,



Brendan, Kyle and Karl will represent the Troop at Pack 338's Crossing Over Ceremony to welcome several new webelos to the Troop. Thank you Scouts and recruiting

chair, Eric Blank, for your efforts! The work doesn't end there, though. As new Scouts join, help the Troop welcome them, introduce yourself, and answer any questions they have.



Order of the Arrow Elections

This March, Arrowmen AJ, Brendan, and Elizabeth ran the annual Order of the Arrow Elections for the Troops. The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of Scouts. This year, Scouts elected were Asher Danielson, Lars Hedin, Karl Layton, Kyle McBride and Micah Spikes for Troop 166 and Geneva Sementi for Troop 066. These Scouts have the opportunity to participate in the induction process, called The Ordeal, to complete the membership process to become Arrowmen.

Troop Information

Scoutmasters:

Bill Montgomery Troop 166

Kirk Siqveland Troop 066

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Troop 166: Trent Siegel, Kirk Siqveland,
Josh Sementi, Doug Baer

Troop 066: Lynh Flynn, Robyn Reed

Troop Committee Chair: Kevin Flynn

SPL: Asher Danielson



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