

Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

Outings Report

Easy Pass Backpacking Trip

The crew from the backpacking outing can tell you that the WTA website does not lie when it says never believe the name of a trail. Easy Pass was anything but easy for the eight Scouts and Scouters. Packed with elevation gain, the trail climbed 2800 feet in the first 3.5 miles, bringing the Scouts to snow fields, wild flowers and spectacular views.

The trail also included more switchbacks than advertised thanks to recent trailwork, resulting in several more miles of trail completed on the first day. Josh Sementi, trip sponsor, called the first day of hiking the most technically and physically challenging he's ever taken youth on and Isaac, Brendan, Pearl and Geneva rocked it!

Thank you to Karin, Josh, Lynh and Kevin for giving your time and expertise to make this trip happen.



Camp Parsons

The Troop could not have had a better week at Camp Parsons. Troop 166 dominated the awards, coming home with hardware for Best Troop thanks to a perfect score of 40/40! Troop 166 also claimed the Troop Relay Championship, Octopus Cup Championship, Best Patrol (Hellbenders) and Third Place Patrol (Whippoorwills). Our other patrols were not far behind with Blue Dragons (T066) in 4th place and DaMoose in 6th Place. Great work Patrols Leaders and Scouts! Shout out to Troop 166 SPL/ASPL, Brendan Beaverson & Karl Layton and Troop 066 SPL/ASPL Geneva Sementi & Pearl Hedin for leading the Troops to such a successful week.

Camp happens thanks to a lot of help from our Troop adults. Thank you to the trip sponsor, Doug Bear and all our drivers. A special thanks also goes to Bill Montgomery, James Danielson, Lynh Nguyen, Robyn Reed, Bog Slade, Kevin Flynn & Trent Siegel for chaperoning the Troops.

This month, new Scouts are headed to Pioneer Post. Please see the trip bulletin and reach out to Elizbeth Steffen, trip sponsor, with questions.



This Month:

Aug 3-10	Long Term Hike - Eagle Cap Wilderness
August 17-18	Pioneer Post (New Scout Outing)
September 8	Troop Picnic

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Eagle Project

Congratulations to Will Layton for completing his Eagle Project on July 27th. He led a fantastic group of volunteers in assembling a fence for Trettin Early Learning Center in the playground area. Great Job Will!



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Graduating Seniors

This spring two of our Scouts graduated highschool and will begin college this fall. While they will be missed dearly, we are excited to hear what adventures they embark on as they begin college.



Andres, a Nathan Hale graduate, is headed to Cornish College of the Arts to study Interior Architecture. Highlights from his senior year include competing at state for Cross Country and participating in the drama department productions of Almost Maine and Cinderella. A Troop member for seven and a half years, his favorite outings

were the 50 mile canoe trip and Seabase. Andres also anchored several successful Troop relay teams at Camp/Camporee and never shied away from an opportunity to participate in a skit.

Nicholas, a Roosevelt graduate and valedictorian, is headed south to Santa Clara University to study mechanical engineering and participate in the honors program there. A decorated graduate, his honors included National Honor Society, National Merit and AP Scholar. Nicholas also earned the Dean's and Bronco Scholarships. He has been with the Troop since 5th grade, earning his Eagle rank last fall. He says the train trip to Canada was his favorite outing, though doing archery and playing "Exploding Kittens" all night at Camp Parsons is a close second.



Congratulations to our graduates and their families. Thank you for all that you have contributed to the Troop over the years. Best wishes for a great first year in college!

Newcomer Corner

It is August, which means it is time for Pioneer Post! All 1st + 2nd year Scouts are invited to attend Pioneer Post August 17-18. Situated on Dabob Bay, just north of Camp Parsons, Pioneer Post is a great "intro to outings" for new Scouts. They will work together with the troop guides to plan meals and sort out gear needs. Scouts sleep in tents, prepare their meals together, work on scout skills and play at the waterfront. For more details, please see the trip bulletin from sponsor, [Elizabeth Steffen](#). Scouts can contact troop guides, [Kyle McBride](#) and [Miles Rimmer](#) with their questions.

Camp Parsons Staff

Camp Parsons is lucky to have two of the Troop's best on staff this summer. Colin McBride returns to camp for his 3rd year and is directing the Craft Lodge. AJ Poon is taking on his first year as a staff member, supporting Scoutcraft. Great Job Colin and AJ!



Fall Save the Dates

Summer is in full swing, but fall is just around the corner. Here are the tentative dates for fall outings:
September 28-29 September Troop Outing-Canoeing
October 5-6 Junior Leadership Training Weekend
October 12 Aurora District Merit Badge Fair
October 19-20 October Outing
November 2 [PTC](#) (Annual Chief Seattle Adult Training)
November 9-11 November Outing
Dec 7-8 Camp Parsons Service Weekend



Troop Information

Scoutmasters:

Bill Montgomery Troop 166
Robyn Reed Troop 066

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Troop 166: Trent Siegel, Doug Baer, Josh Sementi
Troop 066: Lynh Nguyen
Troop Committee Chair: Kevin Flynn
SPL: Brendan Beaverson

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