

# Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

## Outings Report

November's outing took the Troop to Camp Sheppard for an amazing lesson in sawyering, skills that are in high demand following the Bomb Cyclone Storm of 2024. Eleven volunteer sawyers from the Backcountry Horsemen of Washington taught 15



Scouts and five adults how to safely use cross-cut saws to clear downed trees. Scouts practised with saws and some even learned ax skills as well. The evening highlight was a friendship fire with an Order of the Arrow chapter at camp for a service weekend.

The second day of the outing included hiking and time for service. Scouts cleared and burned brush and stacked firewood. Sunday evening included an evening chapel. A huge shout out to Robyn Reed for organizing the sawyering experience and thank you to Robyn and Zachary Pierce for sponsoring!



Next weekend, the Troop will hike at Green Mountain and camp at Belfair State Park. Sign up on Monday to join in the fun!

Reach out to trip sponsors Joanne Merritt and Jen Beaverson with questions.



## This Month:

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| December 2   | Troop Meeting 6:30 pm<br>Wedgwood Elementary                 |
| December 4   | Troop Committee Meeting 7 pm<br>Wedgwood Presbyterian Church |
| December 7-8 | December Outing<br>Belfair State Park                        |
| December 9   | PLC Meeting 6:30 pm<br>Wedgwood Presbyterian Church          |
| December 11  | Pack 144 Hullabaloo  |
| December 16  | Troop Holiday Party 6-8 pm<br>Wedgwood Presbyterian Church   |
| December 23  | No Troop or PLC Meeting                                      |
| December 30  | No Troop or PLC Meeting                                      |
| January 6    | Troop Meeting 6:30 pm<br>Wedgwood Elementary                 |

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Scout Account Balance: [Here](#)

## Recharter Reminders

New this year, National and Council dues will be handled online by BSA. You'll receive an email from BSA when you or your Scout are within 60 days of your renewal date. For many troop members, this 60 day window is right now. Help the troop prepare for 2025 by submitting your annual National/Council dues [online](#) and your deposit for Camp Parsons to [Doug Baer](#). National/Council Dues are: \$130/Scout with ScoutLife, \$95/adult. The Troop is collecting \$200/Scout to cover a deposit for Camp Parsons and to help offset operating expenses. Troop payment can be made via check (made out to Troop 166) and given to Doug Baer.



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### Charter Service Morning

Scouts kicked off Thanksgiving week with a morning of raking leaves at our charter organization, Wedgwood Presbyterian. Thank you to the Scouts (and parents) who took time to rake, bag and haul the leaves. Extra thanks to Assistant Scoutmaster Doug Baer for organizing the event and hauling the excess bags of leaves for pickup.



### Holiday Party Time!

Mark your calendars for the annual troop holiday party on December 16th, 6:00-8:00pm at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church. The event will kick off with a potluck for Scouts and their families. Scouts should bring an unlabeled, wrapped gift (\$10-\$15 value), as part of our spirited musical chairs/gift exchange. Cub Scout / siblings are welcome to join the musical chairs/gift exchange.



### Recruiting Opportunities

Hey Scouts! We have several recruiting opportunities coming up. Both the December and January outings are great outings for guests to give scouting a try. Invite a Senior Webelos from your former Pack! Invite a friend! The more the merrier!

This month also includes Pack 144's Hullabaloo, a recruiting meeting for local Troops to visit Pack 144 and share all the fun things Troops do. If you're available to help with Hullabaloo, be sure to reach out to [Eric Blank](#) to help prepare for the December 11th meeting.

### Save the Dates & Parsons Update

Here are our 2025 outings for the first half of the year. Please note the change in the Camp Parsons week. The troop will be heading to camp a week later this year. Hope you can join in the fun in 2025!

January 11-12 Camp Parsons Service Weekend

February 7-8 Snow Camping

March 29-30 Vancouver Urban Hike

April 26-27 Rock Climbing/Hiking

May 16-18 Camporee

June 14-15 Rafting Outing

**July 20-26th Camp Parsons\*\*\* This is a change.\*\*\***

### Fall Fundraiser

Wahoo! Thank you Scouts for your efforts to sell car wash tickets-please be sure to turn in any remaining proceeds and unsold tickets as soon as possible. Congrats to our top two sellers, Karl Layton and Keilor Carter! A big thanks to Aaron Rimmer for managing the fundraiser!



### Service Weekend

Thanks to our Scouts and Scouters who gave their time to build a dock for Sail Sand Point on November 2nd for Brendan Beaverson's Eagle Project, and to the crew who built trails in West Seattle the very next day with the Washington Trails Association. Shout out to Brendan for organizing the SSP project, and to Robyn Reed for organizing the WTA trail service day. It was a great weekend of service!

### 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: Miles Rimmer



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