Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

Outings Report

Last weekend, the Troops ventured to Olympia for a round of camping and urban exploration. After setting up camp, they traveled to the Capitol Campus to tour the grounds and the



legislative building. Among the fascinating things they saw were the many faces on the chandelier, the MLK statue and the chambers of the Capitol. The campus scavenger hunt took them to the sun dial, memorials and more. In the evening, the troops returned to camp for dinner and campfire. The weekend was a great experience. Thank you Kevin Flynn for sponsoring the



outing and to all the drivers who helped make it possible. This month, the troops are headed to the mountains. Travis Spikes is the outing sponsor. Please check the trip bulletin for details.

Compost Fundraising Kickoff!

It seems impossible with all the snow in the mountains and the chill in the air, but spring is just around the corner, which means it is COMPOST TIME! Troops 066/166 will once again kick off the spring with the annual Cedar Grove Compost Sale. Look for more details from Jason Beatty in the coming weeks about ordering, delivery days and quotas. Remember, fundraising helps to cover the cost of Camp Parsons and the annual troop costs. In addition, 25% of a Scout's earnings over quota go to their Scout account. **Scout account:** Curious how much your scout has earned in their Scout account? Use this <u>LINK</u> to view your Scout account Balance.

<u>Calendar</u>

Feb 2	Friends of Scouting Breakfast with Award Presentation for Bill
Feb 7	Winter Court of Honor
Feb 10	Troop Committee Meeting All adults welcome.
Feb 12-13	Winter Camping Outing at Stevens Pass

Friends of Scouting

The Aurora District Friends of Scouting (FoS) Breakfast will be held February 2 at Fremont Studios. This year, our own Bill Montgomery will be honored with an award for his many years of service. Troop 166 will also be providing the Color Guard for the meeting.

If you are unable to attend, we are calling on you to donate to the FoS Campaign for Chief Seattle Council. These donations provide financial aid, training for leaders, camp maintenance, affordable programs and other support. Approximately 1,200 Scouts receive need-based financial assistance annually for membership fees, camp equipment, books, badges, and camp scholarships. A donation of \$240, or \$20 per month, covers the annual cost of supporting one Scout.

Our FoS goals this year are \$300 for Troop 066, \$4,800 for Troop 166 and at least 50% participation. If we exceed our goals, Troop 166/066 will have all troop badges covered by the Council!

You can donate any amount, online, anytime by clicking <u>here</u>. Select a monthly sustaining gift, a memorial gift, or a one-time gift. If you give a monthly sustaining gift in excess of \$20 per month, you will join the 'Summit Circle', and will earn a shoulder patch to show your generosity to others! In the Affiliation entry, enter 'Troop 166' or 'Troop 066', so that we can receive FoS credit.

Thank you in advance for your donation!

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Troop Elections

Troop elections were held on January 24th for both Troop and Patrol leaders. Congratulations to Jason Poon, the Troop Senior Patrol Leader-elect, and all the newly elected Patrol Leaders. The entire leadership staff (appointed and elected) will be announced and installed on



February 7th at the Winter Court of Honor.

Newcomer Corner

Next week is the Winter Court of Honor, which is a ceremony where the Ranks, Merit Badges and other achievements are presented. Here's a helpful hint: put all the "stuff" you earn into your right shirt pocket for safe keeping. When you get home, transfer them to your scout binder until you can sew them on.

Annual Physicals

Remember that Scouts and parents/guardians participating in outings of 72 hours or more (e.g., Camp Parsons, 50 milers, etc.) must have an annual physical and submit an updated medical Form C, with a doctor's signature. Summer may seem like a long way off, but doctor's appointments, especially pediatricians, may be backed up several weeks. Make your appointment now so that you don't get in a crunch later! Also, don't forget to take Form C with you to the appointment so that the doctor may sign it. Once you have an updated Form C, signed by a doctor, please scan it and email it to David McBride (mcbride.david.j@gmail.com).

Change in Insurance

Did your medical insurance change recently? If so, please update Medical Form B for your Scout (and yourself, if necessary), scan it, and email it to David (mcbride.david.j@gmail.com), along with a scan of the front and the back of your new medical insurance card.

Summer Plans

Please complete the survey about upcoming outings this summer: <u>SURVEY</u>. Please respond by February 9. Also, here are a few dates to be aware of: Backpacking Short Hike June 24-26 or July 1-3 Camp Parsons July 10-16 Backpacking 50 Miler July 31-Aug 7 WashJam NW Jamboree Aug 18-Aug 21 New Scout - Pioneer Post Aug 14-15 (tentative)

Celebrating 60 Continues!

Save the Date! The Troops will continue the celebration of Bill's 60 Years of Service to Scouting on Sunday May 15th. Details to follow.

Calling All Adults

While the Troop is Scout led, there are many opportunities for adults to participate and help. **Openings** that are still in need of filling include:

- Scouting for Food (March)
- Eagle Court of Honor
- New Scout Onboarding

Contact our Troop Committee Chair, Kevin Flynn (kevin.flynn@sap.com) for more information.

Venture Crew 166 Forming!

Venture Scouting is open to T166/066 Scouts ages 14-20. For information: trentsiegel@gmail.com



Troop Information

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Troop 166: Trent Siegel, Kirk Siqveland, Doug Baer Troop 066: Lynh Flynn, Robyn Reed

Troop Committee Chair: Kevin Flynn

SPL: Xander Sigveland Outgoing Jason Poon Incoming