

Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

Outings Reports

December's outing took the scouts back to Camp Parsons to complete a service project and have some serious fun.

Upon arrival at Camp Parsons, the scouts were quickly put to work moving lumber that had been donated to the camp for tables and other projects. After nearly three hours of heavy lifting, the scouts completed their work and settled in for games, meals and time with the Webelos visiting from NE Seattle Packs. Not to be out done, the Old Goats spent the day cooking their traditional pot roast meal, complete with cobbler, tiramisu and other culinary delights. Many thanks go to Jim Thompson for



sponsoring this annual December outing. This month, the Troops will travel to Olympia for a weekend of camping and urban exploration. Look for

more details in the trip bulletin to be sent in the coming weeks.

Eagle Court of Honor

On December 19th, Eli Pollack, Joe Sindell, Carson Kapp, Riley Kapp and Eugie Pasos were honored for their successful completion of the requirements for Eagle Rank. It is the highest honor a scout can achieve. Congratulations to Eli, Joe, Carson, Riley and Eugie on achieving their Eagle badge.



Fundraising Update

Scout account: Thank you again to all Scouts for participating in this year's Car Wash Fundraiser. For those Scouts who exceeded quota, 25% of extra revenue will be added to the Scout Account. See [LINK](#) to view your Scout account Balance.

Compost: The Compost Fundraiser is coming up in March. Thank you to Jason Beatty for leading the sale.

Calendar

Jan 17	No Troop Meeting for MLK
Jan 27 7:00 pm	Troop Committee Meeting All adults welcome.
Jan 29-30	Urban Hike in Olympia
Feb 2 7:00 am	Friends of Scouting Breakfast *Featuring an Award for Bill!*
Feb 7	Winter Court of Honor

Chemistry Merit Badge

During Winter Break, scouts had the opportunity to visit the University of Washington Chemistry department as part of their work towards the Chemistry Merit Badge. The 13 scouts explored the interaction of iron and copper, observed various separation techniques and



witnessed the volatility of alkali metals such as potassium. The explosive outing was a hit. Thank you Rosie for sponsoring this great experience and

to Nicholas for making the badge worksheet. Scouts who attended can work with Rosie to finish the remaining requirements for their Chemistry Merit Badge. This includes a self-paced option: [Chemistry Merit Badge \(Troops 166/066\) \(google.com\)](#)

Holiday Party

Back after a COVID hiatus, the annual holiday party was a resounding success. The scouts enjoyed treats outside before heading in for several games and the White Elephant gift exchange. It was a wonderful evening for all.



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Calling All Adults

While the Troop is Scout led, there are many opportunities for adults to participate and support the Troop.

Thank you to the adults who have answered the call!

- Friends of Scouting Chair: Conrad Plyler
- Compost Coordinator: Jason Beatty
- Webmaster: Rick and Fenton Lewis

Openings that are still in need of filling include:

- Scouting for Food (March)
- Eagle Court of Honor
- New Scout Onboarding
- Google email/calendar

Please consider helping so that we can do all the amazing activities we have planned for the year! If you are interested in a position or have questions contact our Troop Committee Chair, Kevin Flynn (kevin.flynn@sap.com).

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.

Newcomer Corner

This month's focus is on Merit Badges. Under the direction of a Merit Badge Counselor, scouts can earn Merit Badges any time while they are a scout. It is good to get started as they are needed for advancement for ranks above First Class. Specific badges are required for Eagle Rank, so check your Scout Book or the online link below for details. Want to get started? Contact a Merit Badge Counselor (see the list [here](#)). You can also earn badges at Camp Parsons, Aurora District Merit Badge Fairs and during classes provided by Troop 166/066 Merit Badge Counselors throughout the year. Want more information? Talk to your Patrol Leaders and Scoutmasters for insider tips on the best Merit Badges to try!

Wilderness First Aid Class

Aurora District Wilderness First Aid Class
January 8 & 15 Fee \$50
Ballard First Lutheran Church (basement)
Contact Steve Pierce for details and to register.
greenwerks@comcast.net

Friends of Scouting

The Aurora District Friends of Scouting Breakfast will be held **February 2 at Fremont Studios**. This breakfast will feature our own Bill Montgomery who will be honored with an award for his many years of service. Please join us if you can. **RSVP to Conrad Plyler**. Our FoS Campaign will start in January. More to come from Conrad Plyler.



Venture Crew 166 Forming!

A new Venture Scout Crew affiliated with Troop 166 + Wedgwood Presbyterian Church is starting up, with help from recent T166/066 graduates. Venture Scouts are youth-lead. The flexible program empowers Youth Officers to decide on the activities, goals, and frequency the group wants to meet in a calendar year. Venture Scouting is open to T166/066 Scouts ages 14-20. Want more information? Contact Trent Siegel: trentsiegel@gmail.com



Troop Information

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