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Outings Report

During December's outing, ten Scouts, four Scouters, and a guest, hit the trail at Green Mountain for a hike with hopes of catching glimpses of Hood Canal, Puget Sound and Seattle. The clouds kept views hidden, but the troop still enjoyed the forest canopy and stream crossings. After the hike,



they completed advancement work and cooked on coals at Belfair State Park. Dessert included a birthday cake for SPL, Miles, who celebrated his sixteenth birthday with the Troop. A huge thank

you goes out to Robyn, Josh and Aaron for driving on the outing and to sponsor Joanne Merrit for doing the behind the scenes prep for the outing.

Next week, the Troop will return to Camp Parsons for our annual weekend of service (and fun)! Sign up on Monday to join in the fun! Reach out to trip sponsor Jim Thompson with questions.





This Month:

January 6	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Elementary
January 8	Troop Committee Meeting 7 pm Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
January 11-12	January Outing Camp Parsons Service Weekend
January 13	PLC Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
January 20	No Troop or PLC Meeting (Martin Luther King, Jr Day)
January 27	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Elementary
January 29	Advancements Due to Jim Thompson

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Friends of Scouting 2025

Scouters, it is once again time for the Friends of Scouting Fundraiser for the Chief Seattle Council. FOS helps Council keep activity & camp fees low, funds camp maintenance projects, provides scholarships for youth needing assistance, & much more.

This year the Council has set a goal of \$4,500 for our Troop. We already have raised \$700 thanks to our Summit Circle members who donate on a monthly basis! If we reach this, we will get free Rank and Merit Badges for the rest of the year, a huge savings for the Troop. We also would like to have as many families involved as possible. You can donate in any amount either as a one-time donation, or on a monthly basis. Look for an email from Conrad Plyler in early January with more information and how to donate. Also, there is a Friends of Scouting Breakfast on February 5th in Fremont. If you are interested in attending, please contact Conrad.

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Hullaballoo for Pack 144

A big thank you to our Scouts and Scouters who took time to attend the Pack 144 Hullaballoo, which is a recruiting event for local Troops. Behind the scenes, Kyle prepared the slide show, while Haily, Pearl, Miles, Karl, Jack and Keilor were the bright and well-spoken presenters. Our ambassadors also brought tasty treats which really impressed the Cubs! A huge thanks also goes out to Recruiting Czar, Eric Blank for coordinating these events with the local troops and to our amazing Assistant/Scoutmasters, Robyn, Josh and Trent for sharing their time and insights with the prospective Scouts and families.

Help us greet these potential members over the next few months as they visit to learn more about Troop 166/066. We hope several will join in the Camp Parsons Service weekend.



Re-Charter Success!

Thanks to ASM Doug Baer for navigating the new membership renewal process and completing both Troops Re-Charter for 2025!

Save the Date 2025

Here are our 2025 outings for the first half of the year. Hope you can join in the fun in 2025!

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.***

Holiday Party Recap

Thanks to all who joined in the fun at our annual Holiday Party. The desserts were delicious and it was great to connect with





Bulldog did not disappoint with enthusiastic participants (and no injuries!). We were lucky to have Scoutmaster Bill at the piano for musical chairs and resulting gift swap. It was great evening to wrap up the 2024 Scouting year.

Looking for Directory Help

Want a behind the scenes way to help the Troop and have a bit of time in January to share? Have an eye for layouts and comfortable working with computers? The Troop is looking for a volunteer to help update the annual Troop directory-training provided! Reach out to Jen Beaverson if you're interested.

Advancement Reminders

Winter Court of Honor (COH) is just around the corner and Scouts need to complete their rank work and merit badges by January 29th to be included in COH.

Troop Information

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Troop 166:

Trent Siegel

Doug Baer

Josh Sementi

Troop 066:

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Miles Rimmer







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