Outings Report

21 Scouts and 7 adults, in three separate crews, backpacked the Pratt Lake Basin the weekend of June 8-9. One crew camped at Olallie Lake and enjoyed a day hike out to a snowfield, complete with a June snowball fight! The other two extended their hike to Lower Tuscohatchie Lake,



where they relaxed by the water, played on logs, and



went for a brief and chilly swim. Warm sunny weather and blooming wildflowers made this a spectacular weekend for the final outing before summer arrives! Shout out to Robyn, Trent and Kevin for providing coverage as the Wilderness First Aid trained adults, allowing us to have

three separate crews and accommodating all the interested Scouts. Special thanks to sponsor and outing mastermind Jen Beaverson for making the magic happen!



In July, the Troop will head over to Camp Parsons for their cherished week at camp-joining Camp Parsons staff members Colin McBride and AJ Poon in Brinnon. Campers can reach out to their patrol leaders & SPL with questions about what to bring & what camp is like. Parents can reach out to <u>Doug Baer</u> as well. A few reminders are also included later in the newsletter. Looking forward to a great week at Camp!

<u>This Month:</u>

| July 14 | Depart for Camp Parsons 10am Church Gravel Parking Lot |
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| July 14-20 | Camp Parsons |
| July 20 | Return from Camp Parsons Depart camp at 10am, ETA TBD |
| July 27-28 | Will Layton Eagle Scout Project, Trettin Early Learning Center |

For Troop iCal feed, use this <u>URL</u> Troop Calendar: <u>Here</u> Scout Account Balance: <u>Here</u>

Congratulations are in Order!

Scouting is made possible thanks to the behind the scenes work of many adult volunteers. Our Troop is lucky enough to have two extraordinary volunteers under one roof. Kevin Flynn and Lynh Nguyen received

the Robert & Margaret Story Family Award, which is given to one couple/family in our territory each year that supports scouting at an extraordinary level



with their time and talents. Congratulations (and thank you) to Lynh and Kevin!

Aviation Day

A fantastic crew of future aviators enjoyed a full day of classes and experiences at the Alaska Airlines Aviation Day. Thank you to Bog



Slade for sponsoring this activity and all the parents who drove!

Spring Court of Honor



The Troop celebrated the accomplishments of the Scouts at the Spring Court of Honor. Several rank advancements and merit badges were awarded and the Blue Dragons won this term's Patrol competition. Installation of new officers included new SPL, Brendan Beaverson, while outgoing SPL's Kyle McBride and Geneva Sementi handed out the patrol ribbons from Camporee. Thank you to Jim Thompson for managing the Scout advancements for the Troop.



Thompson Lake Day Hike

7 Scouts and 4 adults completed a 10.5 mile, 4100' hike to Thompson Lake from Granite Creek Trailhead on June 1. They enjoyed rushing Granite Creek and its little waterfalls, many stepping-stone creek crossings, blooming salmonberry and trillium, and patches of



snow at the top. Clouds and light rain kept away the crowds, and the Scouts had Thompson Lake to themselves at lunchtime. This was the third of three

preparatory hikes before our August 50 mile backpacking trip, and the Scouts are ready!

Assistant Scoutmasters Needed

We're looking for a few good men & women for the upcoming 2024-2025 Scouting year, to serve as ASM's for both Troops. Assistant Scoutmasters guide and support the Scouts. NO Scouting experience needed; great mentors and training are provided. Covering meetings and outings is shared among the ASMs. Reach out to our SMs and ASMs to learn more about this rewarding position!

Troop Picnic

Despite the "Juneuary" weather, the Troop enjoyed a successful End of Year picnic at Ravenna



Park. Celebratory rootbeer floats and an epic round of tug of war capped off a great evening with Scouts and their families. Thank you to Lynh and Kevin for cooking burgers and hot dogs for everyone!

Trailer Clean Out

5 Scouts gathered at Bill's Pinehurst garage on a warm sunny June 19 evening to clean up donated canoes and



paint the interior of the troop trailer. After the work was done, they enjoyed pizza, root beer, and a ride in Bill's prized 1946 Dodge sedan!

Newcomer Corner

Next month all of our new Scouts (both 1st & 2nd year Scouts) are invited to go to Pioneer Post, SM Bill's property on Dabob Bay, for a weekend of fun. It's a great chance to get the hang of Troop outings while

having a blast. Hope all the new Scouts can come! We also want to welcome our newest Scout, Keillor, who comes to the Troop from Pack 144.

Welcome Keillor!



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Parsons Packing List

Scout Uniform-wear on Sunday to camp

Hawaiian Shirt

Camp Parsons T-shirt (distributed on 7/14)

Pajamas

Underwear

Extra scout socks

T-Shirts

Shorts/Jeans/cargo pants

Jacket/Sweatshirt

Rain Gear

Scout Hat

Hiking Boots

Shoes and socks

Closed-toed water shoes or old tennis shoes

Swim Suit

Towel

Gear

Sleeping Bag and Pad Ground Cloth Back Pack



Daypack Toiletries (tooth brush/paste, comb, soap, deodorant) Sun Gear (hat/sunscreen/sunglasses) Wash Cloth/Towel **Emergency Toilet Paper** Flashlight/Batteries **Clothes Line/Paracord** Mess Kit, Cup, Utensils & Plate Personal First Aid Kit Water Bottle Pocket knife (No Fixed Blade Knives) Compass Work gloves Scout Handbook Paper/pen/pencil Money for Trading Post/Merit Badge Fees ~\$30 Optional: musical instrument (if you are able to play a complete song), fishing gear

Patrols also need to divide up patrol gear-see your Patrol Leader for details.

Parsons Reminders

*Medical Forms A, B and C must be submitted to David McBride prior to July 14th

*Merit Badges may have fees and prerequisites, please see advancement information <u>HERE</u> for more information.

*Mail can be sent to Campers-please be mindful it takes 2-3 days to arrive.

Scout's Name, Unit Number Camp Parsons 970 Bee Mill Rd Brinnon WA 98320

Save the Date

Summer is just getting started, but Scout activities will be back in full swing soon, here are some upcoming dates to add to your calendar:

August

August 3-10 Long Term Hike - Eagle Cap Wilderness August 17-18 Pioneer Post (New Scout outing)

September

September 8 Troop Picnic- Matthews Beach Park September 16 First Troop Meeting September 28-29 September Troop Outing-Canoeing October

October 5-6 JLT October TBD Fall Court of Honor October 19-20 October Outing

Troop Information

Scoutmasters:

Bill Montgomery Troop 166 Robyn Reed Troop 066

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



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