

Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

Outings Report

Paradise offered plentiful snow for the 14 Scouts and 5 Scouters who participated in this year's snow camping outing on the flanks of Mount Rainier. During their time there, Scouts dug snow caves and learned valuable lessons on how to keep warm and dry, while enjoying cold temperatures and lots of new snowfall! An extra big thank you goes out to Robyn Reed, Kevin Flynn, Josh Sementi and super sponsor, Travis Spikes for braving the cold and supporting this outing.



Next month, the Troop will head north to Vancouver, BC, for an urban hike. Details can be found in the trip bulletin. **This is a time sensitive outing and participants need to respond by March 5th to Kevin Flynn with your full name and birthdate so that tickets can be purchased for the train.** If you have any questions, reach out to trip sponsor, [Kevin Flynn](#).



Troop Swim Night!

Make a splash this month at the Troop Swim Night! Complete your BSA swim test, do the 1 mile swim, jump off the diving board and have a fun evening with the Troop. Know someone interested in joining the Troop? Bring them! Join in the fun on March 22nd at Evans Pool from 6 pm - 8 pm!

This Month:

March 3rd	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
March 8th	Compost Delivery Day 8 am-Noon Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
March 10th	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Elementary
March 17th	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Elementary
March 22nd	Troop Swim Night 6-8 pm Evans Pool
March 24th	Troop Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Elementary
March 26th	Troop Committee Meeting 7 pm Wedgwood Presbyterian Church
March 29-30th	March Outing Vancouver Urban Hike
March 31st	PLC Meeting 6:30 pm Wedgwood Presbyterian Church

For Troop iCal feed, use this [URL](#) Troop Calendar: [Here](#)

Compost Delivery Day!

It's COMPOST TIME! Troops 066/166 are digging our annual Cedar Grove Compost Sale! This year's quota is 20 bags, and Scouts who sell more will receive \$4 per bag sold over quota in their Scout account. The Troop will deliver orders on Saturday, March 8th. It's an all hands on deck event, so plan to be there to help get the bags delivered. Have questions? See Jayson Beatty's kick off email and/or reach out to the dirt master himself: jaysonbeatty@gmail.com.



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Welcome to New Scouts

Last week, we welcomed two new Scouts to our Troop, crossing over to Troop 066 from Pack 850. We're looking forward to getting to know Bella and Lily in the coming months as they begin attending Troop meetings. Welcome Bella and Lily!

Shout out also goes out to Hailey, Elizabeth, Pearl N, Micah, Baird, Geneva, Tristan, Kyle, and Jack for participating in the crossover event-thanks for representing the Troop well!



Our Amazing Scouters!

Amazing Troop activities require the support of amazing Scouters and we are lucky to have several who go the extra mile for the Troop. This winter, several were recognized by the Aurora District for their contributions to the Troop. Congratulations & Thank You!

***Robert and Margaret Story Family Award** to Kevin Flynn and Lynh Nguyen. Given to a family which has demonstrated their dedication to the Scouting program.

***Outstanding Scouter Award** to Kirk Siqveland, former and original SM for Troop 066, for all he has done for the Troop for Girls.

***Shooting Star Award** to:

Lynh Nguyen	Kevin Flynn	Andrew Gall
Alex Poon	Arla Guy	Jim Thompson

In appreciation for the support, time, energy and talents each have given our Troops.

Court of Honor

At Winter Court of Honor, the Troop celebrated the accomplishments of the Scouts during the last term. Scouts earning rank this winter include:

Scout-Audrey Fleming and Keillor Carter; Second Class- Bruce Holt; Life- AJ Poon, Ben Matlick, Kai Plyler, Lars Hedin and Zach Starke and Eagle-William Layton. Twenty-five Scouts earned overnight honor segments, including top campers Brendan Beaverson for Troop 166 with 25 nights and



Geneva Sementi, with an astounding 29 nights of camping with the troop last year! Brendan, Geneva and Karl also received the National Outdoor Award, camping segment. SM Bill Montgomery presented the final special award, Scout of the Year, to Brendan Beaverson. DaMoose won the interpatrol competition — way to go! Finally, the new Troop officers were installed, including the new SPL, Zach Starke.



Friends of Scouting 2025

Thank you for helping the Troop reach our goal for the annual Friends of Scouting campaign. The Troop raised over \$14,000 for FoS. Thank you Conrad for leading the fundraising effort for the Troop.



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Newcomer Corner

Scout account? "What's that?" you may be asking. When a Scout exceeds the quota of a troop fundraiser, a portion of the funds raised are placed in his/her Scout account. These funds can be used for long-term hikes or other high adventure activities sponsored by the Troop. It is a way for a Scout to earn their way. You can use this [LINK](#) to view your Scout account balance.

Order of the Arrow

Elections were held in February for Order of the Arrow, the National Honor Society of Scouting. To be nominated, Scouts must be First Class or above and have logged at least 15 nights in the past 2 years. Congratulations to this year's Order of the Arrow candidates:

Jack Blank	Lars Hedin	Ben Matlick
Miles Rimmer	Zach Starke	
Geneva Sementi	Pearl Hedin	Pearl Neidt

Save the Date(s) for 2025

Here is a look at the balance of the Scouting year. As always, there are times when changes to the schedule are unavoidable.

April

April 6 Scouting for Food
April 12 Spring Merit Badge Fair @Fairview Church
April 26-27 April Outing-Rock Climbing/Hiking

May

May 3rd Parent Outing Planning Meeting
May 10 WTA trail work day
May 16-18 Camporee @ Camp Pigott

June

June 7 Alaska Airlines Aviation Day
June 14-15 June Outing-Rafting

July

July 20-26 Camp Parsons

August

August 3-10 Long Term Hike - Canoe Outing
August TBD Pioneer Post

Troop Information

Scoutmasters:

Bill Montgomery Troop 166
Robyn Reed Troop 066

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Trent Siegel
Doug Baer
Josh Sementi

Senior Patrol Leader:

Zach Starke

