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# Planning Checklist

## October/November

- Troop holds a meeting to discuss summer camp options and makes decision on which camp to attend.
- Parents are informed of cost and money deadlines
- Unit makes camp reservations and \$50 deposit
- Deposit due at time of booking

## January/February

- Unit makes first payment (50% of remaining balance) for their summer reservation.

## March/April

- Troop and leadership review the information and policies in this camp leader's guide
- Troop obtains commitments from leaders and parents who will provide leadership in camp and transportation.
- Troop reviews equipment needs and develops a plan to address them
- Unit committee reviews projected attendance and ensures scouts are meeting money deadlines.
- Scoutmaster/Camp Coordinator meets with scouts to discuss merit badge and activity plans for camp.

## May

- Scouts are registered for merit badges on BlackPug
- Scouts receive a packing list of gear they should bring to camp. (page 18)
- Parents receive final information about camp, including departure time and location, med forms, etc.
- Appoint an in-camp "scoutmaster" if SM will not be present
- Final camp fees due June 5th.

## June

- All troop equipment inspected, prepared for camp. Transportation and leadership for camp is confirmed.
- Unit conducts a shakedown inspection of scouts' equipment to make sure they are prepared for camp
- Collect all medical forms, Parts A, B & C, for all who will attend camp, along with a roster.
  - Bring three copies of your unit roster to the camp office during check-in
- Complete pre-requisites with each scout and fill out appropriate forms, if applicable
- All dietary accommodations are submitted on BlackPug (page 9)

## Before you leave for camp, make sure you complete the following:

- Any outstanding camp fees, which are due upon arrival.
- An updated copy of the troop roster.
- Review the Guide to Safe Scouting. Troops must comply with these guidelines while en-route to and while attending camp. Please note that you must:
  - Have a minimum of TWO adult leaders in camp (at least one must be female and 21+ for any units serving female scouts.
- Confirm that adults are current with:
  - Youth Protection Training
  - Registration with Scouting America; registered with the troop they are camping with.
  - Meet all transportation guidelines.
- ATV scouts have both waivers signed by a parent and have completed prerequisite online training





# Camp Coordinator

Sometimes the Scoutmaster is the unit contact that plans and organizes a troop's summer camp trip. Sometimes, the process of planning for summer camp is delegated to a Assistant Scoutmaster or other volunteer. The description below outlines what the responsibilities are of the individual coordinating the camp.

## Position Description

- Serve as the primary coordinator for preparations for troop's Camp Parsons experience
- Utilizing resources outlined in this guide, inspire Scouts to attend Camp Parsons
- Recruit adult leaders and parents to serve in support roles such as merit badge coordinator, carpool coordinator, etc.
- Ensure Scouts are signed up for programs through reservation in Scouting Event and communicate pre-requisites.
- Serve as the voice of information from Camp Parsons to entire unit
- Ensure unit has safe travel plans to and from Camp Parsons, and entire unit is aware of schedule
- Collect necessary documents from Scouts, leaders, and parents
- Submit necessary information into Scouting Event Reservation
- Coordinate with unit treasurer to ensure payments are submitted on time to Chief Seattle Council
- Collect necessary reports from Scouting Event Reservation (BlackPug)

## Qualifications

Volunteer attending Camp Parsons with the Scouting Unit.

## Competencies

- Excellent communication, organizational, and leadership skills
- Problem solving and troubleshooting
- Ability to recruit fellow adult leaders for support
- Responsible and mature
- Strong time management and flexibility
- Comfortable with online registration systems

## Time Commitment

On average, Summer Camp Coordinators spend one to two hours a week on preparations.





# Registration

## Registration Fees

- In State Scouts:** \$565.00  
All Scouts with a WA State Service Center
- Out of State Scouts:** \$600.00
- All Adults:** \$315.00
- Adult Nightly Rate:** \$52.50

## Visitor Meals

If you are visiting camp for the day and would like to eat at the dining hall in the visitor's section, you must purchase a meal ticket from the trading post once you arrive.

<b>Breakfast:</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Dinner</b>
\$6	\$7	\$8

## Payment Timeline

### Payment Step

	<b>Due By</b>
<b>Deposit:</b> \$50 Per Person Fee (Non-Refundable) .....	Time of Booking
<b>First Payment:</b> 50% of Balance for Scouts and Adults.....	February 6th, 2026
<b>Campership Application:</b> Submitted by this date to be considered.....	May 22nd, 2026
<b>Final Payment:</b> Remaining Balance due.....	June 5th, 2026

### If a participant drops out during this timeline

If a scout or an adult, who was initially registered, drops out after the registration deposit, or first payment has been made. Payment already made for their registration will be applied to the Troop's remaining balance.

## Late Reservations

- If your troop registers late in the season, payment must be made with respect to the payment schedule.
- If you register after February 6th, but before June 5th, your troop must pay the \$50/person deposit plus the per person installment #1
- For any reservations made after June 5th, full payment must be made



## Camperships

Camp scholarships are available for Scouts in Chief Seattle Council who may otherwise be unable to attend one of our council camps. Up to 65% of camp fees are awarded. Troops and requesting Scouts are encouraged to contribute toward the camp fee.

Apply for a Campership through BlackPug. Instructions are found on the next page.





# Camperships

## How to apply for Camperships

In your reservation page which shows each scout in your troop attending camp, select the “Update Information” button.

Scout, Sally Regular Price: \$565.00  
 Checkout Required Balance Due: \$565.00

**Update Information** Autofill

Change Information for Scout, Sally

First Name  
Sally

Last Name  
Scout

Gender  
Female

Do you have any NON-FOOD allergies  
 Yes  
 No  
 No Thanks

Dietary Restrictions ? **In the information page, click the “Application Required” link and fill out the campership application**  
None

Parsons Campership  
Application Required  
 Are you applying for “Parsons Campership”?

Birth Date **After the application is completed, click the box next to “Are you applying for Parsons Campership?”**  
02/13/2019

Member ID ?  
BSA member number ⚡ Click to Validate Member Number

Emergency Contact Name  
John Scout

Emergency Contact Phone  
555-555-5555

Emergency Contact Relationship to Attendee  
Parent

Would you like to save this user information to your personal roster?  
 **Once these steps are complete, click “Done”**

Done





# Refund Policy

Preparing for camp requires us to purchase food, supplies, equipment, hire staff, and keep camp facilities in good repair. Preparation is made in anticipation of the number of registered scouts.

## Refund Eligibility

For group reservations, refunds will be considered after full payment for the camp has been made.

Refunds will be considered if participant experiences:

- An accident
- Serious illnesses including COVID-19 infection,
  - Last-minute cancellations due to chronic conditions may not meet the criteria for becoming ill.
- Death in the immediate family prior to camp

## Deposits

Deposits are not refundable unless a unit or camper cannot be placed in the camp or dates chosen. Refunds are not given for no-shows, behavior issues, scheduling conflicts with other activities such as family vacation, team sports, or school activities. If a participant is sent home from camp due to illness, a refund is not indicated. Chief Seattle Council is unable to refund or reallocate Camp Cards or Camperships.

### **Refunds for the above reasons are based on the date of occurrence.**

#### **Occurrence up to 2 weeks prior to camp:**

A full refund minus the non-refundable deposit will be considered for the above qualifying events.

#### **Occurrence 2 weeks or less prior to camp:**

No refunds are given unless the participant experiences one of the above qualifying events, in which case they would be considered for a 50% refund minus the non-refundable deposit.

## Refund Requests

All refund requests MUST be made in writing to [campingdept@seattlebsa.org](mailto:campingdept@seattlebsa.org) by up to 10 business days after the last day of the camp/program session cancellation. Any refunds requested after this 10-day period will not be considered.

### **In refund requests, please include:**

- Reason for withdrawal
- Unit number
- Camp/Session
- Participant name

Refunds are not guaranteed. No phone calls please.





# Your Camp Reservation

## Scouting Event System (BlackPug)

When you originally made your reservation, you received a confirmation email. This email includes a link to access your reservation. If you can't find this email, you can access your reservation through the event page.

### Adding Additional Unit Contact;

One of the first things you should do when you log in is add additional unit contacts. Click on the "Update Information" button in the "Contact" section. You'll see fields to add email addresses for other troop contacts. These email addresses will receive general camp communication leading up to your week at camp

### Bookmark And Share The Link

When you first log in and can view your reservation, bookmark that page. In addition, go to the navigation bar in your internet browser, select the page address (URL) and copy this address. This web address (URL) is unique to your reservation and can be shared with other trusted adults in your unit. Anyone with that link will be able to get into your reservation, make changes, sign Scouts up for programs, and make payments. **Only give this link to trusted adults;** do not send it to every parent.

### Confirm Participants;

When you first log in, you'll see a **Confirm Participants;** button. When you are ready to submit youth deposits, update your camper numbers, click the button, and then proceed to pay \$50 deposit for each youth.

### Parent Portal

If your unit wants parents to submit youth deposits and full payments on behalf of their Scouts, click the "Parent Portal" dropdown and select "Use Parent Portal" before clicking "Confirm Participants". This will allow you to book Scouts without paying the youth deposits up front.

### Reports;

Under the "Reports" tab, there are many reports that you will find useful before, during, and after camp. Please explore these and watch the tutorial about them.

## Tutorials;

### Account Basics;



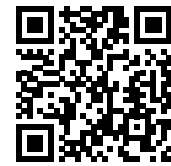
### Roster Management



### Scouting Event Reports;



### Council Provided Rosters;



### Adding Trusted Users;



### Parent Portal





# Special Accommodations

If you require special accommodation, such as power for CPAP, arrangements for a qualified service animal, or similar, please report this to the camp at least two weeks prior to your arrival.

## CPAP and Electricity Needs in Camp

Each campsite is equipped with power outlets located in the campsite's bathrooms, cook shelter, and/or adult leader bunkhouse. The electric hookups in campsites provide enough power for CPAP machines, lights, and phone charging. Camp's power system cannot handle large appliances like small fridges, power tools, or microwaves.

If a participant needs power for a CPAP machine, please plan ahead to pack 1 or 2 extension cords, or bring a battery powered CPAP which can be charged during the day. Camp Parsons has a select amount of extension cords specifically for CPAP machines, but are reserved for troops who are flying in from out of state, and have to be selective with what can be brought to camp.

## ADA Service Animals

The ADA defines a qualified service animal as an animal that is trained to do a specific task for an individual with a disability. It **MUST** be a task and the animal **MUST** have been specifically trained to perform it. Examples of such tasks could be things such as

- Assisting a blind person with navigating
- Assisting a person with mobility issues in getting around,
- Detecting the cues of an oncoming seizure for a person with a seizure disorder
- Other similar tasks

**The ADA states** that if an animal's purpose is to provide for the emotional well-being of an individual solely by it's being present is defined as an "emotional support animal" (ESA).

- The ADA further states that ESA's do not qualify as qualified "service animals" for the purposes of mandated access or accommodation
- Camp Parsons will accommodate qualified service animals as defined under the ADA, but **will not** accommodate animals with a sole purpose of serving as an ESA

Qualified service animals will be given access to all of the same areas of camp that it's handler would regularly have access to. The exception is food preparation areas in our camp kitchen. Under no circumstances will a service animal be permitted to enter the kitchen.

- If a service animal handler requires special dietary accommodation, staff will coordinate food delivery, as they cannot enter the kitchen.
- Handlers who can briefly enter without the animal may do so.
- Please notify the camp early if this policy affects you so we can plan to serve you





# Special Accommodations

## Dietary Restrictions

Camp Parsons operates a nut free kitchen but cannot control if ingredients were produced in the same facility as peanut products. If you have dietary restrictions or food allergies, we can provide alternative meal plans for:

- Gluten Free
- Dairy Free
- Vegetarian/Vegan
- Pork Free (Religious)

If you have dietary restrictions which do not fall on this list, please email camp via [info@campparsons.org](mailto:info@campparsons.org). We do not accommodate extreme elimination lifestyle diets such as Carnivore, Paleo, or Keto.

Our meals, including alternate meal plans, are all prepared in the same kitchen, we cannot fully eliminate any potential for cross-contamination. If you have severe food sensitivities in which a shared kitchen is concerned, please plan to bring your own food. We are happy to store it in a refrigerated space, microwave it, or provide you with basic cooking equipment for you to prepare it yourself. Participants (Scouts/Adults) are not allowed to enter the camp kitchen to prepare their own food. In select instances, kitchen staff can prepare ingredients into meals (beyond microwaving). These instances are granted on a case by case basis, and must require approval from the Camp Director.

## Submitting Dietary Restrictions

On your reservation in BlackPug, in the participants view. Select "Update information".

**In State Youth** Regular Price: \$565.00  
**Checkout Required** Balance Due: \$565.00  
**Missing Information**

[Update Information](#) [Autofill](#)

Select the appropriate dietary restrictions from the dropdown menu in the information page. If you have dietary restrictions which do not fall on this list, please email camp via [info@campparsons.org](mailto:info@campparsons.org).

**Dietary Restrictions ?**

- Selection Required
- Selection Required**
- None
- Dairy Free
- Vegetarian
- Vegan
- Pork Free
- Gluten Free





# Your Campsite

## Campsite Assignment

The campsite experience at Camp Parsons is different from other scout camps. Instead of reserving a specific campsite during registration, you were asked for your campsite preferences. Administrative staff assign troops to each campsite based on how many participants, and the overall composition of each troop. When selecting a campsite during registration, please select campsites which fit a realistic projection of your troops attendance. Due to changes in troop size and to maximize usage of camp, you may find your troop in a site other than the one you requested.

The week prior to your arrival, the Head Commissioner will be reaching out to each unit contact to confirm participant numbers, convey important information, and answer any questions.



## What's in a campsite?

### Sleeping Accommodations

Campsites have a mixture of bunkhouses that sleep 4, and platformed canvas tents which sleep 2. Some campsites or subsections are primarily tent platforms, while some campsites or subsections are primarily bunkhouses. All sleeping surfaces are wood, Parsons does not provide mattresses or cots.

### Bathrooms and Showers

Each campsite features a bathroom with power, flush toilets, and showers. Please keep showers brief to help camp preserve water resources.

### Picnic Shelters

Each campsite has a shelter which is either a permanent structure, or a lashed tarp canvas shelter with picnic tables which can be used for troop advancement, card games, or cooking on Wednesday.

## Should I bring a sleeping mat or a cot?

The best possible scenario is one where a participant brings both. However it is understood that cargo space is not unlimited. It is our goal to communicate campsite assignments a day or two prior to Sunday, so you can be prepared on what sleeping arrangements you should bring. Sleeping mats are universally usable.

## Be ready to share spaces

### Each campsite is split into sub-sections

For example, Copper City is split into four different campsites called Copper City A, Copper City B, Copper City C, and Copper City D. Small troops may be placed into the same subsection together. Single gendered male units and single gendered female units will be assigned a reasonable distance apart from each other (different subsections).

### Get to know your neighbors

It is recommended that during the start of the week, leadership from each troop (SM, ASM, SPL, ASPL) meet to establish mutual expectations of any shared spaces.

This can include:

- Campsite quiet hour expectations
- Bathroom cleaning duty rosters and expectations
- Defining what spaces are to be considered communal, and what spaces are to be solely for individual troops



# Camp Policies

## Unit Leadership in Camp

Scouting America's adult registration requirements mandate that ALL adults accompanying a scout troop to a resident camp or other scouting activity lasting 72 hours or longer must be registered as a leader, including completion of a criminal background check and current on Scouting America's Safeguarding Youth Training.

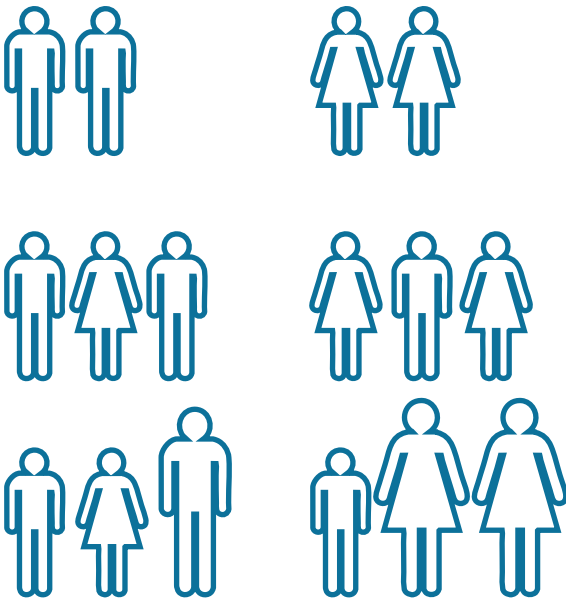
- Camp Parsons is an activity that lasts longer than 72 hours.
  - The length of the activity, and not the length of an individual's stay is what determines if this requirement applies.
- The requirement to be registered, background-checked, and Safeguarding Youth Training current therefore applies to every adult attending camp, regardless of how many nights they will stay.
  - Adults in camp must be registered in a position that triggers a mandatory criminal background check.
  - Registering only as a merit badge counselor will not suffice.

Combining "linked" troops and sharing leadership to meet Youth Protection's two-deep requirement is now allowed per Scouting America policy

- You must bring along proof of your Charter Organization's authorization expressly allowing this arrangement for 2026 summer camp

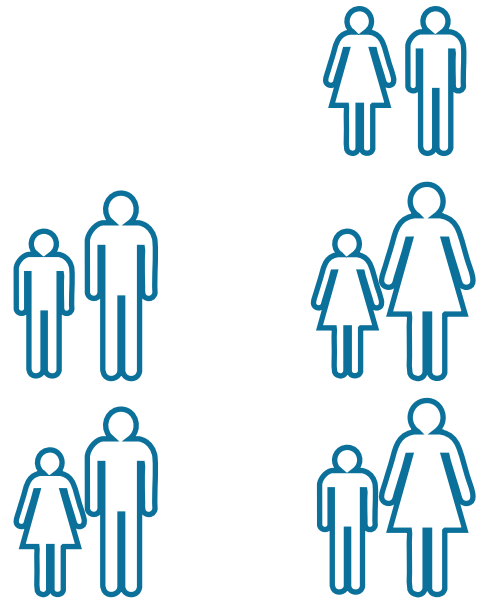
## Buddy System

### Allowed Buddy Pairs



Help us keep camp safe for youth participants by always ensuring that when youth are leaving their campsites, they are always in an appropriate buddy group.

### Unallowed Buddy Pairs



## Who's in Camp

- Only registered Scouts, or Scouting America registered adult volunteers can stay overnight at camp
  - Cub Scout, Webelos, AOL Scouts, or small children are not allowed to stay overnight
- A minimum of two Scouting America registered adult leaders must be with their troop the entire week.
  - One Scouting America registered adult leader can swap with another during the week, and that is considered one adult position.





# Camp Policies

## Leaving Camp

No scout is allowed to leave camp after check-in without a release form from their parent or scout leader. They must be accompanied by an authorized adult while out of camp and must sign out of the camp office before departing. When releasing a Scout into someone else's custody, that person must be listed as an authorized adult on Part A of the scout's health form.

If a scout is found outside of camp property, they will be sent home immediately. This includes crossing over Bee Mill Road instead of using the tunnels.

## Camp Etiquette

Scouts must be respectful of each other while at camp. There are many opportunities for competition throughout the week, such as the hullabaloo, or pickup games of basketball, gaga ball, and carpet ball. Scouts are expected to maintain a positive sporting attitude when participating.

Camp is a great place to meet new friends, but camp is **not the place** to form a relationship beyond platonic. Romantic pursuit, catcalling, or **any form of harassment is unacceptable.**

Scouts may not enter another campsite unless invited, scouts may not enter tents or bunkhouses not assigned to them without adult supervision. Other off-limits areas include:

- Staff Hosing Quarters
- Maintenance Area
- Camp Director or Camp Ranger's Yard

## Fire Prevention

### County Burn Ban

Jefferson County has historically enacted a burn ban during the summer, expect this summer to be no different.

Historically, propane and gas powered stoves and appliances have been allowed during burn bans. If you wish to have a campfire at night, plan to bring a propane campfire ring. During select conditions, burn bans have the potential to restrict all use of fire, wood and propane.



### Other Preventative Measures

- Water buckets (provided) and fire tools must be placed near any troop campfire or cooking site.
- No flames are allowed in tents or bunkhouses. This includes white gas lanterns.
- Fireworks are not permitted at camp. Anyone found with fireworks, regardless of whether they use them, will be sent home.
- All liquid fuels must be stored in the camp fuel locker. Liquid fuels must be used under adult supervision only.



# Camp Policies

## Camp Stewardship

Camp Parsons has previously dealt with graffiti and defacement left on bunkhouses, tents, and other facilities. Lots of time and effort goes into ensuring our facilities are as clean as possible and graffiti free. Please ensure your scouts are aware of the following:

- Defacing camp facilities, such as marking, drawing, or carving camp facilities such as tents, bathrooms, bunkhouses, and other structures is absolutely prohibited.
- Your staff guide during check-in and check-out will inspect your tents, bunkhouses, and structures in your campsite. Any new graffiti, drawing, and carvings which cannot be quickly cleaned up will result in an additional charge to your troop at a rate of \$25 per square inch.
  - If a canvas camp tent or camp tarp is disfigured with a marker or knife beyond a basic repair. Your troop will be charged for a full canvas replacement. The cost of replacement can be between \$800 and \$2000

During your stay at Camp Parsons, please take care not to leave trash unattended in program areas, outside buildings, or in your campsite. Wind can quickly take your trash into other parts of camp.



## Mainly for Adults

- Intoxicating substances including alcohol or cannabis products are not allowed at camp
- No personal firearms or ammunition are allowed at camp
- Fireworks are not allowed at camp
- Smoking is permitted in select areas
  - Behind the Camp Director's office (not the porch) and at the dumpster in the Dining Hall loading bay
  - Please help set a good example for young scouts
- Do not make any modifications to campsite, or cut down any trees in camp without the approval of the Camp Ranger





# Medical Information

## Medical Forms

All camp participants (Scouts & Adults) must complete Parts A, B, & C of the Annual Health and Medical Record (AHMR). Part C includes a physical examination by a licensed medical practitioner within 12 months of camp (good until the end of the month).

All medical forms will be returned to your troop at the end of the week; however, we recommend that you keep the originals with an adult not attending camp and bring copies with you. To expedite check-in and medical rechecks, we also ask that all pages of each person's form are stapled together and that you not keep them in plastic sleeves.

Christian Scientist faith members must have a written statement from their practitioner attesting to their health.

### A note about Part C of the AHMR

Per NCAP standards, all participants (Scouts and adults) at Camp Parsons must provide a completed AHMR Part C to remain at camp. This is non-negotiable. Because requirements are based on the event's total duration—**not an individual's length of stay**—a Part C is mandatory for everyone, including those "switching out" or staying less than 72 hours.

All necessary forms are available online at <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

## Dietary Accommodation Requests

Along with operating a nut-free kitchen, Camp Parsons provides substitutes or alternative menus for participants with some dietary restrictions.

- Gluten Free
- Dairy Free
- Vegetarian/Vegan
- Pork Free

Please enter this information online through the registration portal, BlackPug. More information on page 9

If you or your scout has dietary limitation that fall outside of these categories, please contact camp via [info@campparsons.org](mailto:info@campparsons.org)

## CPAP Machines

There is electrical hookup available at every campsite for adult leaders with CPAP machines or to charge cell phones, etc. Extension cords are also available for checkout at the tool room.





# Medical Information

## At Camp

### Medical Facility

A fully equipped medical lodge is provided at camp. A trained Health Officer is always on duty. Those sustaining serious injuries or illness requiring hospitalization will be transported to the nearest hospital. We will work with troop leadership to ensure adequate supervision for both the sick/injured scout and the scouts remaining at camp. Parents will be notified in the event of any serious injury or illness.

### Medications

The troop is responsible for all their medications. A lock box is available for checkout if needed. A secure refrigerator is available at the health lodge. The health lodge is open following each meal or on request. Unit leadership is responsible for giving Scouts their medications. Any injections that need to be given at camp if other than the Scout himself will need to be administered by the medical officer, with written permission given by the parent to do so.

## IMPORTANT

Scouts who do not have a health history signed by a parent/guardian may not stay at camp.

All Scouts and leaders planning to stay at camp overnight must have Parts A, B and C of the Health Form

The name and policy number of your accident and illness insurance carrier are required on your health forms. The Annual Health and Medical Form includes an authorization for emergency treatment and must be signed by a parent within 12 months of date of camp (good until the end of the month). Double check to see that the required signature and information is included.

**PHYSICAL EXAMS ARE NOT GIVEN AT CAMP**





# Camp Services

## Resources

### Staff Guide

Your troop will be assigned a staff member who will be your primary resource for the week. They will spend most of the day with you for check-in and check-out as well as visit your troop a couple of times a day.

### Quartermaster/Tool Room

Campsite equipment is available to check out from the tool room 1 hour after each meal. You can check out tools for camp beautification and conservation projects, equipment for campsite improvements, and cooking gear such as stoves and utensils. Toilet paper, paper towels, cleaning detergent, trash bags, and soap is also available.

### Camp Office

If you can't find who or what you need, our office staff can help!

## Mail

A letter from home can be one of the greatest cures for homesickness. Send mail to the address below. Since it takes from 2–4 days for mail to arrive, try to send letters and packages 3 days before your session starts and no later than the Wednesday of your session. Follow the same guidelines for Amazon orders.

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

## Visitors

All visitors must check in at the camp office and be approved by the Camp Director. Parents and other family visitors are welcome at camp for day visits.

If the main parking lot is full, there is an auxiliary lot across the road from the entrance to camp. There are no provisions or facilities to allow parents to camp in the parking lot or stay overnight. Campsites can only accommodate the Scouts and leaders who have registered to attend.

- Leave pets at home, not even if they can be carried. No exceptions.
- Only registered Scouts are allowed to stay in camp. No non-scout siblings or friends.
- Local campgrounds are available for visitors wishing to stay near Camp Parsons:
  - Seal Rock Campground <http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/olympic/>
  - Dosewallips State Park <http://www.parks.wa.gov/>





# Camp Services

## Trading Post

The trading post supplies a wide selection of souvenir and comfort items for sale during the week. Scouts typically spend anywhere from \$50 to \$100 on snacks, souvenirs, t-shirts, and supplies. Some merit badges also have associated fees. Please see our website for current fees: [campparsons.org/resources](http://campparsons.org/resources)

While the actual selection varies from year to year, the following items are usually available:

- Camp t-shirts and sweatshirts (\$15-\$40)
- Hats (\$15-\$25)
- Patches (\$5-\$10)
- Flashlights & batteries (\$6-10)
- Postcards & stamps (\$1-\$3)
- Pocketknives (\$15-20)
- Souvenirs and Tchotchkes (\$5-\$20)
- Water Bottles and Travel Mugs (\$10-\$20)
- Camp Parsons Nalgens (\$20)
- Snacks, Candy, and Ice cream (\$1-\$5)
- Decals and Stickers (\$2-\$5)
- Toiletries and Personal Care (\$2-\$5)



## Troop Funds

A common practice among units is delegating an adult to serve as the “banker” during the week, checking money in and out for the Scouts. This prevents “sticky fingers” and “butter fingers” alike.

## Camp Apparel Pre-Order

Troops are highly encouraged to pre-order T-Shirts, as sizes and colors will be limited at camp. A link to the Camp Parsons pre-order portal will be communicated by May 7th.

**SCOUTS/LEADERS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO SELL ITEMS TO ANY OTHER SCOUTS AT CAMP**





# Packing List

## Troop Gear

- Alarm clock
- Troop flag
- Lanterns
- Rope (limited supply available)
- Pushpins for bulletin board
- Program reference materials
- Troop merit badge book library
- Clipboard
- First Aid Kit
- Cooking equipment for pack out
- Troop accident insurance policy
- Medical Forms for each participant
- Patrol flags

## Personal Gear

Ensure that a scout's name and Troop # is marked on any gear of value.

Print this out and check each box as you pack for camp (page 19)

### Clothing

- Scout uniform (1)
- Sweatshirt or fleece (2)
- Poncho or rain gear
- Hat or visor
- Pants (2)
- Shorts (3)
- Hiking boots/closed toed shoes
- Pajamas
- Towels (2)
- Swimsuit\*
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes for the beach
- T-shirts (5)
- Shower Shoes/Water Shoes
- Pair of socks (6/7)
- Bag for dirty laundry
- Sunglasses
- Underwear (6/7)

### Gear

- Backpack
- Scout Handbook
- Notebook
- Pencil/Pen (4)
- Watch
- Totin' Chip
- Scout Knife
- Water Bottles (2)
- Camp Chair
- Mess kit

### Misc.

- Sack lunch for Sunday
- Spending Money (\$50-100)
- Mess kit
- Sunglasses
- Instrument (optional)
- Hammock (optional)
- Sleeping gear
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow
- Foam sleeping pad

### Toiletries

- Pack these into a shoe-box sized plastic tote for easy storage.
- Toothbrush/toothpaste
  - Towel/washcloth
  - Comb/brush
  - Soap/shampoo
  - Deodorant
  - Waterproof sunscreen
  - Bug repellent
  - Feminine hygiene products
  - Prescription medication (in original container)

### Leave at home

- Electronic games
- Fireworks of any kind
- Personal firearms (rifles, hand guns, bows, sling shots, ammo)
- Alcohol or Drugs
- Pets

\* Swimsuits must be modest. For males, tight fitting swim briefs or swim bottoms short enough to allow exposure are not allowed. Modest tankinis or one-piece swimsuits are appropriate. One-piece competitive style, or gym suits, or two-piece (not bikini) suits are suitable for females. Bikinis are not allowed.

\*\* Scout handbooks may be brought to camp but please do not bring to the Scout Skills area – they tend to get left behind and we do not sign off requirements in individual scouts' handbooks

### Cell Phones and Personal Electronics

Camp Parsons does not have a policy regarding scouts bringing cell phones or other personal electronics to camp – that decision up to the troop's adult leadership. **We strongly encourage** that phones and electronics are collected by unit leadership upon arrival to camp.





# Weekly Schedule

## A Typical Day at Camp

### Morning

Troops gather for the morning flag ceremony and meal at the dining hall. After breakfast, merit badge sessions are held. Adults may attend leader meetings, and other activities.

### Afternoon

Lunch is followed by “troop time” activities, which are scheduled by the Senior Patrol Leader the prior evening. A list of Troop Time activities can be found at [campparsons.org/resources](http://campparsons.org/resources).

### Evening

After the evening assembly and dinner, all of the program areas in camp are open. A scout and their buddy can explore! The evening is theirs to enjoy.

## Schedule at a Glance

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
7:50 AM	Camp Opens at 1:00 PM	Flags & Breakfast					6:30 AM Pack Up
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM		Merit Badge & Advancement Classes					
12:30 PM		Lunch					
1:40 PM - 2:40 PM	Check in, Swim Tests, Set up, Camp Tour	Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time	Hullabaloo!	8:30 AM Closing Ceremony
2:50 PM - 3:50 PM		Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time		
4:00 PM - 5:00 PM		Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time	Troop Time		10:00 AM Camp Clear
6:00 PM	Dinner						
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Camp Orientation	Open Program / Free Time	Open Program / Free Time	Open Program / Free Time	Beach Bonanza!	Merit Badge Makeup Time	
8:45 PM - 9:30 PM	Opening Campfire	Music Fest	Troop Night	Friendship Fiestas	Parsons Production	Closing Campfire	

A more detailed weekly schedule can be found at [campparsons.org/resources](http://campparsons.org/resources).





## First Day

### Arrive on Sunday

Camp opens at 1:00 PM on Sunday. We ask that you not arrive early since the staff needs to prepare for your arrival. Camp Parsons is closed on Saturday for the staff to have a short time off between sessions. We are unable to provide overnight accommodation for troops arriving earlier than Sunday. If you would like to spend Saturday night nearby, however, there are two campgrounds within ten minutes of camp: Dosewallips State Park and Seal Rock Campground in the Olympic National Forest.

### Check-In

A staff guide will welcome you on your arrival. As your scouts unload the vehicles, the scoutmaster will check in at the camp office with the following:

- Troop Roster
  - List scouts and adults separately; in alphabetical order
  - Do not include any troop members who are not attending camp
  - If adults are splitting the week, the days they will be in camp should be noted.
- Current Medical Forms (see Medical Information below for more details)
- Any payment still due - **Any unpaid fees must be paid when you check in**

### Medical Rechecks

While your staff guide is checking in at the camp office with the Scoutmaster, the rest of the troop will have their medical forms checked for completeness. Ensure all scouts and adults have Parts A, B, and C complete prior to arrival.

### Swim Checks

Anyone using any of the aquatic facilities must have a health history and take a swim test to determine their swimming ability. Swim tests from other facilities are not accepted.

### Orientation

During this first day, a camp tour will be provided. Time be spent informing units what goes on at summer camp and answering questions,

### Opening Campfire

Sunday concludes with an opening campfire featuring skits and songs performed by the staff.

### Move In

After your Scoutmaster checks in at the camp office, your unit will be shown to your campsite. All equipment is carried – no private vehicles are allowed past the parking lot. After the gear is stowed prepare to go through the medical screening.

Campsite dining flies, tents and facilities should be checked at this time so any maintenance needs can be reported to the camp ranger. Check carefully as your unit will be charged for any damage to your campsite that occurs during your stay.





## Last Day

### Friday Evening

After dinner and before closing campfire, plan to prepare your scouts and campsite for departure. Returning all tools to the Tool Room, all troop gear to your camp trailer. For expedient departure. It is recommended that scouts keep only their pajamas, toiletries, and their traveling clothes for Saturday in their campsite. The rest of their gear packed into a vehicle on Friday before campfire.

### Breakfast

Your staff guide will greet you bright and early around 6:30 AM. As your troop packs their gear and cleans up their campsite, a small breakfast will be delivered to each campsite (mess kits are not needed).

### Paperwork

All of your Unit's health forms, final advancement records, and segment patches, and Honor Troop awards can be received at the Camp Office starting at 6:30 AM

### Departure Time

Closing ceremony is at 8:30 AM on Saturday morning (could be subject to change).

### Camp Closed

Camp Parsons is closed from 11:00 AM Saturday to 1:00 PM Sunday. The time between closing and opening is staff time off.



## Dining Hall

Parsons features family style meals served in the dining hall. Cooks are employed to prepare meals. Scouts should be clean, wearing appropriate shirts and pants (not swimsuits) at all meals. There is no policy on specific uniform requirements for troops, though most troops have their scouts wear full Field Uniforms to dinner.



### Table Waiters

Each unit will assign one Scout “waiter” for each of their tables to set the tables before the meal and clean up after the meal. Scouts rotate this duty, so all have a chance to help. Every nine unit members requires one table waiter. A troop of 18 requires 2 waiters, a troop of 21 would require 3 waiters.

## Dietary Accommodations

The kitchen staff will make every reasonable effort to accommodate special dietary needs. Options are served for vegetarian/vegan, pork free, dairy free, and gluten-free diets. Not every dietary need can be met. Kitchen staff are happy to store and microwave special foods brought by scouts and parents. Any special dietary or physical needs must be requested when making camp reservations online. Camp Parsons does not offer dietary accommodations for high-specialized or trending diets (keto, carnivore, paleo, etc).

Enter dietary restrictions into BlackPug following the instructions on page 9. For questions or concerns about special needs contact the camp office at (360) 796-4427, or [info@campparsons.org](mailto:info@campparsons.org).



### Policy on Peanut Products at Camp

Camp Parsons operates a nut-free kitchen. No peanut products, including peanut oil, will be used in the meals, snacks, cracker barrels, or any other food service provided in the dining halls of Chief Seattle Council camps.

While this prohibition is in place in the dining halls, those with allergies must be aware that camp trading posts may contain some peanut products. It is also important to note that peanut products may be brought to camp by individual Scouts or leaders without the knowledge of Camp Parsons or Chief Seattle Council.

### For individuals with noise sensitivity

The Dining Hall is a loud experience, if you or a scout has concerns regarding the noise of 500+ individuals, plan to bring ear protection. Orange memory foam earplugs work well.





# Food Services

## Packout Information

Your troop will be spending Wednesday lunch and dinner cooking at your campsite. Staff will drop off lunch around 11:30 AM and dinner starting at 4:30 PM. Return only the coolers. Fruit, meat, milk (opened or not), etc. cannot be taken back to the kitchen and must be disposed of properly by individual troops. If you have any questions, feel free to ask any kitchen staff member.

### Lunch Menu (Hot Dogs)

- Hot Dogs
- Buns
- Chips
- Fruit
- Juice Mix
- Condiments

### Dinner Menu (Walking Tacos)

- Ground Beef
- Taco Seasoning
- Sour Cream
- Salsa
- Lettuce
- Frito's
- Fruit

If you have a scout with special dietary needs, we can also provide food alternatives to the items listed above.

We have very limited supplies of pots, stoves and cooking tools, so we highly suggest you bring the following:

- Cutting boards
- Spices, other than salt and pepper
- Additional aluminum foil
- Pots
- Pans
- Stoves
- Soap
- Scrubber
- 3 basin method for washing
- Mess kit or paper and plastic products for each scout





# Program

## Program Areas

### Aquatics

Located on Hood Canal, Camp Parsons offers many unique waterfront opportunities. Plenty of time is allowed for free swimming and boating. Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat certifications, required for all troop outings in or on the water, are available at camp every week for adult leaders.



### Craft Lodge

Advancement opportunities include Leatherwork, Basketry, Art, and Woodcarving merit badges, among others. Craft Lodge also offers fun free time programs.

The material cost varies for these merit badges, and some require purchasing supplies from the trading post.

### Climbing Tower

Our climbing tower is 32 ft. tall and is used for climbing and rappelling. There is also a bouldering wall for the younger scouts.



### Ecology-Conservation

Learn more about the wildlife and environment of the Olympic Peninsula and Hood Canal! Sign up for leaded hikes, nature games, and other fun ecology activities.

### Scoutcraft

Scouts can practice core outdoor skills including safe use of woodcutting tools; camp cooking, and pioneering. Orienteering instruction covers map reading, compass use, and navigating the camp course.

### Range and Target Activities

#### Rifle Shooting

Scouts use .22 caliber, single-shot, bolt-action rifles under the supervision of a certified Range and Target Activities Director for all recreational and merit badge work.



#### Archery

The archery range is available to all campers for recreational and merit badge work.





## Scuba Program

### SCUBA

Camp Parsons offers a variety of different SCUBA Programs through a partnership with Jade SCUBA Adventures. Both Scouts and adults can register for these courses.

#### **SDI Open Water Certification and SCUBA Merit Badge**

Through this all-week program, participants will be able to complete the requirements for the Scouting America SCUBA award, SCUBA merit badge, and SDI Open Water Certification. Each participant will need to complete an eLearning (about 10 hours of work) prior to their virtual classroom session. Classroom sessions will be scheduled throughout June, days and times to be announced. A swim check will be required consisting of a 200-yard swim or 300-yard swim with mask/snorkel/fins and a 10-minute float.

#### **Snorkeler Certification**

Instructors will cover flotation (wetsuits, personal flotation devices, inflatable vests), using a mask, snorkel, and fins appropriately. The scouts will learn a few basic finning techniques, learn about the environment, and marine life they may see. Finishing with CPR training.

#### **Drysuit Diver**

Are you ready to dive in colder waters while staying warmer? Drysuit Diver will teach you about the different parts of drysuits, basic maintenance, how to don/doff your drysuit as easy as possible, learn basics of managing gas in your drysuit and how to tell when to add or remove gas to your suit and best practices of drysuit dive. You will do Elearning, a classroom session, confined open water session, and two open water dives to a maximum depth of 60'.

#### **Open Water Refresher**

This will be a session where the diver reviews their basic skills from their open water course. This is best for divers who have been out of the water for 6 months or more or are not fully comfortable with all their skills.

#### **Guided Dive**

This will be an opportunity for certified divers to go out and enjoy a dive around the waters near shore at camp up to 60' maximum in depth and see a variety of creatures that call the local waters home. This will be for certified divers only. It will be guided by a Divemaster with a ratio no greater than 3 divers to 1 Divemaster.

#### **Open Water Prerequisites:**

Can pass swimmers test and comfort in the water.

#### **Open Water Costs:**

Keep equipment at end: \$1000

Using Rental Equipment: \$925

#### **Snorkeler Prerequisites:**

Can pass swimmers test and comfort in the water.

#### **Snorkeler Costs:**

Using Personal Equipment: \$160

Using Rental Equipment: \$200

#### **Drysuit Diver Prerequisites:**

Open Water certification or above

#### **Drysuit Diver Costs:**

All rental equipment: \$790

Renting a drysuit only: \$700

All personal equipment: \$500

#### **Refresher Prerequisites:**

Scuba Diver, Supervised Diver, Open Water or above.

#### **Refresher Costs:**

Using Personal Equipment: \$160

Using Rental Equipment: \$225

#### **Guided Dive Prerequisites:**

Scuba Diver, Supervised Diver, Open Water or above.

#### **Guided Dive Costs:**

Using Personal Equipment: \$160

Using Rental Equipment: \$225





## ATV Program

### ATV Tier 1

Scouts **14 years and older** will be able to become a part of the ATV Safety Institute of America (ASI) Safe Rider Coalition. As a part of this program, you will complete several trail rides, practice tread lightly skills, complete a conservation trail project and earn the ASI rider course certification. [More information here.](#)

Camp Parsons offers morning and afternoon classes with a capacity of 8 riders per class. Due to high demand for the course, **participants are selected via a lottery** in the months leading up to camp.

#### Morning Sessions

- Monday - Friday 9:00am - 10:30am
- Monday - Friday 10:30am - 12:00pm

#### Afternoon Sessions

- Monday-Tuesday 1:30pm - 5:00pm
- Wednesday - Thursday 1:30pm - 5:00pm.

Prior to camp, all participants must bring to camp.

- [ASI Online Learning Module](#) - Certificate of Completion
- [Scouting America ATV Waiver](#) - Signed by Parent/Guardian
- [ASI Waiver](#) - Signed by Parent/Guardian



### ATV Tier 2

Scouts who have already earned their ASI Safety Certification at Camp Parsons, or at a different camp have the opportunity for an advanced trail ride taking scouts up the backside of Mt. Walker, for a mountainside view of the Puget Sound, and Mt. Rainier on a clear day. This is offered during evening open program/free time.

The maximum capacity throughout the week is 24. There are 8 slots per day on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Due to unknown demand for the course, participants will be selected in a lottery.

Scouts must bring

- Their ASI Certification
- A pair of long pants and a long sleeve shirt
- [Scouting America ATV Waiver](#) - Signed by Parent/Guardian



## Special Program Highlights

### Saltwater Beaches

#### Werner Beach (Boating Beach)

Features canoes, paddleboards, rowboats, motorboats and sailboats. Its historical 550-foot-long pier is the longest of any scout camp in the country.

#### Loody's Beach (Swim Beach)

Where all swimming occurs. Old tennis shoes or water shoes are required to protect your feet from rocks and oyster shells.

#### Mystery Beach

Located opposite the Dining Hall on the east side of camp. Always open to walk along. It is perfect for beachcombing and rock-skipping.



#### Fort Duckabush (Camp Museum)

One of the most comprehensive Scouting museums in the country. Updated yearly by dedicated volunteer curators, the camp museum shares the continuing tradition and history of Camp Parsons.



#### Music Fest

Come hear our musically talented staff perform. If you have a scout who is gifted with a musical instrument, let the program director know and they may be added to the event. This is an evening program.

#### Production

The staff will give their unique rendition of a popular film for the amusement of your scouts. This is an evening program.

#### Friendship Fiesta

Your troop is encouraged to invite another to your campsite and share in Scouting fellowship and fun. This is an evening program.

#### Honor Troop

The Honor Troop Award is the highest award any troop can receive during their stay at Camp Parsons. It is difficult to earn, but each troop is capable of completing the requirements. The Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster are responsible for working together to guide the troop towards finishing each of the twelve points.



## Hullabaloo - Friday Afternoon

### Patrol Competition

After lunch on Friday, the Patrol Competition kicks off the afternoon's festivities.

Various events around the dining hall parade field will test each patrol's teamwork and enthusiasm.



### Relay Race

Following the Patrol Competition is the Relay Race. Each troop provides a team of runners, canoers, a swimmer, and a speed-walker who compete in a race around camp.

An award is also given for the best baton.

### Octopus Cup

The final event of the Hullabaloo is the Octopus Cup Canoe Race, a 1.5-mile course from the end of the pier to Octopus Point and back.

Each troop may have one team of four scouts.



## Adult Leader Activities



### Morning Roundtable

Once a day our staff meets with the adult leaders in camp. These meetings give the troop leaders a chance to make meaningful comments and suggestions to permit prompt attention by the staff and to go over the activities for the following day.



### Leader Activities

Throughout the week, troop leaders have a choice of how to use time to their best advantage and enjoyment:

#### Special Programs

Many camp areas offer activities during the week just for adult troop leaders. These vary from year to year so be sure to check our website ([campparsons.org](http://campparsons.org)) for the latest information. Popular activities include a troop leaders' shoot at the rifle range and an adult leader climb at the climbing tower.

#### Service

If you are a carpenter, electrician, plumber or repair person, camp may be able to use your skills! Contact us ahead of your arrival and we will be able to find worthwhile service projects for you!

#### Scoutmaster Golf

Lash together a golf club to compete in our PGA (Parsons Golf Association) competition. Compete with other unit leaders across the country to determine the PGA Champion!





# Advancement Info

## Merit Badge Program

Camp Parsons offers a wide variety of merit badges. To best enjoy their camping experience, it is suggested that Scouts earn around three merit badges during their session, depending on their difficulty.

Most merit badges are offered from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM daily, free time badges happen from 7:00 - 8:30pm and are optional. Registration for these merit badges will be available online in the spring prior to camp. Log into the troop's BlackPug account to register for merit badges

Classes are not limited by size unless noted otherwise. The Merit Badge Schedule is updated every year and published in the spring. Not every merit badge can be fully completed at camp, the prerequisites published at [campparsons.org/resources](http://campparsons.org/resources) are only required if a scout wants the badge complete by the end of the week.

## Merit Badge Schedule

The morning operates like a traditional school schedule. Scouts are in the same classes every morning.

Example morning, Monday - Friday			
Scout A	9:00 - 10:00 Swimming	10:00 - 11:00 Camping	11:00 - 12:00 Chemistry
Scout B	9:00 - 10:00 Scout Skills Scout & Tenderfoot	10:00 - 11:00 Scout Skills Second Class	11:00 - 12:00 Nature
Scout C	9:00 - 10:00 Bird Study	10:00 - 10:30 Textiles	10:30 - 12:00 Kayaking

## Tips for Success

For most merit badges, a successful experience will require your scouts to begin their class on Monday and attend every day for the full week. We offer the following suggestions to consider:

- **Don't over-schedule.** Experience tells us the young first-year camper should not plan on more than two merit badges (and one of those should be a Craft Lodge badge).
- **Trail to First Class** in the Scout Skills area, is an excellent choice for first-year Scouts.
- **For older, more experienced campers,** a normal maximum is 4 merit badges per week, though this depends on the length/difficulty of the classes they choose. Scouts are in camp for many things other than merit badges. Guide them in setting attainable goals.
- **Have Scouts complete** time-intensive portions of requirements prior to camp (reading the merit badge pamphlet and any required writing).
- **Ensure Scouts bring documentation** with them. Supply each Scout with their blue cards. Complete all required information, including your signature. Blue cards are given to the instructor at the first session on Monday.
- **A partial completion certificate** will be given to scouts who are unable to complete the all the requirements while at camp.





# Advancement Info

## Trail to First Class

Our Trail to First Class program is designed to teach some of the fundamental scout skills which are best learned in a summer camp setting. This includes first aid, outdoor tools, knot tying, plant identification, orienteering, and aquatics. Scouts may work on Tenderfoot through First Class rank requirements simultaneously.



### When is Trail to First Class Taught?

Trail to First Class occurs in the morning during merit badge time and covers the following requirements over the course of the week

- Scout/Tenderfoot** .....9:00-10:00
- Second Class** .....10:00 - 11:00
- First Class** .....11:00 - 12:00

## What Requirements are Taught?

Scout: 1b, 1c, 1e, 4a, 4b, 5

Tenderfoot: 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5b, 5c, 7a, 8

Second Class: 2b, 2c, 2d, 2g, 3a, 3b, 3d, 5a, 5c, 5d, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 9a, 9b

First Class: 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 6c, 6e, 7a, 7c

### Be aware

- This program is not intended to have scouts advance to First Class rank during one week at camp. It is intended to supplement a troop's advancement program.
- Camp staff **do not** sign off requirements in the scouts' handbooks. The knowledge and skills they have developed during their week should be evaluated by troop leadership to determine which requirements have been met.





# Info for Parents

Make sure your scout has packed everything they need, including medicines and their Annual Health & Medical Record form Parts A, B, and C, signed by a doctor and parent/guardian.

## Money

Plan to send \$50-\$100 per scout for the trading post and merit badge supplies.

## Departure

Please arrive to pick up scouts by 8:45 AM. Camp closes at 9:00-9:30 AM.

**Mail** Address mail with your scout's name and their troop number. Plan to send mail at least 3 days before you would like it to arrive, no later than Wednesday of your session.

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If ordering anything from Amazon, please follow the same guidelines.

## Visiting

Visitors are always welcome to come and enjoy camp for the day, but only registered members of Scouting America (who are registered for camp) can stay overnight. Nearby overnight accommodations include Dosewallips State Park and Seal Rock Campground. Visitors are welcome at our closing campfire on Friday night. All visitors must check in at the camp office.

## Meals

If you are visiting and would like to eat at the dining hall, you can purchase a meal ticket from the Trading Post once you arrive (or you can have your scoutmaster purchase for you ahead of time). As we assign each seat in the dining hall based on the troop's size, you will likely eat in the visitors section, not with the troop.

Meal tickets are \$6 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch, and \$8 for dinner.

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

**Camp Parsons Office**  
**(360) 796-4427**

Sunday: 12:30 – 4:45 PM, 7:15 – 8:30 PM  
Mon-Fri: 9:00 – 11:45 AM, 1:30 – 4:45 PM, 7:15 – 8:15 PM  
Saturday: 6:30 AM – 8:30 AM

Chief Seattle Council Camping Department: (206) 725-0361 (Mon-Fri)





# Info for Parents

## Be aware...

### First time away from home?

For younger Scouts, a week away from home can be challenging. Encourage them by expressing pride, reminding them the first days may be tough, and assuring them they'll adjust and have fun by engaging in activities they enjoy.

### Adult leaders

Are volunteering their time and want to help the kids have fun and grow. They are not babysitters. Be sure to prepare your Scout and communicate any concerns or special needs with your adult leaders in advance of camp.

## Don't forget to bring...

### Water shoes!

Our beaches are not silky sand, they have rocks and sharp oyster shells, so please have your scout bring either sandals (closed-toed preferred, Crocs are awesome) or an old pair of tennis shoes that can get wet. Water shoes are not sold at the camp trading post.

### Scout Handbook!

Scouts who earn First Class in their first year of Scouting are far more likely to stay involved and earn Eagle, so if your scout is not yet First Class, please have them bring their handbook and encourage them to participate in the Trail to First Class program.

## A note about cell phones...

Cell phones be a distraction to the goals of the Summer Camp experience. Camp does not have a restriction policy on cell phones, but we heavily encourage that Unit Leaders collect cell phones and electronics upon arrival to camp, and return them during departure.

### Personal Management

At camp, Scouts gain greater freedom and responsibility, managing their own schedules, chores, and behavior with limited supervision. They'll have opportunities to lead within their troop and are encouraged to actively participate and volunteer.

### Finances

It is recommended that an adult from your troop serve as a 'banker,' giving your scout their spending money in small amounts at a time. If your Scout is not used to spending money without supervision, please prepare them so they do not eat too much candy and instead spend money on things like merit badge supplies.

### 2 Water bottles!

Summer camp is hot, and despite being located in western Washington, Camp Parsons sits in a rain shadow. Dry days with temperatures reaching the 90s are not uncommon. Having two water bottles ensures a scout can always stay hydrated, even if they lose their water bottle at camp.

### Mess kit!

For Wednesday's lunch and dinner, your scout will be cooking food in their campsite, and will need a mess kit and utensils.





# Info for Parents

## Directions to Camp Parsons

### From Seattle

Take the ferry to Bainbridge Island. Follow Hwy 305 to Hwy 3. Turn right on Hwy 3 and go to the Hood Canal Bridge (Hwy 104). Continue across the bridge on Hwy 104 and take the Quilcene exit. Take a right from the off ramp and head south until you reach the town of Quilcene. Take a left onto Hwy 101 and travel for approximately 8 miles until you come to milepost 303 and take a left off of Hwy 101 onto Bee Mill Rd. The camp is located roughly 9/10 of a mile from 101 on the right.

### From Edmonds

Take the ferry to Kingston and follow Hwy 104 to the Hood Canal bridge and follow the directions as above.

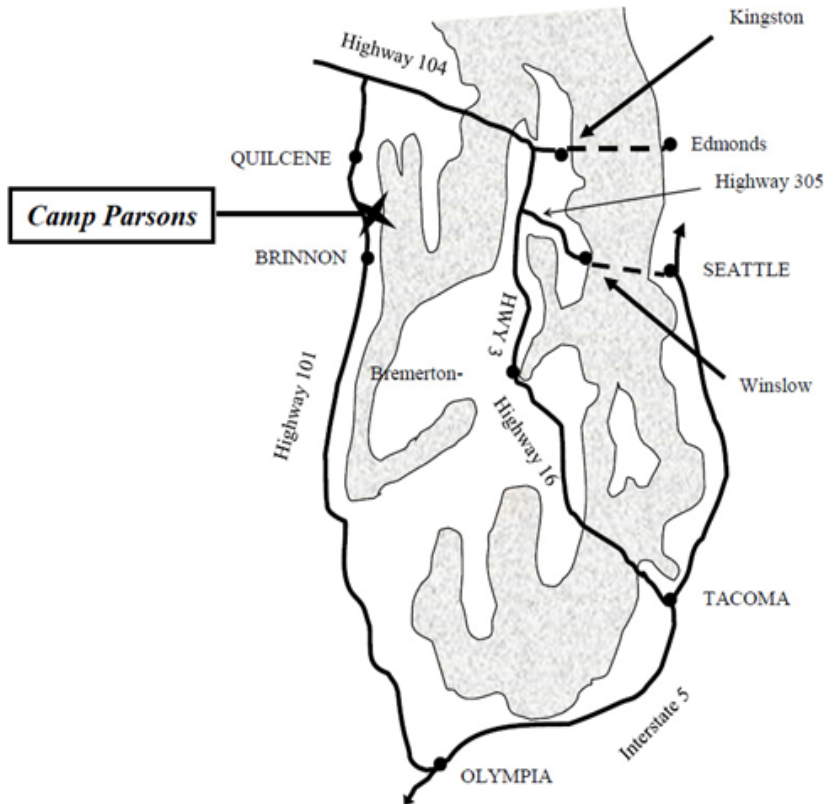
### From Tacoma

From I-5, take the Hwy 16 exit to Gig Harbor. Follow Hwy 16 through Gig Harbor to Bremerton and continue on Hwy 3 to the Hood Canal bridge and Hwy 104. Follow directions as above.

### From Olympia and South

Head North on I-5 and take the Hwy 101 exit and head west on Hwy 101. From this road take the "Shelton/Hwy 101" exit and continue north on Hwy 101 through Shelton and along the west side of the Hood Canal to Brinnon. Travel through Brinnon on Hwy 101 for roughly 3 more miles to milepost 303. Take a right onto Bee Mill Rd and travel 9/10 of a mile. Camp will be on the right side.

970 Bee Mill Rd  
Brinnon WA 98320  
(360) 796-4427





# Camp History

Founded in 1919, Camp Parsons is the oldest continuously operating Scout Camp West of the Mississippi. It is also the only Scout camp in the United States that uses a saltwater beach for all its aquatics activities.

The site of the camp was chosen by Professor Edmund Meany, Major Edward Ingraham, and members of the Seattle Area Council. It was purchased from John Strom in May 1919 and named after the first council president, Reginald H. Parsons.

Booth Hall (the current Silver Marmot Grill) was constructed in May and June 1919 and continues to be used today.

On July 7, 1919, 100 Scouts arrived at Camp Parsons by boat for its first season that ran 6 weeks and has not stopped since. Lord Baden Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts, even came from Great Britain to visit Camp Parsons in 1926.



A separate camp for Cub Scouts was developed on the property in 1937 and named Camp Meany in honor of the late Professor Edmund Meany, first Scout Commissioner for Seattle.

This camp was merged into Camp Parsons in 1941 and that camp's dining hall served as the dining hall for Camp Parsons through 2014, after which it was razed, and a new dining hall was constructed and dedicated in June 2015.



Scouts and Scouters can take in the impressive breadth of Camp Parsons' 100 plus years of memories at the Fort Duckabush Museum located at camp.

