Mountain Territory

Trail to Troop

Guide for Packs 2027

When: Sept 11th 7 am– Sept 12th 12:30 pm

Where: Camp Pigott, 24225 Woods Creek Rd, Snohomish, WA 98290

Registration closes Sunday, September 5th at 11:59pm

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Welcome to Trail to Troop! Trail to Troop is an opportunity for Cub Scouts to meet local Scout BSA Troops and for Troops to help Cub Scouts work on their AOL and Webelos rank. Trail to Troop is designed to model a Scouts BSA summer camp and to introduce Cub Scouts to the many outdoor adventures of Scouts BSA. This awesome event includes activity sessions with troops from Mountain Territory, fun evening campfires, and important information for parents and Cub Scouts about transitioning to Scouts BSA. This is a great opportunity for Cub Scouts and their parents to observe local troops in action.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE STUFF

Registration

Registering helps us identify the best campsite for your Pack based on the number of scouts and adults attending. Please register no later than two weeks before the event, so we have adequate time to assign campsites and purchase lunch food. All attendees must register – **there will be no walk-in registration.**

This is an overnight event Saturday to Sunday. **You are expected to stay for the overnight portion** – it is an important aspect of this event. You may arrive on Friday night and stay overnight. Friday check in will be from 6-8pm at the dining hall. Saturday morning check in starts at 7am.

Registration is on BlackPug. Make sure that you register for the "Mountain Territory Trail to Troop - CUB SCOUT PACKS" event. We recommend Packs register together, but you may register individually if you prefer. Information you should know before registering includes:

- Your Pack Unit Number e.g. Pack 400
- What your Cub Scout's rank will be on September 11th, Webelos or Arrow of Light (AOL). Fourth graders are typically Webelos and fifth graders are typically Arrow of Light.

If you are unsure of any of these items, please check with your Pack leaders.

If you need assistance with registration, please see our registration assistance page: https://scoutingseattle.org/resources/black-pug-registration-resouces/

Required Forms

Every scout and adult attending need to complete and bring with them the following forms

- Annual Health Medical Form Parts A and B only

According to BSA Policy, all Scouts and participating adults must complete an Annual Health and Medical Record form (parts A&B only) for all Scouting activities. This is the health history form required for any short-term Scout activity. **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNIT** to obtain and maintain copies of these forms for members of their unit for all activities they conduct. Medical forms will be reviewed at check-in **and remain with the pack leader**.

Our camp safety protocols are based on the requirements and recommendations of BSA National, Washington State Department of Health, and King County Department of Health.

Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency, any individual with a cell phone should immediately call 9-1-1 and provide appropriate information and follow all directions from the Operator. A different person should call the Program Director (Gillian Suhre, 262-716-8460) and the Camp Director (Don Baeder, 360-568-6295) immediately and inform them of the situation, location, actions being taken and follow any instructions

given. In an emergency, you will hear a bell or siren, indicating that everyone should gather at the parade field, if the parade field is compromised, go to the parking lot.

Fire Safety & Prevention

Campfires are permitted only in the fire pit in your campsite and should never be left unattended. Proper methods to extinguish fires must be available at all times. When the fire is out cold, stack partially burnt wood near the pit for future use. Water buckets (filled with water) and fire tools must be conveniently placed near any campfire site.

Limited wood is available at camp but may not be dry/seasoned. Feel free to bring your own wood and kindling if you are local, from the west side of the mountains.

Be sure to check burn bans! Camp Pigott falls under the jurisdiction of the DNR, and you can find out if Pigott is under a burn ban by checking the following three websites and follow whichever one is the most restrictive. We will do our best to let you know whether there will be a burn ban, but it is best to be prepared. Propane powered fire pits are always allowed.

- https://burnportal.dnr.wa.gov/
- https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/1144/Outdoor-Burning-Information
- https://pscleanair.gov/168/Air-Quality-Burn-Ban-Status

Camp Rules

The rules of camp follow the Scout Law and common sense.

1. No camper is allowed to leave camp after check-in without a release from the camp director. They must be accompanied by an authorized adult while out of camp, and must sign out at the camp office before departing. Campers leaving early must be released to authorized individuals only.

2. Do not cut or climb trees.

3. Campers must stay out of other campsites/cabins unless invited.

4. Fires must be attended at all times.

5. No open flames of any kind in tents or sleeping huts.

6. All liquid fuels must be stored in the camp fuel locker in clearly marked containers. Liquid fuels must be used under adult supervision only.

7. No fireworks may be kept or used in camp. Those with fireworks will be sent home.

8. No personal firearms or fixed blade knives allowed.

9. No intoxicating beverages or illegal drugs are allowed on Scout property.

10. No dish washing in the restroom sinks.

11. Please leave your campsite, cabin, and restroom better than you found it.

12. Hand tools (such as axes, saws, shovels) must be used with adult supervision in a designated axe yard. Power tools may be used by qualified adults only.

13. No pets allowed in camp at any time.

14. Return borrowed wheelbarrows to the shed by the dining hall immediately after use.

15. You are responsible for the behavior of your group and must provide adequate supervision.

16. The Buddy System must be used at all times.

17. Two deep-leadership requirements will be enforced.

Camping and Meal Planning

- Packs are responsible for their own food, except for Saturday lunch. Lunch on Saturday will be provided by camp staff and is included in the cost of attending.
- A sealed box and cooler are necessary to keep animals out of food.
- Gluten Free and Vegetarian/Vegan options are available for lunch. Be sure to indicate specific dietary restrictions or needs during registration. For the safety of individuals with severe food allergies, it is recommended they bring their own lunch.
- Participants will be grouped with their pack and assigned a campsite appropriate for their group size. Small groups or lone scouts will be paired with another pack. All campsites are equipped with running water. **Sites are not assigned until you arrive at camp.**
- Tent camping is recommended: families and packs provide their own tents and camping gear, including cooking equipment. Tent platforms are available at the campsites and fit most 2-3 person tents. There is no space for large 4+ family tents.
- We recommend a family tent together. Your pack/den can opt to have Scouts tent together. No adult can tent with any youth - except their own child.
- Picnic tables are available at the campsites; however, many are not covered. We recommend bringing tarps.
- There are no cars allowed in camp. You should plan to carry all of your camping gear from the parking lot to your campsite. There are wheelbarrows provided, but bringing your own wagon can also be helpful.
- Garbage cans are available next to the restroom at each site. Plan to empty garbage cans into the camp dumpster before leaving camp at the end of the event.
- Tending camp should be the responsibility of the Scouts. Really. We're serious. Except for lighting stoves and some of the other adult work, let them cook, clean, set up tents, etc. Create a duty roster listing everything that needs to be done, who will do it, and when. Some responsibilities are cooking, campfire starting and tending, getting water, etc. (Note: we encourage going "green" by using mess kits and water bottles that can be cleaned and reused instead of disposables.) Delegate adult responsibilities, too, since you will need to help them prepare the food, watch over a campfire, etc.
- Review Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles with your scouts – see your AOL/Webelos Handbook and links below for additional information.

https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/leave-no-trace/
https://www.scouting.org/outdoor-programs/outdoor-ethics/
https://lnt.org/the-easiest-way-to-learn-the-leave-no-trace-seven-principles-for-kids/

Personal Gear Checklist

- ☐ BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (Part A & B for all Scouting events) for every Scout and adult attending
- ☐ Tent (one per family, 2-3 person recommended)
- ☐ A plastic sheet or ground cloth to put under the tent
- ☐ Sleeping bag (good to at least 40° or lower)
- ☐ Sleeping pad (to keep out the cold from the ground below)
- ☐ Pillow
- ☐ Extra blanket
- ☐ Flashlight and/or camping lantern
- ☐ Extra batteries
- ☐ Activity uniform (Scout t-shirt)*
- ☐ Field uniform (blue/tan shirt)**
- ☐ Cub Scout Handbook
- ☐ A good supply of dry clothes (especially socks)
- ☐ An extra pair of shoes and socks for sleeping
- ☐ Hand warmers
- ☐ Night-time comfort item (stuffy/glowstick)
- ☐ Rain gear
- ☐ Hat
- ☐ Personal first aid kit
- ☐ Hand Sanitizer
- ☐ Mess Kit - Plate, cup, eating utensils
- ☐ Water bottle
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Sunscreen
- ☐ Personal toiletries
- ☐ Soap
- ☐ Towel and/or washcloth
- ☐ Toilet paper
- ☐ Any medications you may require
- ☐ Day pack to carry handbook, hand sanitizer, snacks, water bottle, writing tool, pocketknife, and map between stations
- ☐ Ziploc back for activity map/passport to keep dry from rain
- ☐ Snack
- ☐ Folding chair
- ☐ Pocket Knife
- ☐ Wagon

*Activity Uniform (Pack or Scouting t-shirt) is preferred for the stations. Wear it under your field uniform.

**Field Uniform (tan/blue shirt) is preferred for the opening and closing ceremonies each day.

Camp Check-in Procedures

Check-in will take place in the dining hall. Walk up the hill from the parking lot into camp; the camp store and dining hall are the first buildings on the left.

Check-in staff will confirm that youth and adults have completed the Medical Form Part A & B and will hand out participant packets. Packets include campsite assignments, maps, schedule, and activity station passports.

The first adult who arrives from a Pack will receive the pack packet. This will have information for fire safety procedures, bathroom etiquette, instructions for updating Scoutbook with adventure requirements, and a checkout checklist and supplies. Please note that you will receive patches after turning in your checkout checklist and camp evaluation

Campsites are approximately .5 - .75 miles uphill from the parking lot. Wheelbarrows are available to share. Bring a collapsible wagon if you have more gear than you can carry in one trip. No cars are allowed in camp, except for staff and special transport vehicles required for those with walking aids.

Camp Setup Time. Please arrive as early as possible between 7 and 8:30 AM on Saturday. Packs have until 9:10 to carry items from the parking lot and set up camp before reporting for opening flags and starting activity stations. The more time you allot your family for travel between campsites and the parking lot, and for setup, the more enjoyable your weekend will be.

Checkout Procedure

Leaving During Camp

For safety reasons and emergency procedures we need to know who is in camp at all times. Do not leave camp until you have checked out. A camp sign out/in form is available at the dining hall.

End of Camp Checkout

All packs are required to complete the checkout worksheet provided in the checkout packet before leaving camp. Please note that you will receive patches for your entire Pack after turning in your checkout checklist and camp evaluation.

Camp Activities

Adventure Stations

Troops within the Mountain Territory will be hosting adventure stations related to Webelos and AOL ranks.

Webelos - 4th Grade Cub Scouts

- Earth Rocks - Elective Adventure
- Let's Camp - Elective Adventure
- Stronger, Faster, Higher - Required Adventure
- Chef's Knife - Elective Adventure
- Climbing Tower

Arrow of Light - 5th grade

- Personal Fitness - Required Adventure
- Outdoor Adventure Required Adventure
- Knife Safety - Elective Adventure
- Into the Woods - Elective Adventure
- Archery

Passports

Cub Scouts will be given a passport that details the activities they will complete at each station. Troops will sign-off the passport for Cub Scouts that participate and do their best. At the end of the activities, Cub Scouts can bring completed passports to the dining hall for a special gift.

All requirements might not be completed for each adventure during camp. Troops will communicate which requirements were completed at their station. The remaining requirements to complete the adventure are listed on the next page.

Scoutbook Updates for Adventures and Awards

Pack Leaders are responsible for entering the completed activities in Scoutbook and awarding the Webelos and AOL pins to the scouts. Adventures completed are listed on the scouts Trail to Troop Passport. Be sure to award these pins at camp or at the next pack/den meeting so that they can proudly show their friends, family, and younger scouts all they accomplished at Trail to Troop.

Prerequisites and "Homework"

Given the limited time at stations, a few of the adventures will require some pre-work and/or "homework" in order to complete an entire adventure. If you participated at camp and completed the requirements below, you can consider the entire adventure complete!

Rank	Adventure	Requirement		When
Webelos	Let's Camp	1	Plan and participate in a campout	Pack to complete independently
Webelos	Let's Camp	2	Determine where to set up a tent	Pack to complete independently
Webelos	Let's Camp	5	Tie a bowline knot	Pack to complete independently
Webelos	Let's Camp	8	Recite the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles	Pack to complete independently
Webelos	Let's Camp	9	Share what you did to follow the Outdoor Code and Leave no trace	Pack to complete independently
Webelos	Stronger, Faster, Higher	3	Be active for 15 mites doing personal exercises	Packs to complete independently
Webelos	Stronger, Faster, Higher	5	Review your health form	Parents complete at parent meeting
AOL	Outdoor Adventurer	3	Review SAFE Checklist	Complete in preparation for this event
AOL	Outdoor Adventurer	7	Demonstrate food safety & kitchen sanitation	Pack to complete independently
AOL	Outdoor Adventurer	8	Discuss what went well, keeping in mind the Outdoor Code and LNT principles	Pack to complete on the way home from camp
AOL	Personal Fitness	2	Track activity of greater than 30 minutes for 14 days	Track @ home w/provided calendar
AOL	Personal Fitness	4	Review health form	Parents complete at parent mtg

Parent Meeting

Saturday afternoon parents are invited (and highly encouraged) to attend the Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA Transition presentation. Two adults are required to stay with scouts during free time. All other parents should be at the parent meeting. Parent attendance is required for Packs to earn the Honor Pack Award at the end of camp.

Topics covered include:

- Why Choose Scouting?
- Differences Between Cubs Scouts & Scouts BSA
- Troop Basics
- Troop Meetings
- Types of Troops – 2 models to choose from
- Leadership Requirements FAQ
- What is Scout-Led?
- Adult Leadership Opportunities and Getting Involved
- Girls and Scouts BSA FAQ
- Preparing for Summer Camp
- Finding a Troop

Pack Free Time

Saturday during the parents meeting is a time for Cub Scouts to play games, such as gaga ball or card games, visit the camp store, or explore camp. Be sure that Cub Scouts know the boundaries of the camp, to stay with a buddy, and let them know what time they need to be back to prepare for dinner.

Reverence and Reflection Program

Our Reverence and Reflection program is presented by the troops and highlights the Scout Law, showing appreciation and gratitude for what we have, and includes a time for reflection from our weekend activities. Packs are required to attend to earn the Honor Pack Award. It is held at the campfire bowl.

Troop and Gear Expo

At the conclusion of the Reverence and Reflection Program families will be invited to visit the dining hall for personal visits with troops and to check out the Gear Expo. This is a great time to learn about the troops in your area. The Gear Expo will have a variety of camping items on display and there will be Order of the Arrow Scouts there to answer any gear questions you may have.

Kerfuffle Relay Competition

Our final event of the weekend will start at the Parade Field. Packs will compete in a Pack activity competition to complete a variety of tasks using skills they learned over the weekend. Be prepared to tie knots, demonstrate your Scout skills, teamwork, and Scout Spirit to earn the Trail to Troop Kerfuffle award.

Closing Ceremony

At the conclusion of the Kerfuffle Competition everyone will meet at the Parade Field for awards and closing ceremony. After the closing ceremony, camp will be dismissed, and groups will pack and clean their campsites. Remember to complete the checkout process before leaving camp. Vehicles are not allowed in camp during clean-up at any time.

Honor Pack Award Specifics

This is a summer camp tradition for Scout Troops to which we want to introduce our Webelos and AOL Scouts. Each summer camp location has their own requirements to earn the honor troop ribbon. Requirements can include being on time for open/closing ceremonies and meals, attending different activities offered at camp, completing a service project, and a variety of other tasks. If earned, the honor troop ribbon is attached to the troop flag. It is meant to be challenging, not every troop will earn this award at camp. Can your pack earn the Honor Pack Ribbon at Trail to Troop to take back to your pack and add to your pack flag? It won't be easy – but you can do it!

Sample Honor Pack Award Requirements can be found on the BlackPug registration page.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What if my scout doesn't have a field uniform (Blue/Tan Shirt), can they still attend?
Yes, scouts can wear their activity uniform (pack or Scouting t-shirt) if they do not yet have a field uniform. Either uniform is acceptable at camp.

Can we come during the day on Saturday and not spend the night?
No, this is an overnight camp. Camping is part of the experience of this camp. It is essential to prepare your scouts for Scouts BSA. Check the Chief Seattle program website for alternative day program options.

What meals are provided?
Saturday lunch is provided at camp. All other meals are to be planned, brought, and prepared by the participants.

Will there be a vegetarian option for lunch?
Yes, we will have a vegetarian option available. Participants will indicate their dietary needs during registration to ensure we have enough for everyone.

What type of accommodation will be available for a group with 10 scouts plus parents? The flyer mentions tents, 2-person cabins and Adirondacks.
We will have a campsite to accommodate your group size. Campsites are assigned by camp staff in September after registration closes. We will tell you your site when you arrive. Campsites have varying accommodations. You should be prepared to sleep in a tent. There is limited space for large tents; we recommend 2-4 person tents. Every family should bring a tent. They may or may not need it. We cannot guarantee your site before arrival. If your family does not have a smaller tent, now is a great time to invest in one! It will be lots of use as they cross over to Scouts BSA.

Do we have to register as a pack, or can families register individually?
Event staff would prefer that Packs register as a group, however, families may register if they choose.

Is there a fire ring at our campsite?
Every campsite has a fire ring.

Are we allowed to have a campfire? Is wood available for a fire?
Check local regulations for burn bans. If there is no burn ban, campfires are allowed. Wood is available on site but may not be seasoned. You need to bring or make your own kindling and fire starter.