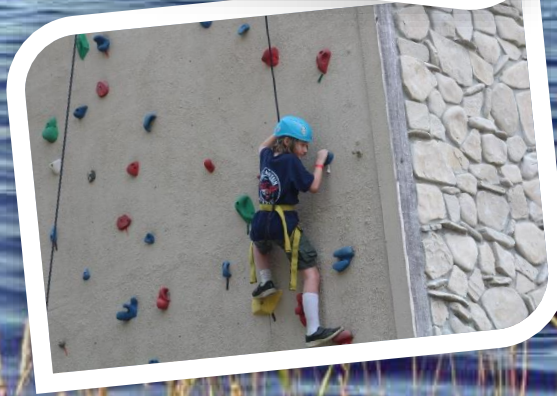


FIRE MOUNTAIN SCOUT CAMP LEADER'S GUIDE 2019



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(All information subject to change)

2019 Scouts BSA Summer Camp Schedule

Week 1: July 7 - 13

Week 2: July 14 - 20

Week 3: July 22 – 27 (Monday Start)

Week 4: July 28 - August 3

Week 5: August 4 - 10

Week 6: August 11 - 17



Fire Mountain Scout Camp
26027 Walker Valley Road
Mount Vernon, WA 98274





Dear Scouters,

Summer camp is the highlight of a Scout's year. Memories are made at camp which will last a lifetime. In this outdoor laboratory, the ideals of the Scout Oath and Law come alive in a daily whirlwind of fun and adventure. The Mount Baker Council is committed to providing the great camp troops need. Staff, facilities, and programs all support the troop, sending it home stronger and better prepared for another year of Scouting. We know troops who sign up early bring more Scouts to camp. It just stands to reason if we get on each family's calendar early, there will be fewer conflicts in schedules and more time to prepare. We have exciting plans for a great summer. Use this Leader's Guide to get ready for a great adventure.

Yours in Scouting,

Kevin Nichols

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Scout Executive, Mount Baker Council

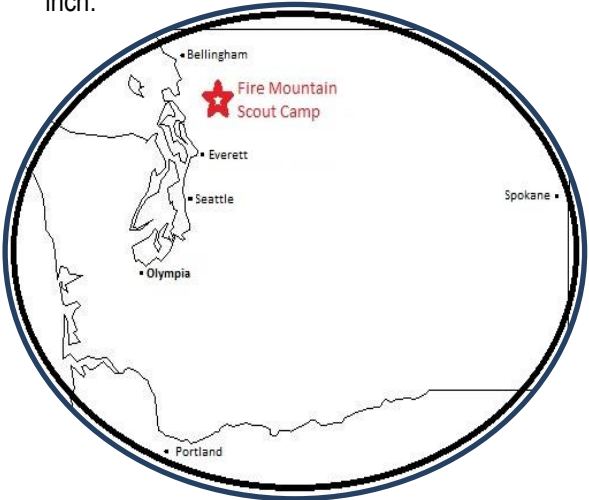
Council contact information:

Address: Mount Baker Council
1715 100th Pl SE, Suite B
Everett, WA 98208

Phone: 425-338-0380
Fax: 425-338-3477

Website: www.mountbakerbsa.org

- ◆ Located approximately 20 minutes from Mount Vernon, 50 minutes from Bellingham and 80 minutes from Seattle/105 minutes from SeaTac airport.
- ◆ Daytime temperatures during summer camp average a pleasant 73 degrees with rainfall totals at less than an inch.



EMERGENCY PHONE: 360-422-6542



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About Fire Mountain Scout Camp

Located at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains, on 665 acres nestled in the forests of scenic Walker Valley, Fire Mountain Scout Camp is home to some of the finest Scouting program opportunities in the Pacific Northwest. The patrol is the focus of the Fire Mountain program. All staff and programs are geared towards teaching the patrol method, thus strengthening year-round troop operations. Our beautiful wooded environs, temperate climate, and friendly and enthusiastic staff create the ideal setting for a great Scouting experience!

WHY IS IT CALLED “FIRE MOUNTAIN”?

Before it became a summer camp, Fire Mountain was a farm used as a staging area and base camp for fire fighters who were fighting wild fires on and around Cultus Mountain. From the base camp, fire fighters said Cultus looked like a “fire mountain” with the flames roaring around it. In 1971, the name was suggested for the new Scout camp and it stuck.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

The Mount Baker Council is committed to a camp that meets the high standards of the BSA. Fire Mountain is inspected and accredited on an annual basis. Our key camp staff members are trained at the National Camping School of the Boy Scouts of America.

HOW DO YOU GET TO FIRE MOUNTAIN SCOUT CAMP?

From the south:

Go north on I-5 to exit 221 (SR 534). Exit I-5 and head east. Continue until you reach SR 9. Turn north on SR 9 (Left at “T” intersection) and continue five miles. Look for milepost 46. Shortly after this milepost you will see Walker Valley Road. Turn right on Walker Valley Road and continue to the end of the road. The camp entrance will be on your left.

From the north:

Go south on I-5 to exit 227 (College Way). Exit I-5 and head east. Continue until you reach SR 9. Head south (right at the roundabout) and drive for approximately 3.7 miles. Look for Walker Valley Road on your left. Turn left on Walker Valley Road and continue to the end of the road. The camp entrance will be on your left.

Our address listed above can be used in most modern GPS units and smart phones for directions to camp. It is also the camp’s mailing address for sending mail to a Scout during camp. Fire Mountain has a landline phone number to its office. This phone number is only used DURING summer camp, otherwise contact the Everett Service Center at (425) 338-0380.

2019 SUMMER CAMP FEES	Mount Baker Council Scouts	Out-of-Council Scouts
All fees (adult and youth) paid in full by May 15	\$360 per scout	\$375 per scout
If paid after May 15	\$380 per scout	\$395 per scout
Fees paid at camp check-in	\$390 per scout	\$405 per scout
<i>Weeks 5 and 6 receive a \$50/Scout discount! - Provisional Scout fee is same as above fee structure.</i>		
Discount of 5%, 8% or 10% off youth fees for qualifying In-Council troops based on FOS status on April 30, 2019.		

ADULT FEES

Adults attending camp all week will pay a nominal fee of \$150 to cover the cost of food. For adults attending camp one or more days, but not the full week, the fee is \$35/day.

DEPOSITS AND FEES

Reserve your spot at camp with a \$250 non-refundable deposit per troop. This deposit assures your troop a site at summer camp but does not guarantee the site selected. Your final site selection will be based upon the number of youth attending summer camp and the capacity of the campsite selected. We will strive to meet the needs of all troops. **Registration opens January 15!**

Key Dates:

- By **February 15**, confirm your spots at camp with a \$25/Scout deposit (\$250 registration deposit = first 10 scouts; non-refundable)
- By **April 1**, a payment of \$155/Scout is due as well as \$75/adult.
- By **May 15**, the full fees for youth and adults are due.

REFUNDS

For reservation changes made prior to May 15th, fees are transferable to new Scouts. After May 15th, an administrative charge of 25% of the total registration fees, including any non-refundable deposits, will be assessed on all refunds.

Requests for refunds must be made in writing to the Mount Baker Council Service Center, 1715 100th PI SE, Suite B, Everett, WA 98208 at least 30 days prior to the start of camp. Form is now [online!](#)

No refunds are granted for requests made less than 30 days prior to camp, unless there is a medically documented illness/injury, death in the family or the family moves out of the area. To receive consideration for these cases, the online refund request form must be submitted before or upon arrival at camp. Access the Summer Camp Refund Request link on www.mountbakerbsa.org.

EXTRA MEALS

If your troop will have adults present for the day who will join you for meals, please inform the camp director prior to the meal. Pay for extra meals at the camp trading post.

Breakfast: \$6 • Lunch: \$5 • Dinner: \$9 • All day: \$20

PROVISIONAL CAMPER

Scouts who are not able to attend summer camp with their troop or who would like to go a second week, can sign up as a Provisional Camper. They will join a host troop for the week, participating in troop/patrol activities, meals and duties, but will sign up for merit badges independently. Provisional Campers will coordinate with the host troop for pre-camp communication and check-in/check-out arrangements. Scouts may sign up with a buddy, and a parent may opt to attend. (Adults must be BSA registered with current Youth Protection Training.) If more than 3 Scouts from the same unit are registering as Provisionals, it is possible they may be hosted in separate campsites, or a unit leader should attend with them. The Provisional Camper registration form is located on the council website under Camp Forms.

Opportunity Fund Camp Grants

Every youth deserves the opportunity to attend summer camp. A family's financial situation should never be a reason for a Scout to miss out on this opportunity for growth and adventure.

The Opportunity Fund is financed by friends and Scouters who want to ensure Scouts have the chance to go to camp.

Opportunity Fund camp grants are available for Scouts registered in the Mount Baker Council. Apply online via the Opportunity Fund Camp Grant link on the council website.

Application deadline for camp grants is April 15.

Scouts applying for camp grants should have participated in the council-wide popcorn sales and have good attendance with their troop.

PRE-CAMP WEBINARS

Please attend a pre-camp webinar before your arrival at camp. Dates and times for webinars will be posted in the Program Guide coming out in spring. Attend whichever leaders' webinar works best for your schedule. Ideally, your troop leader and Senior Patrol Leader should both attend the pre-camp webinar to discuss any changes, new information, programs, merit badges and procedures, as well as any dietary needs. Once finalized, the camp daily schedule and menu will be posted on the registration site and in Camp Forms at www.mountbakerbsa.org.

Planning for Camp

Six to twelve months before camp

- Discuss with Scouts what they want to do and accomplish as camp.
- Research camp options and decide which one meets the needs and wants of your unit.
- Make your unit reservation
- Discuss camp planning with unit committee
- Talk with parents and Scouts about paying for camp.

January

- Secure leadership. At least two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required, we recommend a ratio of one adult per eight youth. All adults staying 72 hours or more (not necessarily consecutive) must be BSA registered leaders, with a completed background check. ALL adults have current Youth Protection training. (Within last 12 months for MBC adults.)
- Promote camp at troop meetings
- Ask older Scouts if they'd like to work on camp staff. Applications are available on our website.
- Set up payment plan to collect fees from families to meet council payment dates. Provide Opportunity Fund form to those who wish to apply for financial assistance (Mount Baker Council only).
- Remind families of need for updated medical forms from each participant, including physical exams. Provide access to official Medical Form.

February

- Collect fees for **February 15 payment**
- Share information about summer camp with Webelos who are coming to your troop

March

- Review leader's guide with camp leadership, troop committee, and SPL
- Obtain final commitments from adult camp leaders
- Collect fees for **April 1 payment**

April

- Download Program Guide and hold discussion with Scouts on goals and desired activities at camp
- Have Scouts make merit badges choices
- Talk about program dates and times with parents
- Provide blank Special Needs forms to participants with special needs
- Check with your council for updated insurance information
- Plan for transportation to and from camp

May

- Reconfirm number of Scouts attending camp and verify reservation with council office. Dropped Scouts after May 15 are subject to 25% refund fee.
- Collect fees and make full payment to council by **May 15**
- Preorder camper t-shirts by May 15th
- Supply Scouts with camp packing list
- Hold summer camp meeting to share information with parents – when, where, costs, emergency contacts, how to send mail, what merit badges/activities their Scout is planning.

June

- Participate in pre-camp webinar
- Reconfirm adult leadership for camp and review adult leader responsibilities, rules and procedures. Notify council office if any leader contact info has changed.
- Submit special needs form to Everett Service Center by June 15
- Meet with youth and parents to discuss camp expectation, rules, and procedures. Explain actions to be taken if problems arise at camp.
- Secure transportation to and from camp
- Meet with families of Scouts not attending
- Confirm with Everett Service Center that all camp fees are paid
- Inventory troop and patrol equipment

Three weeks before departure

- Verify that all youth, and all adults staying more than 72 hours total, are registered members of BSA
- Collect BSA medical forms from each participant. Forms must have parent and physician signature within last 12 months. School or sports physical forms will NOT be accepted.
- Gather current unit insurance policy info
- Complete/update unit roster

Two days before departure

- Confirm transportation to and from camp
- Recheck all medical forms for signatures
- Hold inspection of personal packs and patrol gear
- Pack troop gear
- Double check troop roster and make 2 copies to turn in to camp
- Gather recent camp statements and receipts

Departure day

- Inspect youth personal packs, bags, and gear
- Verify and bring troop roster (2 copies), receipts, and all paperwork to camp
- Collect any medical forms that have not been turned in. Note: participants without a medical form with current parent and doctor signature will not be able to check in.
- Ensure all medication brought to camp is in the original container and labelled with name and troop number. Verify permission is given for all medication.
- Determine reasons for unexpected absences of youth and prepare a refund request form to be given to business manager at check-in. Refund requests not previously submitted the Everett Service Center, must be turned in upon arrival at camp
- Reconfirm transportation for camp departure.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Many people have asked what makes one camp better than another. Every Boy Scout camp has a waterfront, archery range, rifle range, nature trails, and campsites. Most have boating, first year emphasis programs, and specialized high adventures. What is the difference? The answer is almost a resounding: "The Staff!" It is truly the staff of a Boy Scout camp which makes it successful. Fire Mountain Scout Camp is always in search of talented, enthusiastic, and motivated individuals who are committed to making a difference in the lives of Scouts. For youth and adult applications, go to www.mountbakerbsa.org/camping/fire-mountain-scout-camp/camp-staff-information/

Apply for a Camp Staff Job Now!

These are a few of the frequently expressed reasons to work at camp:

- Make lots of new friends both in and out of state.
- Spend a summer in the great outdoors.
- Learn new skills which will last a lifetime.
- Be part of an effective team and cooperate with others to get things done.
- Learn to lead others.
- Earn the satisfaction of doing a job well.
- Work with youth and adults of all ages.
- Serve others (the most noble and fulfilling pursuit of all).
- Give something back for the opportunities you have received.
- Live in a wholesome environment based on the Scout Oath and Law.
- Have meaningful spiritual experiences.
- Have the advice, counsel, and support of senior staff who are dedicated to helping you succeed.
- Be considered for jobs of greater responsibility and receive letters of recommendation for other pursuits.

WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT FIRE MOUNTAIN SCOUT CAMP

Check-in begins at 1 p.m. on Sunday. Camp staff will greet your troop in the parking lot and guide you to your site and through the check-in process. If you arrive early, please wait in the parking lot until staff arrives to escort you into camp. Prior to 1 p.m., staff is busy preparing for your arrival.

Troops will be checked in as a single unit, not by individual camper. While you are waiting, you should consolidate troop equipment into one vehicle, as **one vehicle from each unit will be allowed to make a trip into the campsite**. All other vehicles will unload in the parking lots and enter camp through the trail. The trail into camp admin is $\frac{1}{3}$ mile, and campsites are another $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ mile. There are a few camp wheelbarrows. Troop wagons may be helpful.

- Scouts and leaders will grab their packs and your troop guide will take your troop to your campsite and on a tour of camp.
- Scouts should have their swimsuits and towels at the top of their packs so they can be ready to change for a BSA swim test. See the *Boy Scout Handbook* for BSA swim test requirements.
- Scoutmasters should bring their check-in paperwork and medical forms to Skagit Shelter as soon as they have put their personal gear away in the campsite.

MONDAY MORNING CHECK-IN

Monday arrival check-in time is 6:30 a.m., with the goal to have your troop ready for flags and breakfast. **Please wait in the parking lot for your troop guide**. The Scoutmaster or designated adult leader will complete the troop's check-in paperwork with the camp business manager upon arrival.

Your troop will be guided to their campsite to drop off gear and get a brief overview of camp before heading up to morning flags and breakfast. Issues with merit badge schedules will be addressed after breakfast. Swim checks will be conducted during open time, excepts for those Scouts taking an aquatics merit badge who will be tested at the beginning of their class.

EARLY ARRIVALS

If you are travelling more than four hours or have a religious conflict you may request to arrive after 5PM the evening prior to camp start. Early arrivals must be prearranged through the council office. All program areas are closed. No unattended youth outside of the campsite.

In order for swim checks and camp tours to begin on time, it is imperative that the check-in process be completed expeditiously. To assist this process, have your paperwork completed before your arrival.

REQUIRED FOR CHECK-IN

- Unit Roster - 2 copies (one for medic, one for Admin) Please include all youth, adults and visitors you expect during the week.
- BSA Annual Health and Medical Record completed for all individuals staying in camp for the week or just part of the week. Parts A & B are completed by a parent or guardian, and Part C must be completed by a licensed medial practitioner. All parts must have been completed within the last 12 months. (See the Medical Forms section on page 12 for more details.)
- Youth Protection training report for all adults in camp. Print from My.Scouting (Training Manager) or Internet Advancement (Review Unit Roster in upper left)
- Unit Membership List – a list of all people currently registered with your unit. Print this from Internet Advancement or My.Scouting, or you can contact your local District Executive or council office.
- Refund requests – for last minute cancellations or no shows complete online form at check-in.
- Receipts for recent payments/camp statement – in case of discrepancies with camp's payment report.
- Method of payment for outstanding fees – check, cash or credit card accepted.

DEPARTURE HOME

Saturday morning, your troop guide will meet you in your campsite. The troop guide will complete a final campsite inspection and inventory report with a unit leader to ensure there are no damages or issues. If any damage is found that is not regular wear and tear, the camp director and ranger will assess the damages and the unit may be charged. Be checked out and ready to celebrate with a final flag ceremony and send off at 10 a.m.

Before departing, the unit leader should:

- Ensure the campsite is clean and in better condition than you found it
- Check lost and found!
- Turn in a camp evaluation form
- Pay any outstanding fees to the business manager
- Make reservations for next year
- Submit final campsite inspection form to receive blue card packet, patches and medical forms.

TRANSPORTATION & PARKING

Stringent rules have helped reduce the risk of vehicle-related accidents in camp. Our staff takes the rules regarding vehicles, trailers and driving in camp very seriously. To keep all our Scouts safe, and ensure that driving in camp will continue to be allowed, please follow our vehicle use policies.

Please follow all guidelines and procedures outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting when travelling to and from camp. <https://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/GS/S/qss11.aspx>

When you arrive at Fire Mountain, camp staff will direct you to the parking lot where staff will assist with parking. One vehicle per troop will be allowed into camp to unload gear. If you arrive early, this is a good time to consolidate troop gear.

- Camp speed limit is 5mph. Our roads are also main walking trails; watch for pedestrians.
- No vehicles are allowed in the campsites. Pull to the side of the road and unload at the trailhead into your site. For Scout safety, do NOT move the barricades protecting campsite entrances.
- Seatbelts must be worn. No one may ride in truck beds, trailers, campers, etc. where a standard seatbelt is unavailable.
- Non-medical personal transportation (golf cart, ATVs, etc.) are not allowed, except by ranger/staff.
- Neither adults nor youth may stay in RVs in the parking lot during camp. Adults responsibilities to chaperone and provide safety cannot be fulfilled from the parking lot.
- Store valuables out of sight or with you, and keep vehicles and trailers locked. Mount Baker Council is not responsible for loss or damage to vehicles, trailers, or their contents while parked on camp property; or while driving on camp roads.
- After check-in, all troop vehicles and trailers will remain in the camp's parking lot. No private vehicles are allowed in campsites or anywhere in camp while camp is in session. Individuals with mobility issues may turn in a Special Needs form requesting parking near Admin. A state issued disability permit or license plate does not automatically allow in-camp parking and parking at camp sites is not permitted.

LEAVING/ENTERING CAMP MID-WEEK

All persons entering or leaving camp must sign in or out in the Admin building. Adult leaders may come and go from camp as needed provided the unit still maintains 2-deep leadership in camp.

Adults entering camp mid-week to assume leadership must be on the unit roster, Unit Membership List, YPT training list, and have a current BSA medical form. Adult day visitors who do not meet these requirements should be in the company of a registered adult leader.

Scouts are encouraged to remain in camp for the entire duration of the camp session. If a situation should arise that makes it necessary for a Scout to leave camp property, the Scout with their troop leader must check out with the camp director or program director. The camp director or program director *and* troop leader will verify that the person taking the Scout has proper permission. The Scout will then be released into the custody of a parent or authorized adult. If the adult picking up the Scout is not a parent, the parents must provide written permission for that adult to pick up the Scout and follow Youth Protection guidelines.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

Troops must maintain 2-deep leadership in camp, even when sharing a campsite, unless prior arrangements are made with the camp director. Two adults must be at least 21 years old, BSA registered and trained. All additional adults must be 18+ and have Youth Protection training.

Starting June 1, 2018, BSA national policy now requires that any adult present 72 hours or more (not necessarily consecutive) must be registered as a BSA leader with a completed criminal background check (CBC) and current Youth Protection training (YPT). In Mount Baker Council, YPT must be taken within the last 12 months to be considered current. Note that a CBC may take up to 2 weeks to come back, so plan accordingly. Troops must provide documentation at check-in showing current BSA registration for all adults staying 2 or more nights and current YPT for all adults who will be in camp during the week.

Under no circumstances may a troop be left without adult leadership in camp. If a troop's leaders must leave camp, they must arrange with the camp director or program director for coverage of the troop. Anyone leaving camp under this condition must sign out with the camp director or program director and sign in upon return.

SENDING MAIL TO CAMP

Scouts, leaders, and staff can receive and send mail during their stay at camp. Please be sure to include a return address on all letters and packages so they can be returned if they arrive after your Scout departs camp.

Note: Your troop number and council name are extremely important. The address for sending mail to camp is:

(Name of Scout)
(Troop Number and Council Name)
c/o Fire Mountain Scout Camp
26027 Walker Valley Rd
Mount Vernon, WA 98274

HOMESICK SCOUTS

First-year Scouts (and even returners) can become homesick while at camp. Your Scoutmaster likely has experience with this and can help address your concerns. Some tips for success:

- Phone calls or visits often **make it worse**.
- Give your scout **positive support**, "We know you can do this!"
- **Avoid** deals, "Try it for one night, and then we'll see"
- Consider a mid-week letter with **encouraging words** (Pro-Tip: send it **with them** in a sealed envelope!)

VISITORS' DAY

Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Friday night BBQ and campfire. Visiting Scouts during the week disrupts the focus of the patrol and may also contribute to homesickness. Please limit your visit to visitors' day. There are no overnight accommodations for visitors not registered with the unit. Exceptions for individual drivers who arrive Friday night for Saturday departure may be arranged with the camp director. Visitors park in the main lot and take the trail into camp. A state issued disability permit does not automatically allow a vehicle to drive into or park in camp.

Siblings/Children of adult campers - Youth who are not registered with a unit attending camp may not stay in camp, except during visitors' day.

THE WORLD-FAMOUS FIRE MOUNTAIN CHICKEN BBQ

Each Friday evening, the friendly Fire Mountain staff will greet you at Skagit Shelter for an outstanding outdoor BBQ for all Scouts, leaders, and visitors. Friday's BBQ is set for 6:30 p.m. to accommodate for Friday traffic. Visiting families must **make reservations online** no later than 12 pm on the Tuesday prior to the Friday feast.

The Full Cluck (11+): \$10 • Spring Chicken (4-10): \$5 • Ball o' Fluff (0-3): Free

What to bring to camp

Some items below might be worn to camp (i.e. Scout uniform). Put your name and troop number on everything, so misplaced items can be easily located in lost and found.

Troop/Patrol Gear

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> National flag | <input type="checkbox"/> Props for skits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop flag | <input type="checkbox"/> Dutch oven (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patrol flag(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Charcoal briquettes (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lanterns | <input type="checkbox"/> Axe-yard supplies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tarps | <input type="checkbox"/> Camp cook gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rope | <input type="checkbox"/> Troop first aid box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Troop library | |

Personal Gear

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current medical form | <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear (1 per day) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit & towel (PACK ON TOP) | <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (1 pair per day) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money for program fees & materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money | <input type="checkbox"/> Extra shoes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack | <input type="checkbox"/> Class A uniform (hanger) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Daypack | <input type="checkbox"/> OA sash (if member) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Canteen/water bottle with carrying strap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping pad | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight/extra batteries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout knife |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sweatshirt/jacket | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil/paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Raingear | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout handbook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch |
| <input type="checkbox"/> T-shirts | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shorts | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent |

Toiletries

- Comb/brush
- Toothbrush/tooth-paste
- Deodorant

Please Leave At home

Weapons, fireworks, pets, valuable items, and all electronic devices including: radios, CD's, MP3 players, PSPs, tablets, etc. (unless needed for a merit badge)

YOUR CAMPSITE...IS YOUR HOME!

The campsite is where Scouting begins at Fire Mountain Scout Camp. The opportunities for improving Scout skills and advancement are tremendous. An important thing for a troop leader to remember at Fire Mountain is that advancement can be brought into your own campsite.

Camp shelters: All shelters are in great condition and we expect them to be treated with respect and care. No flames in tents or camp shelters. Please consult your commissioner or troop guide if you have any problems with your campsite.

Toilet buildings and wash stand: Each campsite has its own kybo, which should be swept out daily and cleaned at least twice during the week. The kybo should be swept and washed out before Saturday departure as well. Cleaning supplies are provided. After each use of the facilities, make sure the toilet lid is shut and the door is closed. To acquire more toilet paper, ask a commissioner or your troop guide. The wash stand should also be cleaned daily by the troop.

Shower Facilities: "A Scout is Clean". We hope that each Scout will use the shower facility regularly during his stay at camp. There are three shower facilities. There must be separate showers for each individual. Under no circumstances are adults to shower with the Scouts.

Fire Tools: Each campsite has one set of fire tools in the campsite. These tools include a shovel, rake, and water bucket. A broom is also provided to help the Scouts keep their shelters and kybos clean. Please report any broken items to the commissioner, who will arrange for a replacement.

We have deep, metal-ringed fire pits which generally allows camp to have cooking fires with briquettes even during burn bans. No unattended fires allowed in campsites. An adult must be present to have a campfire in the campsites. A troop's fireguard plan must be posted and followed.

RULES OF CAMP

The primary rules at Fire Mountain Scout Camp are the Scout Oath and Law. The following information is presented as clarification based on past experiences in camp.

1. Use the buddy system.
2. Stay inside camp boundaries.
3. Wear close-toed shoes at all times. Flip-flops may be worn IN the shower house, not walking to it.
4. Scouts with their Totin' Chip may carry multi-tools or folding pocket knives. Camp does not allow the use of sheath knives. Please, no hatchets.
5. Do not cut live or downed trees.
6. Respect others' and camp's property, keeping it free from damage and defacement.

PROHIBITED ITEMS

- No firearms, ammunition or weapons of any type (including bows) may be brought to camp.
- No fireworks allowed at camp.
- Smoking, vaping, e-cigs, juuls are not allowed in front of Scouts; restricted to adults in the designated area.
- Any person using alcohol, marijuana and/or illegal drugs will be dealt with by the camp director and police.
- Pets of any type are not permitted at camp. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed. Please notify the camp management or Everett Service Center if you require a service animal in camp.

MEDICAL & SAFETY

The camp director will go over emergency procedures on the first day of camp. Camp staff are trained to deal with emergency situations according to established protocols; adult leaders can help by remaining calm, following directions, and lending a helping hand when needed.

Camp staff strives to run their program as safely as possible, but accidents and illness can happen even when every precaution is taken. Our camp equips and operates a health lodge that is staffed by a qualified Health Officer who lives on-site and is available 24-hours a day to treat minor injuries and

illnesses. If advanced medical care is necessary, the camp management will help you as the situation requires.

Nearest advanced medical care:

- Skagit Valley Hospital – open 24 hours/day
300 Hospital Parkway
- Skagit Regional Clinics - Urgent Care
weekdays 7:30 – 7:30, Sat/Sun 8:00 – 4:00
1400 Kincaid Rd, Mount Vernon
(360) 428-6434

BSA MEDICAL FORMS

All Scouts and adults are required to bring a current and complete BSA 'Annual Health and Medical Record' **with all required signatures** with them to camp. Only the official BSA medical form is accepted – do not use other medical forms or reports. **Part A** requires a parent signature for youth. **Part C** is signed by an appropriate medical professional as defined in the instructions on top of the form.

Signatures are valid for one year, through the end of the month in which they were signed by the physician. They must remain valid through a scout's entire week at camp.

Part A, B and C are required for all Scouts **and** all adults staying in camp more than 72 hours *cumulatively* during the week. If staying *less than* 72 hours total, only Part A and B are required. Medical forms will be held in the health lodge during camp and need to be picked up on the last day.

SPECIAL NEEDS

The Fire Mountain Scout Camp staff does its best to address the needs of our Scouts, leaders, and parents. However, there are times when either lack of prior communication or severity of needs provides challenges that are difficult to overcome with the limited resources available at camp.

Special needs forms must be submitted by June 15. Late notification may affect our ability to meet the requested needs. The [special needs online form](http://www.mountbakerbsa.org) is available on our website at www.mountbakerbsa.org.

MOBILITY ISSUES

Most program areas and several campsites are accessible using motorized or push wheelchairs. Turn in our special needs form as early as possible so we can do our best to accommodate your troop's needs.

CPAP MACHINES

None of our campsites are equipped with electricity. CPAP machines at camp have to be run off a portable battery system, such as a 12-volt automotive-type battery, using an inverter available at most electronics supply stores. You will also need a charger to charge your battery during the day. We recommend bringing a cart or some other means of transporting the battery and charger to the nearest power supply each morning. Use of extension cords is not allowed, so all charging must be done in designated locations. Ask the staff which recharging location is closest to your campsite.

DIETARY NEEDS

Special dietary needs should be notated on our special needs form and turned into the Everett Service Center as soon as possible. In the case of extreme allergies or multiple allergies, it may be necessary for a Scout or adult leader to bring their own food to camp to supplement the menu.

FOOD SERVICE

Fire Mountain kitchen staff works hard to provide meals that are healthy and varied; we are proud to maintain our kitchen as a **nut-free facility**. We will do our best to accommodate your food needs, but keep in mind that as we prepare and serve three meals a day for several hundred people, there is limited staff, time and budget to address all needs.

The camp menu will be posted on the website in late spring and will include options for gluten free, dairy free and vegetarian. If anyone in your unit has special food needs, please make sure they fill out a Special Needs form. The kitchen staff only prepares the alternative menu options if someone requests them by filling out the Special Needs form. Returning your form by the June 15 due date allows the kitchen manager time to order sufficient alternative menu ingredients for each week.

If a Scout or an adult has a very specific diet, severe allergies, multiple food limitations, or a sensitivity not covered in our alternative menus, they may want to consider bringing their own food to supplement what is served at camp. Participants are not allowed to prepare food or cook in the camp's kitchen, but the camp is able to store a small cooler or box of food in the kitchen so it's on hand during meals. Check with the camp before you arrive if you have any questions or concerns. If a Special Needs form is turned in early and includes a phone number, the kitchen manager can contact the family directly to discuss what the camp can offer and what the family will need to provide. Prior knowledge allows us to plan better, so you can plan better. Turn in forms by June 15.

If a Scout or adult with special food needs does not let the kitchen staff know about their special needs ahead of time, then it could take a meal or two before their needs can be accommodated. In that case, it is up to the unit to supply what the individual needs. As previously mentioned, camp orders supplies in advance for the needs they are aware of, so return your Special Needs forms on time!

TRADING POST

The trading post at Fire Mountain Scout Camp offers a wide range of items to meet most of your needs including: merit badge pamphlets, craft kits, whistles, lacing/paracord, hats, t-shirts, belts, archery supplies, snacks, ice cream, drinks, flashlights, Scout knives, fire-starters, camp equipment, walking sticks, sunscreen, insect repellent, stamps, and batteries. About \$60 per Scout should be enough to meet most souvenir and other needs while at camp. Additional funds may be needed for shooting and some high adventure activities. Cash, credit/debit cards and checks accepted. The trading post will be closed during flags and mealtimes.



PATHFINDERS PROGRAM

Research has proven that Scouts who earn First Class rank within the first year after joining are more likely to stay in Scouts and achieve higher ranks. Our Pathfinders program is specially designed with this in mind. It teaches basic outdoor skills while introducing them to Scouting and Fire Mountain Scout Camp. Beyond Scout skills, they may also practice:

- Patrol method
- Scout spirit
- Physical fitness
- Aquatics
- Camping and outdoor ethics
- Woods Tools
- First aid skills
- Leadership
- Cooking
- Citizenship

The Pathfinders program is staffed with assistance from adult troop leadership. Boys participating in this program should bring their Boy Scout Handbook with them to camp and their Pathfinder sessions. Adults should encourage new Scouts to explore the many program areas offered at camp.



ADVANCEMENT

Mount Baker Council policies and procedures follow the Guide to Advancement for rank and merit badge programs at summer camp. Knowing that merit badges can be crucial building blocks to a Scout's success, our camp strives to offer quality merit badge instruction

The Program Guide will include a schedule of merit badges, programs, and activities offered at camp. The schedule will include details such as cost, prerequisites and minimum age requirements. Boy Scouts should plan to work on 3 – 4 merit badges; more than that can detract from enjoying the full summer camp experience. Merit badges, activities, programs and times are subject to change, but whenever possible troops will be notified of changes before they arrive at camp. Please check the Program Guide periodically for updates.

Many merit badges require significant time or skill to complete at camp. As your Scouts consider which merit badges to pursue at camp, keep in mind their attention span, experience, rank goals and energy level. Not all merit badges *can* be completed at camp and sometimes a Scout will not be *able* to finish a merit badge within the week, resulting in a partial merit badge. Please reinforce that partial are NOT failures. The Scout can continue to work on the partial for as long as they are a Scout.

RESOURCES FOR CAMP

Guide to Advancement

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/33088.pdf

Merit Badge requirements

www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx

Rank requirements

www.scouting.org/filestore/boyscouts/pdf/524-012_BS_Requirements_WEB.pdf

Guide to Safe Scouting

www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34416.pdf

Youth Protection information

www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx

Washington State travel alerts

www.wsdot.com/traffic/trafficalerts/

Explore Skagit Valley – things to do before/during/after camp

www.visitskagitvalley.com

One man's summer camp advice for Scouters 😊

<http://scoutmastercg.com/summer-camp-advice/>