

From the Director's Desk

Scouting is as much fun as you want to make it



Don't let being serious keep you from connecting with Scouts

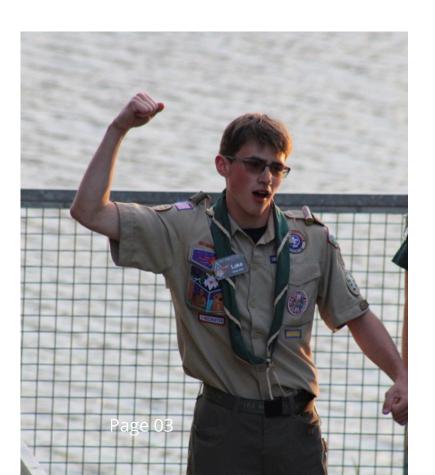
This is Miles. He was our Aquatics Director this summer. The waterfront is one of the most dangerous places at any camp, and Miles took his job very seriously. But pictured here is Don Chickalot... a kind of knight character concerned with the honor of the most noble chicken. My point is that however serious Mile's job on the waterfront may have been, he never let that get int he way of connecting with a Scout.

My challenge to all scouts, leaders, and staff at Fire Mountain is to never let the seriousness of a given moment keep us from making an impact on our fellow scouts. Having fun and making those connections can open so many possibilities for growth. Don't forget that Scouting is a game... a game with a purpose, and GAMES ARE FUN!

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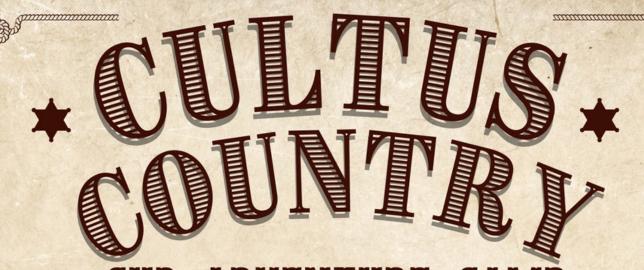
2026 is shaping up to be a real hoot!

Don't get us wrong, day camp is great! BUT there really is nothing like being out in the woods with your scouts around a campfire soaking up all that nature has to offer. Cub Adventure Camp is a three day overnight camp where your Cub Scouts are fully immersed in the story we craft.

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Your Cub will travel through time and use their imagination to face down new challenges and struggles. In a short time, they will be heading off to camp for a week at a time for Scouts BSA camp and this overnight Cub program is designed for them (and you) to start preparing for that adventure in a truly fun and meaningful way!

Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org/firemountain



CUB ADVENTURE CAMP



★ 8-11 JULY, 2026 ★

SWIMMING-BOATING-BB&ARCHERY-GAMES-CRAFTS HIKING-CAMPFIRE-STORY FILLED ADVENTURE

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 1, 2026

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District Arrow of Light Campouts

Preparing the

way to bridge to

Scouts BSA



SCOUTS

While not all of these district lead events are happening at Fire Mountain, it's important to us here on the Mountain that YOU know why bringing your Arrow of Light Scout or your Scout Troop is important. For going on about thirty years one of the largest drops of in youth membership has been around 5th grade. These AOL scouts are SO close to crossing over, but instead of finding a troop they drop out of Scouting. This is often because they don't know what's on the other side of that bridge, and they are afraid it's more "Cub Scout stuff." We got to make them taste the adventure that is waiting for them. These weekend events are for that purpose: to build that excitement and show that there is WAY more to Scouting than "more Cub Scout stuff."



Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org

Sept. 27



Merit Badge Madness is a daylong Merit Badge clinic held at Fire Mountain. Scouts sign up to visit camp for the day and work on a single MB class from 9AM until 5PM (some classes may vary on end time) with a break for lunch.

scoutingevent.com/606-madness25



Seasonal staff are the heartbeat of camp—leading adventures, building friendships, and making a difference in the lives of Scouts. Open to youth 14 and older as well as adults, camp staff are the reason all our events and programs are possible. Whether you're looking for leadership experience, outdoor skills, or just a summer of fun, there's a place for you on the Fire Mountain team!

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Have you ever wondered what goes bump in the night? Better yet - who is screaming as they go down the zip line?

Join us for a special zip line program! You will start by checking in at the James E West Admin building before heading to the harnessing shelter to get ready for the zip line. So far, this isn't all that different than our normal night zip program many have done at Scout Camp. BUT, then you must make your way to the zip tower... in the dark. Not a difficult hike at all, except this is a little too close to Halloween... and that means those things that go bump in the night are OUT and ready to help you on your way. This program is designed for middle and high school youth (11 and older.)

(NOTE: In past years, Fire Mountain has hosted a Halloween-themed program for younger Scouts. While we will not be running that event this year, we are excited to share that plans are underway for a brand-new community festival at Fire Mountain in 2026)





Fire Mountain Scout Camp



PER ZIP RIDE

OCTOBER

7-11PM

Mount Baker Council

OPEN TO ALL AGE 11 AND UP

26027 Walker Valley Road Mout Vernon, WA 98274

Must be 70 lbs min 275 lbs max to ride the zipline with wind and other factors affecting the ride 100% refund if ride is refused due to safety concerns.

REGISTER TODAY @ SCOUTINGEVENT.COM/606-TRAILOFTERROR25



How to Use Cub Adventure Day

Cub Adventure Day is all about making good on the promises we make when recruiting a family to join Scouting. We have all been there, sitting at a table for a back to school event saying things like, "do you like fishing?" or, "Want to shoot a BB gun?" and WHY NOT?! The outdoors is the number one thing kids join Scouting to do! The trick is we have to make good on these promises.

Cub Adventure Day is our way at to help YOU make good on all those promises.

SO don't be shy asking kids to join, don't be afraid to throw out the idea of catching a fish, or shooting a bow and arrow. On the first weekend of October, come to Fire Mountain for a FREE day and do just that. Parents can come and see the whole world their new Scout can learn look forward to and why they should volunteer to be part of such an amazing movement.

Got a kid on the fence about joining? Bring them to Fire Mountain and let the magic work.

Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org/firemountain



Join us for a journey filled with exploration, fun, and connection with nature. Register for your adventure today and experience the great outdoors like never before!

FISHING | RANGE ACTIVITES | CLIMBING

October 4, 2025 10AM - 4PM @ Fire Mountain Scout Camp

FIND OUT MORE @

www.mountbakerscouting.org/firemountain



What is Adventure Day? A fun day at Fire Mountain, open to all kids K-5th grade. Activities include: archery, BB guns, fishing, hiking, crafts, field sports, bouldering, and much more.

Held each fall at Fire Mountain the event lasts most of the day. Come for an hour or stay for the whole day. Scouts are invited to attend for as long as they want. Registration is not required, though we do ask parents to check their youth in when they arrive.

Who is invited: All youth K-5th grade including but not only current Cub Scouts (regardless of grade). Siblings and parents are welcome too. All scouts are encouraged to bring a friend and introduce them to all the great things Scouting has to offer.

Cost: FREE

When: First Saturday of October Where: Fire Mountain Scout Camp!

A concession stand will be open or bring a sack lunch! The Turner General Store will also be open. Where: Fire Mountain Scout Camp. 26027 Walker Valley Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98274

REGISTER TODAY



The Order of the Arrow

Order of the Arrow Induction Weekend – Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge



The Induction Weekend is the entry point into Scouting's National Honor Society. For many Scouts, it is both a challenge and a turning point.

During the weekend, candidates take part in meaningful tests of service and reflection: silence for personal growth, a night under the stars, simple meals, and hours of cheerful service improving camp. Each element is designed to build humility, endurance, and commitment to others.

Powerful ceremonies mark the journey, welcoming candidates into the brotherhood of the Order of the Arrow. By the end, Scouts not only join Sikhs Mox Lamonti Lodge but also gain lasting lessons of leadership, community, and service that will guide them far beyond Scouting.

The Order of the Arrow reminds us that true leadership is born from service, and that the greatest honor in Scouting is giving of yourself to others

Wilderness Remote First Aid

Be Prepared When Help Is Hours Away: Wilderness Remote First Aid at Fire Mountain



The Wilderness Remote First Aid (WRFA) course at Fire Mountain equips Scouts and leaders with the skills needed to handle medical emergencies when help is hours away. Over two intensive days, participants learn practical, hands-on techniques for assessing injuries, stabilizing patients, improvising with limited supplies, and making safe decisions in the backcountry. Taught in the unique outdoor environment of Fire Mountain, the course emphasizes real-life scenarios and teamwork, preparing participants not just to respond, but to lead confidently in challenging wilderness situations. Completion of WRFA is required for many high-adventure treks and provides valuable knowledge that extends far beyond Scouting.

Wilderness Remote First Aid empowers Scouts and leaders to stay calm, act decisively, and save lives when the nearest help is miles away.

Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org/firemountain

Help Needed!

Volunteer to help with Range and Target Activities & COPE/Climbing



With the launch of our new WKND program, we need a lot of help from trained individuals to help with BB guns, Archery and Rifle Shooting, as well as Climbing and COPE on Saturdays. Do you have an interest in helping? We need you! Training is available.

Contact us to volunteer:

Range & Target: Paul Viscocky mbc.ssc@outlook.com COPE/Climbing: Jolynn Garrett jandtgarrett@gmail.com

Running a range and helping Scouts to climb is a fun and exciting way to enjoy Scouting at Fire Mountain!

ScoutsBSA Summer Camp 2026

Sign up for ScoutsBSA Summer Camp 2026

In the coming weeks, for the second year in a row, EVERY Scout BSA Family in the Mount Baker Council will receive a letter and \$100 off coupon to attend summer camp. Now is the time for your troop to choose to come to camp for an amazing summer camp experience. We encourage all our Mount Baker Council Scouts BSA troops to zip their way into a great summer camp experience this summer. Troops are coming to Fire Mountain from all over the country so sign up now before it is too late.



Back of Card

\$100 discount can only be used for Scouts registered in the Mount baker council.

Must be used in summer of 2025 or 2026.

Valid for ScoutsBSA summer camp only. Not valid for NYLT or MB badge academy. Not valid for any other programs.

No cash value. Not transferable.



Cover Photo Contest

Win a Fire Mountain Mug



Capture the Spirit of Fire Mountain – Photo Contest!
We're looking for the next cover photo of Today on the Mountain, and it could be yours!
Enter our Fire Mountain Photo Contest for a chance to showcase your best shot and win a Fire Mountain mug.

What we're looking for:

- Photos of Scouts at Fire Mountain in uniform or Fire Mountain shirts
- Scenic images that highlight the beauty of camp

Who can enter:

Any Scout, Cub Scout, adult leader, or friend of Fire Mountain is eligible. Submit your favorite photo and help us tell the story of camp through your lens. The winning photo will appear on the cover of Today on the Mountain and the winner will receive a limited-edition Fire Mountain mug!

Email photos to Fire.Mountain@scouting.org along with your name and contact info to enter.

Coming soon!

2026 brings WKND program to Fire Mtn



The Fire Mountain WKND program is all about making camp more accessible and useful for our units all year long. Instead of just waiting for the "big" events, Scouts and leaders can count on a dependable Core program every weekend—flags, campfires, chapel, and a true Fire Mountain welcome—plus open museum and store hours as well as other little touches that make it feel like a full camp experience. On top of that, we rotate in electives that actually get Scouts excited: Service Saturdays with hands-on projects, Range Days to get out and hit targets, COPE and Climbing Days for a real challenge, and the Fire Mountain Institute with skill-building and training for both youth and adults. Add-on programs like IOLS, BALOO, Wood Badge, or even district events can plug right into the weekend without losing that camp wide fellowship. With trained staff keeping the program consistent and high-energy, leaders don't have to stress over what's happening when—they can bring their unit out on the weekend that works for them and know it'll be a Fire Mountain experience every time.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

Scouts First, Adventure Always

