



Get Cubs Outside in Wet Weather

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Discover how easy and fun winter adventures can be for Cub Scouts with simple outings, warm layers, and outdoor skills that turn the cold season into a world of discovery.

Winter Camping Adventure

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An exciting and educational day of learning winter survival skills with an overnight camp out in the snow!

Den Leader Skills!

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Learn how to be a great den leader! Multiple training opportunities in 2026

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First steps to planning your 2026 Summer Camp adventure; make sure to bring a friend!

TODAY ON THE MOUNTAIN



Today on the Mountain

From the Director's Desk

The cold of winter shouldn't mean no adventure



The cold winter months are a great time to lay the foundation for a fantastic summer

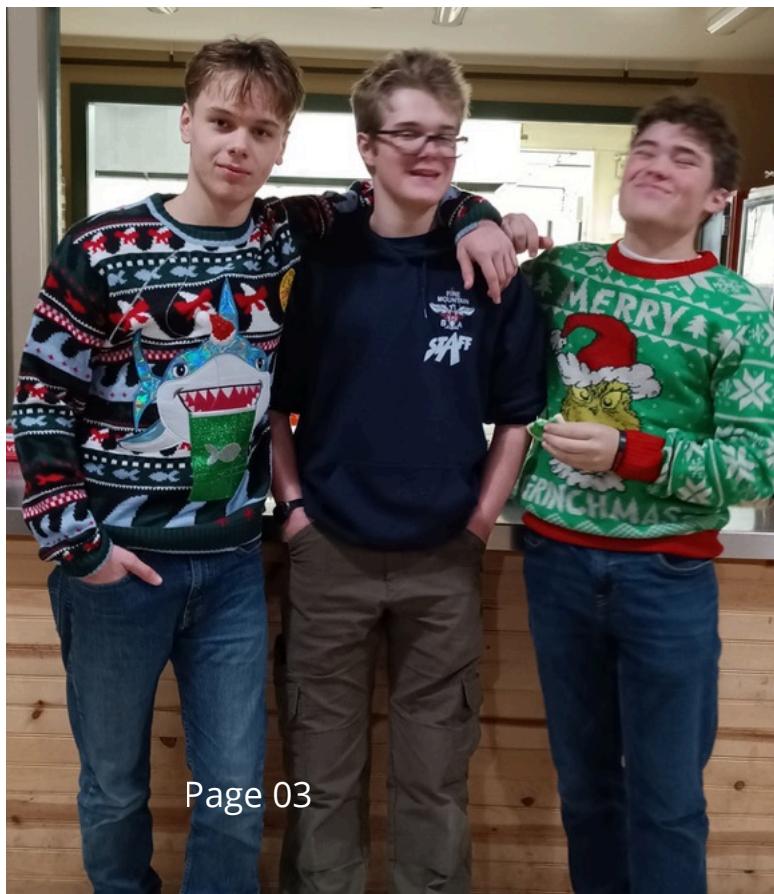
Growing up in the frozen world of Northern Alaska and being a Scout, one would think there wasn't a lot to do at -40 below zero. One would be wrong.

These cold months (though maybe not as cold here in rainy Washington) are about working on one of the most important leadership skills — planning. Now is the time for your PLC to make plans for summer adventures, and now is the time for your pack committee to get families PUMPED for Cub Camp! Cold winter nights are about day dreaming and planning.

Well guess what... that's what we are doing at Fire Mountain as well! Now is when we start hiring for summer camp, planning calendars for 2027, and ordering equipment, tools, and toys for an amazing summer program. Don't let this time of year pass you by. If you're not outside, make a plan to GET outside!

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Range Day WKND	9-11
COPE Day WKND	16-18
OA Leadership Development	23-24
FM Institute WKND	23-25

February 2026

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Winter Skills Adventure	7
Range Day WKND	13-15
WKND COPE	20-22
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March 2026

Night Hike	7
Range Day WKND	14
WKND COPE	20-22
OA Spring Gathering	20-22
Wilderness Remote first aid	28-29

Today on the Mountain

Safety topic: cold weather/layering clothing

Base Layer:

Wicks sweat away (wear moisture-wicking material like synthetic or wool).

Middle Layer:

Insulates your body heat (think fleece or down).

Outer Layer:

Shields from wind, rain, or snow (a waterproof, breathable shell).

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Safety Tip of the Month:

Avoid cotton!! – it holds moisture and can make you cold. Keep your head, hands, and feet covered, and always pack extra dry socks!

Find out more at
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/safety-moments/hypothermia/>

Today on the Mountain

The Mount Baker Council Scholarship Program

Funding the

Adventure

The Mount Baker Council Scholarship Program is helping more families stay active in Scouting by making financial assistance simpler, faster, and easier to access. The newly streamlined application process allows families to request support with minimal paperwork, quick review times, and a clear path to approval.

The scholarship can assist with the costs that matter most to keeping a Scout engaged—annual registration fees, uniforms, day camp and summer camp expenses, training events, and other key program activities. By removing financial barriers, the program ensures every Scout has the opportunity to participate fully, grow in adventure, and experience the best that Scouting has to offer.

The Mount Baker Council remains committed to making Scouting accessible, and this enhanced scholarship process helps make that mission a reality for families in our community.



[Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org](http://mountbakerscouting.org)

Today on the Mountain



Outdoor Cubs?... YES PLEASE!

How to get your Cub Scouts Outside in the Wet Weather

Getting Cub Scouts outside in winter is easier than you think! Start with simple day trips to local parks where Scouts can explore frosty trails and spot winter wildlife. Short day hikes build confidence and keep everyone warm as they move. Backyard campfires are perfect for practicing fire safety while roasting treats and sharing stories under chilly skies.

Families can bundle up and visit Fire Mountain or local parks on Saturdays for outdoor skills and adventure. Encourage Scouts to stay warm and dry by layering clothing, wearing waterproof boots, rain jackets, and packing extra socks and gloves.

Spend a den meeting learning about layering clothes and rain protection. With a little planning, winter becomes a season full of outdoor discovery!

Today on the Mountain

Winter Camping Adventure Program



The Mount Baker Council's Winter Skills Adventure Program gives Scouts a two-part learning experience: an instructional classroom session followed by an overnight field trip where they practice winter camping in real conditions.

In the classroom portion, participants learn how to stay warm, safe, and dry by choosing proper winter gear, building snow shelters, starting campfires on snow, cooking in cold conditions, performing winter first aid, and recognizing avalanche hazards.

The field experience takes place at a mountain location where Scouts snowshoe their equipment into camp, construct snow structures, and apply the skills taught in class within a safe, supervised environment.

Learn how to:

- Build a snow structure for sleeping**
- Dress warm and dry**
- Sleep warm**
- Cook in the snow**
- Start a campfire on snow**
- Perform winter First Aid and basic survival skills**
- Identify and avoid dangerous avalanche conditions**
- Practice outdoor ethics in the snow**

Find out more at mountbakerscouting.org

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★ 8-11 JULY, 2026 ★

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

REGISTRATION OPENS JAN. 1, 2026

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Fire Mountain
Scout Camp

Today on the Mountain

How COPE can help your Troop



Adventure teaches some of life's best lessons — and that's exactly what Scouts discover through COPE: Challenging Outdoor Personal Experience. At Fire Mountain Scout Camp, the COPE team is ready to guide us through exciting challenges that build confidence, leadership, and friendship.

Whether we're navigating ropes on the low course, playing initiative games, or climbing higher than we thought possible, COPE pushes us to work together. Team building becomes real when communication and trust are the only way forward. Along the way, Scouts cheer each other on and form strong friendships that carry back to our patrols.

The COPE instructors at Fire Mountain aren't just experts — they're encouragers. Many of our Scouts have great memories of leaders who helped them overcome fears and celebrate success at the top. Their support helps every Scout discover strength they didn't know they had, building confidence that sticks.

And let's not forget — COPE is FUN! The laughter, the challenges, the thrill of accomplishment... those are the stories that fill campfires long after we head home.

Through 2026, we're adding even more COPE opportunities throughout the year — and this summer, we're looking for enthusiastic adults to get training and be a part of the fun!

Plan for Summer 2026, No Scout Left Behind



Outing is the core of the Scouting program. Every Scout should experience summer camp in 2026!

Cub Scouts... does your family calendar include Cub Scout Adventure Camp? Did you invite your friends?

ScoutsBSA... has your troop registered for camp? Space is limited so sign up today! Is your troop's summer camp on your family calendar?

Don't leave your friends behind.... invite them to summer camp with you!

"A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room."

- Founder of Scouting Baden-Powell

Today on the Mountain

Council Auction

Staff Descend from the Mountain



Fire Mountain isn't the only place you might find camp staff in their navy blue staff shirts and staff neckers, sometimes we descend from the Mountain to support our Council in other ways.

Last November, the Camp Staff provided some logistical support to the annual Council Auction (a major source of mission funds to grow the Scouting Movement in our area). Staffers first helped sort and transport some of the silent auction items to winners attending the live auction at the Everett Golf and Country Club and then helped load items at the end of the evening.

Of course when the staff is around there is always fun to be had and that evening was no different. With some time between support efforts, the staff loaded up and found a Baskin Robins for ICE CREAM!!

All this to say that being on the Fire Mountain Camp staff is A LOT of fun and doesn't just stop at the end of summer. If your interested in becoming a part of a dynamic crew who supports our Council and works to change the world through Scouting, think about applying to the Fire Mountain Camp Staff.



Find out more at firemountainscouting.org

Fire Mountain Scout CAMP



Make this
summer
YOUR
summer



THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES WITH:

- NIGHT ZIP
- ROPE SWING
- COWBOY ACTION RANGE
- HIGH ROPES COPE COURSE
- WIBIT WATER PLAYGROUND

AND AN AMAZING CAMP STAFF

AT FIRE MOUNTAIN WE PUT OUR FELLOW SCOUTS FIRST AND ALWAYS HAVE ADVENTURE! THIS IS MADE POSSIBLE BY A COMMITTED CAMP STAFF WHO NEVER GIVE UP ON OUR QUEST. ARE YOU SEEKING THAT ADVENTURE AND NEED A GREAT SUMMER? IF YOU'RE UP FOR THE CHALLENGE, JOIN US AS A MEMBER OF THE FIRE MOUNTAIN CAMP STAFF FOR 2026.

**FIND OUT MORE,
APPLY FOR STAFF,
OR
REGISTER FOR CAMP @**



www.firemountainscouting.org

STAFF



Today on the Mountain

WKND

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 most every weekend.

Plan on coming out to camp for the weekend or for the day.

- 1st weekend of the month: Service Saturdays
- 2nd weekend of each month: Range & Target activities
- 3rd weekend of each month: COPE/Climbing activities
- 4th weekend of each month: Fire Mountain Institute



Details on what is happening each month and how to sign up are coming soon!



Most every weekend:

- Campfire program
- Flags
- Chapel
- Fishing
- General Store
- Museum
- Day Hiking
- Camping
- Energetic camp staff
- FUN!

Scouts First, Adventure Always

Find out more at firemountainscouting.org

Today on the Mountain

Fire Mountain Leadership Institute

How to be a den leader!

Multiple class options in spring 2026



Are you a new den leader and want to learn the ropes? Are you an experienced leader who is looking for that extra edge? Did you take the online training and feel like you need more? Would you prefer an in-person experience?

Visit one of the 2026 Spring Den Leader Training @ Fire Mountain.

All through the spring we will be offering a massive number of den leader trainings. Being a den leader can be one of the most fun things you can do in Scouting if you are prepared with the skills you need. Come to the Fire Mtn Leadership Institute and take training. We will be offering training several times a month at Fire Mtn.

2026 Den Leader Training @
Fire Mountain WKND

January 31
February 7 & 28
March 7 & 28
April 4 & 25
May 2 & 30
June 6

Pick one that fits your
schedule

Time: 9am-12



Find out more at firemountainscouting.org

Bring a Buddy!!

Come fish with your friends

REGISTER TODAY

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Mount Baker Council

Activities may include:

- How to cast
- S'mores
- Fishing knots
- Fish identification
- How to clean a fish
- Fishing on Lake Challenge



Learn to fish!

Have a fishing pole?
Bring it with you.
We also have fishing
poles to borrow!

Dress for the weather.

Be prepared for fun!

SATURDAY MAY 16TH, 2026

Held at Fire Mountain Scout Camp Noon-5PM
26027 Walker Valley Road - Mount Vernon - WA - 98274

Free Registration | Open to ALL youth aged 5-10

Registration beforehand is greatly appreciated but is not required

**FREE
for all**



Fire Mountain
Scout Camp

WKND PROGRAM

REGISTRATION OPEN



Stay the weekend in a campsite or just
come for Saturday

- Staffed Weekends running core programs
- Elective programs including ranges, tower, service projects and training
- Let the staff help your unit with what
YOUR unit needs

Campsite Reservations Open and Elective
Registration open with new adventures
being added all the time!

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