

# Off-Season Use of Mount Baker Council Camp Facilities

## **Background:**

The Mount Baker Council has invested significant resources into the development of program facilities at both the Fire Mountain Scout Reservation and Camp Black Mountain. These facilities include high and low COPE courses, climbing towers and walls, shooting sports ranges and a number of waterfront activities. Due to the inherent risk involved with each of these activities and the need to properly monitor the wear and tear on equipment used in conjunction with them; Council level committees have been formed to help manage these facilities. Current committees are:

- Shooting Sports Committee
- Aquatics Committee
- COPE and Climbing Committee

These committees have been tasked with the creation of policies, appropriate usage fees, and training standards to be applied when used by both BSA and non-BSA groups. Once created these policy recommendations must be approved by the Executive Board of the Mount Baker Council.

## **Current/Interim Use Policy:**

Until such time as permanent policies are put into effect, off-season use of camp facilities will be as follows:

1. All physical facilities may be rented by both BSA and non-BSA groups and must be reserved through the Everett office (Kersten Eggers) and are subject to the associated fees of that facility. Trading service projects for free use is not authorized at this time.
2. Each group/unit is personally responsible for providing the necessary trained and qualified personnel for operating the respective facilities (i.e. Range Instructor, Climbing/COPE Instructor, or Aquatics Instructor)
3. Because the training and certification requirements vary between District/Council level activities and unit or non-BSA level activities qualified supervision will have to be approved by the Council Staff Advisor to Camps (Peter Self) or designee prior to their use.
4. All Council owned equipment used in these activities is subject to BSA standards of use and tracking. Because of this; it may be necessary for the users of these facilities to provide their own equipment (i.e. ropes, harnesses, rifles) in addition to the qualified leadership.

It is expected that more permanent changes will be forthcoming, but until that time, if you have any questions, please contact Peter Self for more information.