



FIRE MOUNTAIN CAMPOREE LEADERS GUIDE



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MOUNT BAKER COUNCIL



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ABOUT FIRE MOUNTAIN

Located in 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”?

In the 1950’s, before it became a summer camp, Fire Mountain was a farm used as a staging area and base camp for firefighters who were fighting wildfires on and around Cultus Mountain. They had to return so frequently, they told others they were going back to “Fire Mountain.” In 1971, the name was suggested for the new Scout camp and it stuck!



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?

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. The main office phone number for camp is only monitored DURING summer camp, otherwise contact the Everett Service Center at (425) 338-0380.



WHAT TO BRING TO CAMP (suggested)

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 reported to the camp director and sheriff and will be sent home.
- > Pets of any type are not permitted at camp. Registered service animals are the only animals allowed. Please notify camp leadership or the Everett Service Center if you require a service animal in camp.

RULES OF CAMP

The primary rules at Fire Mountain Scout Camp are the Scout Oath and Law. The following 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 pocketknives. Sheath knives are not allowed.
5. Do not cut live or downed trees.
6. Respect others' and camp's property, keeping it free from damage and defacement.

FIRE MOUNTAIN DRESS CODE

The Boy Scouts of America is a uniformed organization and dress at camp should meet this standard and meet the needs of the activity the scouts and leaders are participating in. The standard activity uniform for a scout is a scout activity t-shirt (class b), scout shorts/pants, scout belt, scout sox and scout hat with app rate foot wear. Dress at events such as flag ceremonies, chapel and campfires should include the field uniform (class A) shirt and neckerchief.

Not every scout or leader can afford the official BSA shorts, pants and sox nor do all scouts have scout shirts to last a whole week. All scout and scouters at Fire Mountain should endeavor to aim for this standard when packing for camp.

Infractions of this dress code will be reported to the Camp Director and unit leadership is expected to support efforts to meet this expectation. Campers that chose to not comply will be found in conflict with the BSA Code of Conduct and will be asked to go home.

Sheath knives and other wood tools?

Fire Mountain does not directly ban any manual wood tools not already banned by either BSA national policy or state law. This said scouts and leaders should use the correct tool for the correct use. While sheath knives are useful for a number of bushwhacking skill sets they are not suitable for wood carving. Furthermore daggers, swords and large hunting knives that are made for the cutting flesh or as weapons are NOT wood tools are so are allowed. Fire Mountain staff are empowered to collect knives they feel are inappropriate and present them to the camp director. The camp director will be the final authority on if a tool is appropriate to the camp environment or specific use. Leaders are encouraged to help guide their scouts to find the best possible tools for them to bring to camp, remembering that "it looks cool" may be true but is not the primary factor in a tools appropriateness at Fire Mountain or other scouting programs.

Troop/Pack Gear

- National Flag
- Troop flag
- Patrol flag(s)
- Lanterns
- Tarps
- Rope
- Troop library

Personal Gear

- Current medical form
- Spending money (for the store)
- Backpack
- Daypack
- Sleeping bag
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Sweatshirt/jacket
- Raingear
- Hat
- T-shirts
- Pants
- Shorts
- Underwear (1 per day)

Toiletries

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

- Props for skits
- Dutch oven (optional)
- Charcoal briquettes (optional)
- Axe-yard supplies
- Camp cook gear
- Troop first aid box
- Socks (1-2 pair per day)
- Hiking boots
- Extra shoes
- Class A uniform (hanger)
- OA sash (if member)
- Canteen/water bottle with carrying strap
- Flashlight/extra batteries
- Scout knife
- Pencil/paper
- Scout handbook
- Watch
- First aid kit
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Face masks (sufficient for personal use)
- Second towel for showering
- Shower shoes/flip flops (optional)



Where will I be sleeping?

Units will camp in the traditional jamboree style in Back 40 Field. This event will strengthen the Patrols and Troops as they participate in this great event. Fellowship with our younger Scouts, the Webelos, can't be a bad thing, after all they are our future Scouts.

Can I drive to my campsite?

We will allow ONE vehicle at a time to enter camp and unload gear and then return to the parking lot. What this means is that if you unload, get unpacked, settle in, start a campfire, and make dinner before retuning your car to the parking lot you may be keeping those your sharing the campsite with in the parking lot for a long time waiting for their turn. Most scout troops are used to putting as much gear in one rig to haul gear back instead of each family driving back, so again it may benefit your unit to rally and pack gear as a group either before arriving or in the parking lot.

What paperwork is required?

Your unit should have Part A/B of the BSA medical form on hand and be able to provide it on a moments notice to staff in case of a medical emergency.

Instructional Station List

Scouts will spend a portion of their time at camporee engaging at a number of instructional stations where they will learn and test their skills using methods and tools from the early years of Scouting. These will include:

- Hand fishing
- Archery
- Tomahawks
- Survival Kits
- Leave No Trace
- Wood Carving
- Traditional Fire Building
- Camp Clothing from the Past
- Axe/hatchet Maintenance
- Paul Bunyan - Wood cutting
- Cooking 101

Scout Heritage Merit Badge

In addition to skill instruction scouts will have the opportunity to learn about some of the history of Scouting at a number of heritage stations. These stations are geared to help scouts attending camporee

to complete Scouting Heritage merit badge if they have not already earned it. Stations will include:

- Our Founders
- The history of Scouting
- Games from Scouting's Founding
- Scouting Museum
- Voices from the past

Golden Skillet

Scouts are encouraged to submit samples of their campfire cooking (extra points for meals prepared in cast iron) there will be a "meal" and "dessert" judging. Submissions can be made for either lunch and or dinner.

What time can I check in?

Ideally units will arrive together at camp, not trickling in one family at a time, so plan ahead and think about a good spot for the unit to rally before arriving at camp. That said we will check in anyone that arrives as they arrive. Check in will be running from 4:00PM to 8:30PM. Please be respectful of those getting ready to facilitate the event, if you arrive before 4PM you will be asked to remain in the parking lot until we can check you in at 4pm

Can I volunteer and attend for free?

YES ... by joining the Fire Mountain Seasonal Staff! You can do this online at mountbakerbsa.org/firemountain ... be advised that staff are housed in staff village and NOT with their unit during events. Staff attend events like this to serve and work so that our fellow scouts can have an amazing adventure.



Can I have my car in the campsite, to store food and the like?

No, the only vehicles allowed in camp during program/overnight are staff vehicles that will be easily identified as Fire Mountain staff.

When will the full schedule be out?

A full schedule for the weekend will be given out to leaders on check in at camp.

Is there any food provided?

Food is all done in the campsite except and provided by the troops.

Scout Spirit

Scouts should be paired with patrol and troop yells. They will be challenged for their yells at assemblies as well as they travel around to different stations. Spirit points may be awarded based on overall scout spirit during camporee.



Camporee Schedule

Friday

4-8PM - Check In at Camp
Set Up Campsite in designated area in Back 40
8:30PM - Assembly and Flags at Camp Main Flag Pole
8:45 PM - SPL/SM Meeting under Janicki Shelter
10:00 PM - TAPS (all quite in camp)

Saturday

6:30 AM - Rise and Shine
Breakfast in Campsite
8:30 AM - Assembly and Flags at Camp Main Flag Pole

STATIONS

Noon - Break for Lunch in Campsite
12:30 PM - First Round of Golden Skillet judging begins at
Archery shelter
1:30 PM - **STATIONS**
6:00 PM - Dinner in Campsites
7:30 PM - Campfire Program in campfire bowl
10:00 PM - TAPS (all quite in camp)

Sunday

6:30 AM - Rise and Shine
8:00 AM - Optional Scout's Own in camp Chapel
8:30 AM - Assembly and Flags at Camp Main Flag Pole
9:00 AM - Breakdown for departure (vehicles will start to be
allowed into the back 40 NO EARLIER THEN 9AM)

Campfire Cooking

Troops will be cooking in their campsite and are encouraged to use cooking fires in our commercial cook area. Scouts can use propane stoves and the like in their unit campsite to heat water if they wish. Points for camporee will be added for cooking in the fire pit.

Webelos

Webelos Scouts can register to attend Camporee as long as they register with a Scout Troop, which will act as their host. Webelos leaders must arrange to have meals with the host troop or plan to provide your own meals. Host troops can be a unit with which your Pack is already affiliated. Webelos leaders and Scoutmasters are responsible for making arrangements for transportation, menu planning, cooking, and for submitting registration with that included in an accurate count of the number of Webelos Scouts, Scouts BSA, and adults who will be attending. Webelos are encouraged to wear their Official Webelos uniform during the event. A Scout related T-shirt will work as well during the activity time. If you don't know a troop, call your district leadership and we will help you locate a troop. Careful planning is recommended so that your Webelos Scouts can have opportunities to participate in most events. **Important Note: Per the Guide to Safe Scouting age appropriate guidelines Webelos may attend Camporee as day visitors only, no camping is allowed.**

Cost

Cost shown are per person.

	Early Bird	Regular	Late
	Before 4/1	Before 4/24	After 4/24
Scouts BSA	\$20	\$25	\$30
Adult Leaders	\$5	\$10	\$15
Webelos (Saturday only)	\$10	\$15	\$20

Registration/payment is done online found at
www.mountbakerbsa.org/firemountain

Check-In on Friday

Where to go – Check in in the parking lot. Unloading your gear in the Parking Lot – Fire Mountain will be closed to unauthorized vehicle traffic during Camporee. Equipment must be packed in by hand/wagon/cart. There will be carts available for bigger/heavier items. Foot traffic can will enter the back 40 field by way of the the Welcome Trail, one vehicle per troop will be allowed to enter the field via the DNR road AFTER CHECK IN. This is weather dependent (if it's raining hard or has rained hard the field may be too muddy for vehicle access). Please plan ahead as the back 40 field is not a lawn but an old grazing field so ground clearance is something to take into consideration, staff will turn away any vehicle they don't believe will make it in the field.

Setting Up Your Campsite

We will be camping Jamboree style, not existing campsites. Be prepared with tents and rain shelters. These are general guidelines for setting up your campsite.

Do not block access road with vehicles or gear.

Patrols/Troops set up camp.

Set up dining fly first – put gear under it to protect from weather.

Set up tents – then move personal gear into tents. Lay out sleeping gear.

Set up cooking and eating area, secure water and fuel supply.

Remember no ground fires.

Camporee points will be awarded on campsite set up!

Check-Out

Camporee is officially over 10:00am Sunday morning, Units have the options can attend a Scouts Own at 7:30 AM. Those Units that are checking out on Saturday Night are asked to make sure that they check out with the Camp Staff prior to leaving.

All units are asked to follow the "Leave No Trace" camping guidelines. Campsites must be clean, so the camp ranger is able to cut grass without having to get off tractor and remove objects. Place rocks, logs, and natural debris outside of the camping fields and into the tree line or other uncut areas.