

Boy Scout Troop 557



General Info

Troop 557 (T557) is a scout led troop. This means that the scouts decide what to do. They also organize the events and execute them. Every year as a troop, we have a planning weekend where we chart out activities for the upcoming year. This teaches leadership, organization, and planning skills. The Troop has one of the highest eagle rates in the council. In September alone, there were two Eagle Scout Court of Honors. Come experience our troop first hand by participating in the upcoming events or going to a scout meeting.

Annual Outings

Electronics Night

In Boy Scouts there are no electronics allowed on campouts. As a result every year our troop holds an electronics night. At electronics night we hook video game consoles to projectors and play 16 player multiplayer games. The games turn the afternoon into a video game spectacle. There are always more people trying to sign up than we have space and consoles for.

Parsons

Every year we go to Camp Parsons (CP) on Hood Canal. Parsons is located right on the canal and has an array of activities and merit badges. For the past 7 years running we've earned CP Honor Troop and are looking forward to lengthening that run. CP is a fun camp which all ages of scouts enjoy and keep returning because they love it so much. From the pier dive to the rifle range, from swim beach to the hullabaloo it is a great place for scouts of all ages.

High Adventure

Every year our troop does at least one high adventure trip. Last year we went to Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico. At Philmont, we hiked over 65 miles in ten days. In addition to Philmont, we did Igloo building (below). Unfortunately, due to scout rules you can't partake in high adventure trips until you are 14. But they're fun to do and definitely something to look forward to.

Igloo Building & Snowshoeing

Last year our troop went up to Mount Rainier for a weekend to build Igloos and snowshoe. The igloos generally hold 2 people and take all day to build.

Prepared by Cody Maloney, Life Scout

They're fun to build and fun to destroy. However, you must be at least 14 to stay overnight in an igloo.

Upcoming events

Backpacking 101 - Sept. 23 – 24

Snoqualmie Falls / Tolt McDonald bike ride - Oct. 21

Jamboree on the Air (At Tolt McDonald) - Oct. 21 & 22

Electronics Night - November

Troop Meetings (average time and place)

Troop meetings are (generally) the first three Wednesdays every Month at Norman Rockwell Elementary Gym at 7:00. Meetings last an hour.

Contact info

If you want more information, to join the troop or come experience a troop meeting or event before you join call or email Frank Qualls.

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Troop Location / Information

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