

BSA Troop 41 - Lake Stevens, WA

2021 – 2022 Information Summary



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We are a part of the **Pilchuck District**, **Mount Baker Council** of the **Boy Scouts of America**. Our Troop has been chartered by the Lake Stevens Kiwanis since 1991. The Kiwanis sponsor the Troop, provide volunteering opportunities and some financial support.

Weekly Troop meetings are held Thursday evenings 6:50 pm at Calvary Chapel Upper Room in Lake Stevens. The Upper Room is located at 9428 4th St SE, Lake Stevens (south of Target, near Hwy 9). After Covid protocols ease our intent is to return to Mt. Pilchuck Elementary (downtown Lake Stevens).

Annual Troop Events

There are several events throughout the year in which Troop 41 traditionally participates.

SUMMER CAMP

Troop 41 always attends a Boy Scout summer camp. This is a weeklong event which that takes place at different Boy Scout camps around the Pacific Northwest. It usually has a high percentage of the Troop participating and is a favorite of parents as well. It offers a unique opportunity for Scouts to interact and compete with other Troops, work on multiple Merit Badges and Rank advancement. Summer Camp is where many Scouts will have experiences they will remember for a lifetime.

50 MILER

Another highlight for many Scouts is completing a "50-miler". This is, as the name suggests, a multi-day 50-mile journey. This event involves camping, hiking and often for Troop 41, canoeing and kayaking. This experience has been a near annual undertaking but is only open to Scouts above the age of 13. Like summer camp, this adventure can take nearly a week and requires adult commitment.

OTHER ANNUAL EVENTS

- Lake Stevens Aquafest – Annual Troop Fundraiser selling snow-cones and cotton candy
- Jamboree on The Air (JOTA) – A weekend camp trip featuring amateur radio contact with other Scouts across the country and individuals around the globe (mid-October)
- Lake Stevens Christmas Tree lighting – Scouts serve hot chocolate at this early December event
- Merit Badge Extravaganza (MBE) – Troop 41 has focused some spring weekend campouts on completing specific merit badges

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CANOEING AND KAYAKING

Troop 41 is always looking for opportunities to hold events involving paddling (50 milers, family camp, etc.). We are fortunate to have several canoes and kayaks (and a trailer) to make this happen. The Troop 41 motto is *“Get to the Point”* coined during a fifty-miler canoe trip.

Outdoor Adventure – Camping and Hiking

Troop 41 does as much outdoors as possible including many hiking and camping trips. We are lucky to live in an area surrounded by natural beauty and countless locations to do this. Because these activities are so central to Scouting Troop 41 takes full advantage of our location.

HIKING

Some favorite local hiking trails include Lime Kiln trail, Monte Cristo, Lord’s Hill, and the urban Seattle History trail. Going a little further, the Troop has visited the Ape Caves near Mt. St. Helens among other State favorites. We have recently been placing more emphasis on “backpack” hiking/camping trips where Scouts pack in/out all gear for the weekend.

CAMPING

Beyond the traditional summer camp. Troop 41 also tries to have local camp outs roughly once per month. This includes the annual events noted above like JOTA and MBE and other opportunities for Scouts to hone their camping skills and meet rank and merit badge requirements. Typical locations include BSA camps Pigott, Edward, and Freeman.

2022 Year Key Events/Outings Calendar

Month	Dates	Location	Description
January	1/30 – 1/31	Stevens Pass	Snow Camping – Snow Cave digging/sleeping
February	2/25 – 2/27	Fort Casey	Winter Campout – Fort and Beach, Kites
March	3/18-3/20 *	Camp Pigott	Merit Badge Extravaganza (MBE) #1
April	TBD	I-Fly (Renton)	Indoor Parachuting experience
May	4/22-4/24 *	Camp Edward	MBE #2 Check In + other activities
	TBD	Iron Horse Tail	Bike trip and cookout
June	TBD	Wallace Falls	Hike and Camp
	TBD	Lake Stevens	Canoe 2-3x (50 Miler Prep)
July	TBD	Ross Lake	50 Miler + TBD
	TBD	BSA Camp Eason	BSA Summer Camp (Idaho)
August	TBD	Dry Falls SP	Summer campout
	TBD	TBD	Little Green Frogs (High Adventure Hike)
	7/23-7/25 *	Downtown Lake Stevens	Aquafest
September	TBD	Camp Edward (TBD)	Family Camp, Court of Honor on 9/28
October	TBD	Camp Freeman	Jamboree on the Air (JOTA)
November	TBD	TBD	Backpack Camping
	TBD	TBD	Laser Tag
December	TBD	TBD	Day Hike

* Pending facility availability (and Covid restrictions)

Webelos /Arrow of Light recruiting events:

- October – Camp Freeman (Monroe) – Jamboree on the Air
- February – Fort Casey, Whidbey Island Winter Camping