BSA Troop 41 - Lake Stevens, WA New Scout "Quick Start"

We are a part of the Klahaya 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 provide some financial support.

Weekly Troop meetings are held Thursday evenings 7pm 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).

Key Actions needed by new Scouts:

- 1. Establish a cadence of attending Troop meetings. This is the best way to get your scout "plugged in" to the rhythm of the Troop.
- 2. Fill out a BSA Scout Youth Application to Transfer membership to Troop 41; Pay applicable Dues for Troop 41.
- 3. Spend existing Scout Account funds from their Pack (if applicable). Many Packs have guidance on when and how scouts can transfer funds and sometimes do not allow for a direct "cash" transfer from the Pack to the Troop. However, two areas that easily qualify are to pay for summer camp or purchase uniforms/accessories. (Packs can write a check to Troop 41 for summer camp; Parents can request reimbursement to the pack for uniforms/accessories).
- 4. Uniform/Book: If your scout doesn't already have a khaki shirt, please purchase one from the Scout Store, including Troop numbers 41. A scout handbook is also required as this will serve as their personal advancement record when things are signed off.
- 5. Sign up for summer camp (New scouts are strongly encouraged to attend summer camp. This is a great way to get to know your troop and accelerate their path towards rank advancement).
- 6. Get plugged in to the Troop Communication processes (see below)

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Troop Communications: Troop 41 leverages a few key internet-based applications for communications; it is very important that scouts and their parents participate in these tools.

- **Facebook:** A private Facebook group is used for internal communications. This site is heavily used for information notices and general interaction between scouts, leaders and parents.
- **Scoutbook:** www.scoutbook.com is used to facilitate troop email communications, track the troop roster, advancements and RSVPs for typical outings such as weekend camping and summer camp.