

# Troop 166 and Troop 066 Newsletter

## Outings Report

Twenty Scouts and one Webelos explored the abandoned Northern State Asylum GHOST TOWN. Despite searching every nook and cranny of the compound, the Scouts could not find a single ghost. After a fun round of tag, they explored the graveyard and hiked back to the vehicles. They moved on to Grandy Lake campground where they set-up



camp and cooked spooky meals to match the ghost theme for the trip. The Scouts enjoyed a relaxing evening with an epic campfire and stellar

commentary by campfire MC, Kyle McBride. Thank you to Sean Starke for planning the outing and to Robyn Reed for taking on the “game day” logistics.

In two weeks, the Scouts take advantage of the statewide in-service day for teachers and head up to Lopez Island for a biking outing. Please see the trip bulletin that was emailed this week for details. Contact trip sponsors Kevin Flynn and Conrad Plyler with questions.



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Conrad: [travelerrad@yahoo.com](mailto:travelerrad@yahoo.com)

## Fall Save the Dates

Don't miss out! Please add these dates to your calendars for upcoming Scout activities:  
November 19-20 Turner Joy Tour Outing  
December 3-4 Camp Parsons Service Weekend

## Upcoming Calendar

October	Fall Car Wash Fundraising all Month!
October 1	Paige Siegel's Eagle Project
October 3	Court of Honor - 6:30 WPC
October 3	Fall Car Wash Sale Kickoff at COH
October 12	Troop Committee Mtg 7pm WPC
October 14-16	Lopez Island Bike Outing (NOTE FRIDAY START)
October 15	Council Program Training Day
October 22	Aurora District Merit Badge Fair
October 29-30	Junior Leadership Training

## Welcome Back Picnic

Our annual Welcome Back Picnic was a great success. Thank you to the Flynn family for grilling up the food and to all Scout families for their contributions. The Scouts had a great time tossing eggs, competing in relay races, and playing dodgeball. Thank you to Jason Poon, SPL, for your leadership with the Scout activities. It was a great afternoon to gather and kick off the new school year.



## Fall Court of Honor

Scout families are invited to join the Scouts on Monday, October 3rd for the Fall Court of Honor. We will gather for a dessert potluck at 6:30, followed by the Court of Honor. The evening is a quarterly tradition in which the troop honors the advancements and awards that Scouts have earned. The new batch of Scout leaders also begin their terms as officers. We hope you can join us as we celebrate the Scouts' hard work!

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## Newcomer Corner

This month the new Scouts will embark on their first Brown Bear Car Wash Sale and we want to make sure it is a positive experience. Here are a few selling tips from a few of our Scouts:

1. Go early. Fall is the major fundraising season for many organizations. Get out there and get to your customers first.
2. Be ready to take various types of payment. Most people have either Venmo or PayPal. If you can offer one of those easy options, you'll likely get more sales.
3. Practice your sales pitch so you're able to smile and make eye contact while you explain how Car Wash tickets are great teacher gifts and stocking stuffers, and that the most of the funds go directly to your week at Camp Parsons in July 2023!
4. Know your facts. People love hearing that over 75% of the price of the car wash ticket goes directly to the Troop, and that the cost is the same as buying a wash directly from Brown Bear. Brown Bear is eco-friendly AND has been around for 65 years — that's longer than Bill has been Scoutmaster of Troop 166!
5. Be creative! Send out emails, post a sales video on social media, call friends and family.



Good luck and happy selling!

## OA Conclave

Two of our Scouts attended this year's Order of the Arrow regional conclave, held at our very own Camp Parsons. Brendan Beaverson and AJ Poon enjoyed 3 days of training and fun with other OA members from Washington and Alaska.. Order of the Arrow (OA) is the honor society of Scouting and is a great opportunity for additional leadership training and service to the community. Interested Scouts will learn more later this fall when OA elections are held.



## Fall Fundraiser

It's that time of year! Time to sharpen your marketing skills and get out there and sell some Brown Bear car wash tickets! Get creative, be persistent and you'll be amazed at how quickly you can sell your quota of 40 tickets. Want to go above and beyond? You can sell over 40 tickets and earn money for your Scout Account. Scout Account money can be used to pay for High Adventure outings like Sea Base and our annual 50 milers. Look for more details at the Court of Honor as we kick off the car wash sale on October 3rd. If you have questions, or need more tickets, contact [Aaron Rimmer](#)



## Merit Badge Fair

Have some free time on October 22nd? Consider registering for the Aurora District Fall Merit Badge Fair at Fairview Church in Maple Leaf. It is a fun and easy way to earn a merit badge or two. You'll also get to meet Scouts from other local troops. For more information, see the registration link. Scouts can also reach out to Miles Rimmer or Brendan Beaverson as they have attended recently and can give you the inside scoop!

Registration Link (Log in for more information):

<https://seattlebsa.tentaroo.com/admin2/eventtypes/6046/Aurora-Merit-Badge-Fair>

## Troop Information

Scoutmasters:

Bill Montgomery Troop 166  
Kirk Siqveland Troop 066

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Troop 166: Trent Siegel, Kirk Siqveland, Doug Baer  
Troop 066: Lynh Nguyen, Robyn Reed

Troop Committee Chair: Kevin Flynn

SPL: Jason Poon outgoing Elizabeth Flynn incoming



Troop 166 and Troop 066 External Website: <http://www.troop166.net/>

Internal Wiki: <https://scoutwatch.org/Troop166/>