

# *Camp Parsons Chief Seattle Council*

## HIGH ADVENTURE GUIDE



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## PARSONS HIGH ADVENTURE GENERAL INFORMATION

### For reservation questions:

Camping Department: 206-725-0361 or [campingdept@seattlebsa.org](mailto:campingdept@seattlebsa.org)

### For trek questions:

Camp Parsons: 360-796-4427 or [kmcedwards@seattlebsa.org](mailto:kmcedwards@seattlebsa.org)

### Reservations

Reservations are made through the Camping Department on a first come, first served basis. You must also keep the Camping Department informed of any changes in numbers, including female leaders attending. Any female youth must be accompanied by a female leader 21 years old or older. Camp fee is \$345 per person. A deposit of \$50 per person is required.

Tour permits are NOT required for in-council units attending Chief Seattle Council camp programs.

### IMPORTANT:

Each session requires at least 5 participants total to operate. If your chosen session does not meet this requirement it will be cancelled. Scouts can either receive a full refund or attend summer camp at Camp Parsons the same week.

### Insurance

Each unit must have accident insurance. Units without proof of insurance will not be admitted to camp. Coverage for Chief Seattle Council units is provided by the Council. Out of council unit need to provide their own.

### PAYMENT INFORMATION

Cost:           \$345 per person

Deposit:           \$50 per person

1st Installment   \$148 per person due April 3, 2017

Balance           \$147 per person due June 6, 2017

Payments can be mailed or completed on the phone with credit card at 206-725-0361. Makes checks payable to "BSA" and send to:  
Camping Dept., Chief Seattle Council, PO Box 440408, Seattle, WA 98114

### Financial Aid

For those Scouts registered in Chief Seattle Council in need of financial assistance, camperships are available. We award up to 50% of the camp fee. The campership form must be completed by the family and unit leader, and submitted by two weeks prior to the final payment. The campership form is available on the Chief Seattle Council website, [seattlebsa.org](http://seattlebsa.org) under Camping - Forms.

## **REFUND POLICY**

Preparing for camp requires the Council to purchase food, supplies, equipment, hire staff and keep camp facilities in good repair in anticipation of the number of participants registered to attend. As a rule we don't automatically give refunds. Below are cases where refunds may be requested:

### **DEPOSITS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE**

For camps requiring deposits, deposits are not refundable unless a unit or camper cannot be placed in the camp or dates chosen.

### **REFUND REQUESTS MUST BE MADE PRIOR TO YOUR CAMP SESSION.**

No refunds are given except in the following circumstances:

- There is a death, accident or serious illness in the immediate family 50% refund (doctor's confirmation required)
- Scout or adult becomes ill and is unable to attend camp 50% refund (doctor's confirmation required)

Examples of circumstances **NOT** qualifying for a refund are conflicts between camp and activities such as family vacations, sports, school activities or band trips.

Refunds do not include Scout Bucks or Camperships.

Fees may be transferrable to a future Chief Seattle Council camp with the same calendar year.

### **Refund Requests**

All refunds are not automatic and must be requested in writing. Please review the cancellation guidelines above to determine whether you qualify. To request a refund, please email the Camping Department at [campingdept@seattlebsa.org](mailto:campingdept@seattlebsa.org). Include the reason for the withdrawal, the unit number, camp and session and participant's name. For questions, contact the Camping Department at 206-725-0361 or [camping-dept@seattlebsa](mailto:camping-dept@seattlebsa)

## **CANOE/KAYAK TREK INFORMATION**

The Parsons High Adventure Canoeing and Kayaking treks are designed for youth 13 years and older, with strong swimming ability. A swim test in Hood Canal will be required prior to the trip to determine swimming skills in the environment they will be experiencing.

### **Check In**

Plan to check in on Sunday between 1:00 and 2:00 pm. Upon arrival, you will be met by the High Adventure crew and settled into your campsite for that evening. Medical checks will be done, followed by a swim test. **Parts A, B & C of the Annual Health & Medical Record must be completed by every participant. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Only swimmers can participate in the High Adventure canoe or kayak program. The swim test will be done in the Hood Canal. An equipment check will be followed by canoe/kayak skill training and a review of the itinerary. If the hikemaster/camp director has determined that participants are unfit to go on their trek, they can attend regular Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Parsons for that week.

**Monday Start Scouters:** Plan to arrive in camp by 7:00 am on Monday. You will perform your medical check, swim test and equipment check at that point.

First day schedule:

### **Sunday**

1-1:30 pm	Check-in, set up base camp, medical check
1:30-5:00 pm	Swim checks, equipment inspection & distribution, canoe skills, safety orientation
5:50 pm	Retreat
6:00 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Itinerary discussion, menu planning, food distribution, low impact camping, trek rules & regulations
9:00 pm	Campfire
10:00 pm	Taps

### **Itinerary**

The itinerary will include many parts of Hood Canal. Specific destinations will not be decided until prior to departure. This is dependent on weather, state and federal regulations, and the use of private property. Although many of these overnight stops will have facilities such as bathrooms, be prepared for some primitive camping. At some of the state parks there are showers that cost 50 cents for 3 minutes, so bring quarters.

### **Visitors**

Individuals not on the trek are discouraged from meeting the canoe/kayak group at a particular destination as a surprise. Although this may be fun for parents, it may take away from the Scout's high adventure experience.

### **Rules & Regulations**

The High Adventure program at Camp Parsons is a Boy Scout sponsored event and as such will conform to the rules guiding Boy Scout outings. These treks will also conform to state and national park rules and regulations.

## **What to Bring - Kayaking/Canoeing**

### **Provided**

Camp Parsons will provide food, tents, stoves and water treatment equipment. Troops are welcome to bring their own, but its use on the trek is at the discretion of the trek staff.

### **Personal Gear**

#### **Required:**

Dry bags able to hold all gear (20-25 liter max. recommended size)  
Sleeping bag with a waterproof stuff bag (or trash bag inside stuff bag)  
Lightweight sleeping pad  
Sandals/paddle shoes (no flip-flops or other loose-fitting footwear)  
Light camp shoes  
Rain jacket and pants  
Jacket or windbreaker  
Underwear/T-shirt (3 pair each, non-cotton)  
Long pants (No cotton)  
Shorts (no cotton)  
Swimsuit  
Small towel  
Sun hat  
Sleeping clothes—long underwear recommended  
Compass (GPS okay, but is secondary to a compass)  
Water bottles (2 liter total capacity)  
Mess kit (bowl, cup, spoon)  
Toothbrush and toiletries (no strong odors)  
Sunscreen, mosquito repellent, sun glasses, SPF lip balm  
Personal First Aid kit (adhesive tape, band-aids, moleskin, etc.)  
Flashlight/headlamp with fresh batteries  
Pocket knife  
Emergency whistle  
Matches

#### **Suggested:**

Pencil/pen with note pad  
Quarters for showers in state parks (\$.50/3 min.)  
Unscented biodegradable soap  
Work gloves  
Extra plastic bags (garbage and zip lock)  
Bandana  
Collapsible water bucket

#### **Optional:**

Deck of cards  
Compact field guide  
Personal water treatment system  
Lightweight binoculars  
Camera

#### **DO NOT BRING:**

Personal electronics (I-Pods, gaming devices, etc.), fireworks, items inappropriate for Scouting. The Hikemaster will be performing equipment checks to make sure these are left at base camp. Any disputes will be resolved by the Camp Director.

## **HIKING TREK INFORMATION**

The Parsons High Adventure Hiking Trek is designed for Scouts 13 years and older, in condition to experience a strenuous 50-mile week-long mountainous hiking trip. Shakedown hikes prior to attending are highly recommended.

### **Check In**

Camp Parsons opens at 1:00 pm on Sunday. Please arrive between 1 and 2 pm. Upon arrival, check in at the Program Office. You will then meet your Hikemaster and be taken to the High Adventure encampment for the evening. After you are settled in you have a medical recheck. **Parts A, B & C of the Annual Health & Medical Record must be completed by every participant. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Then your Hikemaster will take you on a shakedown hike with your backpack to assess strengths and weaknesses. This will help better prepare your group for backpacking in the Olympics. After the shakedown hike, your Hikemaster will go through a pack inspection and give you helpful hints on what to bring and what to leave behind. Equipment for the hike will be distributed at this time, as well as discussions of the menu and trip itinerary. If the hikemaster/camp director has determined that participants are unfit to go on their trek, they can attend regular Boy Scout summer camp at Camp Parsons for that week.

**Monday Start Scouters:** Plan to arrive in camp by 7:00 am on Monday. You will perform your medical check, and equipment check at that point. The evening of your first night, you will dine with the rest of the camp and enjoy a campfire prior to going to bed. The next morning you will cook breakfast in your campsite and go over any last minute information before setting off into the mountains to begin your high adventure experience!

### **First Day Schedule:**

#### **Sunday**

1-2:00 pm	Check in, set up base camp, medical rechecks
3:00 pm	Shakedown hike, pack inspection
4:00 pm	Swim checks, if necessary, equipment distribution, trail safety Orientation
5:50 PM	Retreat
6:00 PM	Dinner
6:30 PM	Itinerary Discussion, menu planning, food distribution, low impact Camping, trek rules and regulations
9:00 PM	Campfire
10:00 PM	Taps

## **Itinerary**

Your group will be able to choose from several itineraries at the discretion of the Hikemaster. Your Hikemaster is a senior staff member at Camp Parsons and is an experienced hiker. In addition to his own experience, he has been trained by staff members who have backpacked every trail in the Olympic Mountains. Based on your group's strengths, he can give you advice on an itinerary that will be fun and challenging for the entire group. Although the highest peaks are only 6,000-8,000 ft. they are very impressive as they rise quickly from sea level. There are three distinct ridges that run almost perpendicular with one another, causing unique weather systems. You will be hiking on trails that were first explored and developed by Scouts from Camp Parsons beginning in the 1920's.

## **End of the Week**

You will be arriving back at camp sometime on Friday afternoon/evening. When you arrive at camp, you will clean your equipment and return it to the Hikemaster. You will be cooking in your campsite that evening and enjoying the all-camp closing campfire later that night. The following morning your breakfast will be provided and you are free to go home at that time. If you are planning on having someone pick you up, then plan for 9:00 AM. If your group wishes to go home Friday evening before or after the campfire, then you are welcome to do that, but please inform the Hikemaster so that he gets you checked out of camp.

## **Rules & Regulations**

The High Adventure Program at Camp Parsons is a Boy Scout sponsored event and as such will conform to the rules guiding Boy Scout outings. Furthermore, these treks will also conform to the rules listed by the US Forest Service and national/state park regulations. The Hikemaster will share with you pertinent rules prior to and during your trek. The Hikemaster has final say in any decision during the trek and can terminate the trek at any given time if he believes the safety of the scouts is in jeopardy or if the participants fail to abide by stated rules and regulations.

## **Service Projects**

As Boy Scouts, we always try to do a good turn and leave any place we have been better than how we found it. There may be opportunities to help the Forest Service in trail maintenance or brush clearing. If there are, we may take a small portion of the day to help.

## **Fires**

Open fires are not allowed in the Olympic Forest. All cooking will be done on stoves, which will be supplied by camp.

## **Leave-No-Trace**

Camp Parsons abides by the leave-no-trace policy. Everything that is carried in is carried out. This will be discussed during pack inspection and trip planning.

## **Fifty Miler Award**

Although treks are not designed to be 50 miles additional hiking can be planned to meet this requirement. If your group is interested please discuss this with your Hikemaster before you leave.

## What to Bring - Hiking

Camp Parsons will provide tents, stoves and water treatment equipment. You are welcome to bring items not on the list below as long as they do not detract from the surroundings. Remember, no matter how dry the weather may be, plan on getting wet. The Olympic Peninsula and the Hood Canal truly have a weather system all their own and it would not be unusual to be caught in a downpour during a dry spell.

### Personal Gear

#### **Required:**

Backpack—comfortable and capable of carrying personal gear, a week of food, and a share of group gear.

Waterproof backpack cover (garbage bags work, but bring spares)

Sleeping bag with waterproof stuff bage (or bag inside regular stuff sack)

Lightweight sleeping pad

Ground cloth (an emergency blanket works)

Rain jacket

Jacket or windbreaker

Hiking boots (sturdy and well broken in)

Hiking sock system (wool with liner or personal preference)

Underwear/t-shirt (2 pair, each non-cotton)

Long pants (no cotton, absolutely no jeans)

Shorts (no cotton)

Compass (GPS okay, but compass will be used for navigation)

Water bottles (2 liter total capacity)

Mess kit (bowl, cup, spoon)

Toothbrush and toiletries (no strong odors)

Sunglasses (absolutely necessary)

Personal First Aid kit (adhesive tape, band-aids, moleskin, etc.)

Flashlight/headlamp with fresh batteries

Pocket knife

Emergency whistle

Matches

Pencil/pen and note pad (required for those attempting to earn membership in the Order of the Silver Marmot)

#### **Optional:**

Deck of cards

Light camp shoes/sandals

Compact field guide

Lighweight binoculars

Camera

Personal water treatment system

Extra snacks

#### **Group Gear:**

1 travel-sized tube of sunscreen

1 bottle of mosquito repellent

#### **DO NOT BRING:**

Personal electronics (I-Pods, gaming devices, etc.), fireworks, items inappropriate for Scouting. The Hikemaster will be performing equipment checks to make sure these are left at base camp. Any disputes will be resolved by the Camp Director.

*Save weight—if you don't need it, leave it at home.*

## Directions to Camp Parsons

970 Bee Mill Road  
Brinnon, WA 98320  
360-796-4427

**From Seattle:** Take the ferry to Bainbridge Island. Follow Hwy 305 to Hwy 3. Turn right on Hwy 3 and go to the Hood Canal Bridge (Hwy 104). Follow Hwy 104, across Hood Canal Bridge. Continue on Hwy 104 to the Quilcene exit. Turn right off the exit ramp toward Quilcene. In downtown Quilcene turn left onto Hwy 101 at the US Bank. Go through Quilcene and head south on Hwy 101. Eight miles past Quilcene (milepost 303) turn left onto Bee Mill Road. Camp is 9/10 of a mile down the road on your right.

**From Edmonds:** Take the ferry to Kingston. Follow Hwy 104, across Hood Canal Bridge. Continue on Hwy 104 to the Quilcene exit. Turn right off the exit ramp toward Quilcene. In downtown Quilcene turn left onto Hwy 101 at the US Bank. Go through Quilcene and head south on Hwy 101. Eight miles past Quilcene (milepost 303) turn left onto Bee Mill Road. Camp is 9/10 of a mile down the road on your right.

**From the South:** Take 1-5 North to the Highway 101 exit in Olympia. Follow signs to the next Highway 101 exit. Continue up the highway several miles to about 4 miles north of Brinnon. Turn right onto Bee Mill Road. Camp is 9/10 mile down the road on your right.