



VOLCANO SCOUTING



MERIT BADGE WEEKEND INFORMATION PACKET

CELEBRATING FIVE YEARS OF VOLCANO SCOUTING!

2020 MERIT BADGE WEEKEND

Friday, June 5 – Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the Mount St. Helens Science & Learning Center

Volcano Scouting's fourth annual Merit Badge Weekend will occur at the Mount St. Helens Science & Learning Center on June 5-7, 2020. This late-Spring event will offer a variety of classroom and outdoor learning activities, including presentations from outdoor professionals, service projects, science experiments, field studies, nature walks, and more, that align directly to the Geology and Soil and Water Conservation merit badges. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage in campfire programs, star gazing, board games, movie presentations, a polar bear swim, and chapel service.

CONTACT INFORMATION

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, feel free to email us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com

You can always find the most updated information by visiting www.volcanoscouting.org and following us on social media.

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You can reach the Science & Learning Center in an emergency by calling **(360) 274-2131**

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

All participants must meet the following requirements:



Be a registered member of Scouts, BSA; a Venturer or an Adult Scouter.



Complete a MSHI/WTA Waiver and BSA Part A and B Medical Forms



Register and pay online before May 1, 2020 at www.volcanoscouting.org/mbw

Participant fees are \$30/scout, \$30/adult leader, and \$15/approved staff member.

*Transaction and processing fees apply

Program materials, lodging, food, t-shirt, and a program patch are included in this fee. If you are interested in staffing with us, please visit www.volcanoscouting.org/staff

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTE

Volcano Scouting events are restricted to a maximum of 100 participants (scouts and adult leaders combined). We do not accommodate "lone scouts"; all youth participants must be accompanied by appropriate adult leadership in accordance with BSA Youth Protection guidelines. If you have any questions, please contact us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com

ABOUT THE VENUE

All overnight programs are hosted at the Mount St. Helens Science & Learning Center; a 12,000-square foot retired visitor center now used for educational programs and conferences.



19000 Spirit Lake Hwy, Milepost 43.3, State Route 504, Toutle, WA 98649



A primitive campsite is located within walking distance of the main building.



Food services, bathrooms, and program areas are located in the main building.



Fireworks, open flame/fires, weapons, alcohol, drugs, and the removal of natural features is prohibited.


CHECK-IN


Participant check-in will begin at 7:00 PM on Friday, June 5, 2020, at the Science & Learning Center.


Upon arrival, please follow signage and staff instructions to park your vehicle. A group leader should then turn-in all paperwork to the main office (located inside the Science & Learning Center). A Volcano Scouting staff member will then escort the group to set-up their tents in the primitive campsite.


CAMP SERVICES

All lodging amenities, like food service and bathrooms, are located in the Science & Learning Center.


 The Camp Office, First Aid, and Trading Post are located in the Dining Hall.

 Bathrooms and potable water are located in the main lobby.

 The Dining Hall, Kitchen, and Staff Housing are located in the east wing.

 The Theater, Indoor Activity Area, and Pearly Room are located in the west wing.


There is no cell phone service or internet at the Science & Learning Center. Adult leaders may use the on-site landline phone in emergency situations only. Additionally, there are no clothes washing or shower facilities available at the Science & Learning Center. We apologize for this inconvenience.


 You can find detailed program maps at www.volcanoscouting.org/slc





FOOD SERVICES

All meals will be prepared and served by Volcano Scouting staff members in the dining hall.


 Prior to each meal, participants should wash their hands in the main bathrooms.

 Main dishes will be served by Volcano Scouting staff cafeteria style.

 Salad, cereal, and refreshments are self-served on a separate table in the dining hall.


 Food scraps go in the trash and dirty dishes go into tubs on the serving counter.


Participants with dietary needs listed in their registration can find their specially prepared dishes inside the kitchen door. If you have any questions or special requests, please contact us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com


 You can find an example program menu at www.volcanoscouting.org/mbw


PROGRAM AREAS

Most program activities will take place in walking distance of the Science & Learning Center, although some activities take place at nearby recreational sites. The Merit Badge Weekend includes optional activities that require personal transportation to the Coldwater Lake Recreational Area. Adult leaders should expect to transport their groups' scouts to these program areas.

 Education and leadership programs will occur in the Science & Learning Center.

 Canoeing, swimming, and water ecology activities will occur at Coldwater Lake.

 Hiking and forest ecology activities will occur at the Elk Bench Trailhead.

 Service projects and nature observations will occur on local trails.

All program activities are subject to change.

ADVANCEMENT & TRAINING

This year, we are offering the Geology and Soil & Water Conservation merit badges for completion, with partial completion of the nature, Fish & Wildlife Management, Citizenship in the Nation, Environmental Science, Forestry, and Engineering merit badges. A complete list of merit badge and award requirements covered in the scheduled programming will be sent to all participants following the event.

IMPORTANT PROGRAM NOTE

We design our programs to cover specific merit badge requirements; either for complete or partial completion of the merit badge(s). Scouts are provided an articulated workbook to complete as they attend and participate in the scheduled programming. At the end of the event, scouts omit this completed workbook to our registered merit badge counselors on-site for evaluation.

While we do not guarantee any scout the completion and approval of merit badge(s) covered in our program, our merit badge counselors will award any requirements completed in the workbook for partial completion. Furthermore, our merit badge counselors make it an effort to work with individual scouts to complete or clarify their workbook in order to fulfill the merit badge requirements for completion.

We do not conduct regular individual interviews or tests in order to award completed merit badges; scouts must use the provided workbook in order to qualify for the merit badges covered in our program.

If you have any questions, please contact us at volcanoscouting@gmail.com

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Volcano Scouting strives to ensure the health and safety of all participants and guests. Please follow these simple pointers to have a safe and meaningful experience at Mount St. Helens!



In case of an emergency, meet at the designated meeting spot. Call 911.



Wash hands frequently. Do not touch plants or animals without guidance.



Follow all staff instructions immediately. Ask questions if you are confused.



Be sure to abide by the rules and regulations outlined below

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Scouts and adult leaders are expected to follow Volcano Scouting's "5 Rules to Success"


1. **Be Respectful** – Be kind to staff, visitors, other participants, our facilities, and the environment.
2. **Be Responsible** – Show up properly dress, on-time, and prepared for every activity.
3. **Be Active** – Participate in all organized activities and encourage scout spirit.
4. **Be Safe** – Follow all Forest Service, Mount St. Helens Institute, and BSA® Rules
5. **Follow the Scout Oath, Law, & Outdoor Code** – Demonstrate scout spirit in everything you do!


Roughhousing, bullying, and the possession/use of drugs or alcohol is strictly prohibited and will result in immediate eviction from our event. Electronic devices, such as cell phones and MP3 players, are also prohibited while in organized programs. You may use electronic devices to take pictures or videos of program activities, but they must be put away when not in use.


Volcano Scouting abides by and enforces all BSA rules and regulations, including but not limited to, Youth Protection, Guide to Advancement, Guide to Safe Scouting, and National Camp Standards.


OTHER INFORMATION

Scouts and adult leaders are expected to be on time to all flag ceremonies and information meetings.

 Flag ceremonies will take place just outside the main entrance at the flagpole.

 Flag ceremonies usually occur at 7:50 AM and 5:50 PM.

 Adult leader meetings will always take place in the dining hall.

 Adult leader meetings usually occur after evening program activities.

 The primary emergency meeting place is located at the Winds of Change Trailhead.



You can find additional resources by visiting our website at www.volcanoscouting.org/

SUGGESTED PACKING LIST

Scouts and adult leaders need to have the following supplies to make the weekend enjoyable and safe. Participants will be sleeping in the SLC Primitive Campsite; tents are not provided, and we recommend bunking with other participants to maximize space in accordance with BSA Youth Protection guidelines.

Clothing

- (2) Short Sleeve T-Shirts
- Long Sleeve T-Shirt
- Pairs of Shorts
- Pair of Long Pants
- Pairs of Breathable Socks
- Pairs of Underwear
- Softshell Jacket/Sweatshirt
- Dependent Rain Jacket
- Sun Protective Hat
- Pair of Sturdy Shoes
- Full Class A Uniform

Miscellaneous

- 2 to 4-Man Tent With rain fly and stakes
- Ground Tarp
- Sleeping Pad
- Sleeping Bag
- Pillow (Optional)
- Toiletries
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste
- Stick of Deodorant
- Package of Wet Wipes
- Cell Phone with Solar Charger/Battery Pack (Optional, See Electronic Device Policy)
- \$25.00 Cash (Optional)

Modified Ten Essentials

- Water Bottle
- First Aid Kit
- Package of Matches, Flint and Steel
- Pocketknife
- Pair of Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Can of Bug Repellent
- Flashlights
- Pad of Paper and Plenty of Pencils
- Scout Book/Field Guide