

Boy Scouts of America, Troop 379

Desert Cross Lutheran Church

2017 Summer Camp July 2-8 Camp Parsons - Brinnon, Washington

October, 26th 2016

Re: 2017 Summer Camp

Dear Scouts, Parents, and Scout leaders

For the summer of 2017 Troop 379 has reservations to attend summer camp at Camp Parsons in Brinnon, Washington during the week of July 2-8. Our troop has attended Parsons in past years and it is an exceptionally well run camp. Camp Parsons is located in Jackson Cove along the Hood Canal which is a very scenic location at the foot of the Olympic Mountains where the mountains meet the Sea. With the salt waters of Puget Sound as the camp waterfront area Parsons is known for its extensive aquatics program and large private pier. Parsons was established in 1919 and is the oldest scout camp West of the Mississippi River; Scouting's founder Lord Baden Powel has visited this camp. Our reservation is limited to 20 spots and they will be available on a first come first serve basis to our currently registered scouts. If airfare and flight schedules allow we might be able to arrange a pre and or post camp sight seeing visit to Seattle, Washington. This will be planned once we have an airline reservation in place.

Troop 379 has a long tradition of attending out of council summer camps which offers our scouts the unique experience of camping and earning merit badges at some of the best scout camps in the United States. Going out of state offers our scouts the opportunity to visit a part of the country that they might not otherwise have the opportunity to see. Attending camps out of council also provides scouts an increased growth experience that is unique to our troop. As always parents/guardians are welcome to attend summer camp with the troop. Parents who attend summer camp will need to register as a scout leader and take some basic scout leader training prior to attending camp.

The cost of attending an out of council summer camp is more than staying in Arizona. Through the year, our troop offers several fundraising opportunities which enable each scout to earn money applied directly to their camp costs. The Christmas Wreath sales fundraiser is one of our most profitable fundraisers for scouts. The harder a scout and his family work on these fundraisers, the more they can earn towards paying up to the entire cost of camp. Attending a long term scout camp can count towards the 20 night requirement for camping merit badge; therefore Troop 379 would like every active scout to have the opportunity to attend summer camp at least one time during their scouting experience. If the cost of attending summer camp is too large of a financial commitment for your family, our troop has provided various levels of scholarships in the past to share the cost. In order to better plan, we have to know of this need ahead of time, before our fundraising has ended for the year. Please contact our Scoutmaster Alan Garlington as soon as possible if you would like additional information about scholarship funds.

At this point we need you to know:

Our 2017 summer camp plans and the approximate financial commitment needed for Camp.

Our troop has several fundraising opportunities to help scouts pay their way to camp.

The pre camp meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Monday June, 12th 2017

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact Alan Garlington or Duane Lidman.

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What: 2017 Summer Camp
Where: Camp Parsons - Brinnon, Washington www.campparsons.com
When: July 2nd to Saturday July 8th
Departure: Either Saturday July 1st or Sunday July 2nd
Return: Saturday Afternoon/Evening July 8th

Estimated Cost:	Camp fee:	\$372.00	Proposed
	Air fare:	\$538.00*	(Estimated)
	Ground transportation:	\$60.00	(Estimated)
	Misc:	\$30.00	(Estimated)
	<u>Estimated Total</u>	<u>\$1,000.00</u> **	(Estimated)

Deposit: Minimum non refundable deposit to hold your spot \$100.00
 We will start accepting deposit checks at the November 28th Troop meeting.
Deposit deadline January 2nd 2017.

Payments: Our first camp payment to Camp Parsons is due in late January; our final camp payment is due in early May. In order to get the lowest priced airfare we need to start looking for the best price in February. In the past we usually lock in on a flight and need to pay for the airfare sometime between March and the end of May. In order to not overdraw our troop account or have someone carry the balance on their personal credit card we need your camp payments deposited in the troop's account before we make our troop payments. For these reasons we have the following camp payment schedule.

Deposit Deadline*	January 2nd	\$100.00
2ND Payment	February 6th	\$100.00
3rd Payment	March 6th	\$350.00
4th Payment	April 17th	\$350.00
5th Payment	June 12th	\$100.00 ** or final adjusted cost.

* Fees paid to Camp Parsons and for Airline tickets on your behalf are non refundable to our troop. If you have paid your non refundable camp deposit along with any additional payments and later discover that you cannot attend summer camp your payments will only be refunded if someone else is able to take your spot.

** Note: These cost projections are estimates and could change by the time comes to pay the fees. The June payment will be adjusted to reflect the actual final trip cost.



Waterfront & Pier



Pier Jumping



Climbing Tower