



Camp Parsons

Where the Mountains Meet the Sea

Troop Time Offerings

What is Troop Time?

Troop time is a session scheduled by the SPL that allows troops to experience different areas of camp together. Camp Parsons offers a wide variety of unique activities during troop times, ranging from Mountain Madness in Eco-Con to the Canoe Swamp at the Boathouse to the World-Renowned Camp Parsons Pier Jump.

How do I sign up?

Usually, the Senior Patrol Leader signs their troop up for Troop Time during the daily SPL meeting. Make sure they talk with their Patrol Leaders to decide what the troop wants to do. Also, make sure to have at least five options ready to go in case something fills up and you need an alternative. When scheduling, please keep age restrictions and size limits in mind.

Monday Troop Time sessions are selected by the Scoutmaster at the 10:00 SM Meeting on Monday morning, so make sure the SPL communicates the troop's desired options.

Ecology Conservation

- Nature Games** Play games in the forest! Our latest offerings include Nature Jeopardy, Predator vs. Prey, or anything else you can play in the woods. Meets at Eco-Con.
- Fort Duckabush** Take a guided tour through our world-class museum and explore the days of Parsons' Past. Meets at Fort Duckabush.
- Edible Plant Hike** Reach new heights of plant knowledge and blow the minds of your friends back home. You'll return with a full belly and a full head of knowledge. Meets at the Dining Hall.
- View Hike** Feast your eyes on one of the most spectacular views that Camp Parsons has to offer. Join us on a clear day and you might even catch a glimpse of Mt Rainier! Meets at the SMG.
- Nature Trail Hike** Ever been in an Old Growth Forest? Ever been in a New Growth Forest? Why not do both on this incredible voyage through ecological time? Meets at the SMG.
- Beach Combing** Go on a beach hike, skip rocks, create beach art, learn about marine life, or just hang out on the beach with your troop: the beach is yours to explore! Meets at Mystery Beach.
- Arboretum Hike** Come see Camp Parsons's very own protected forest, including native and ornamental plants. The treasure trove of the Northwest! Meets at the Dining Hall.

Tower

- Climbing** Push yourself beyond your comfort zone as you climb and rappel down our 31.5' tower. Meets at the Tower. Max 20 people.
- Bouldering** Think climbing up is hard? Try climbing across, on our bouldering wall. Meets at the Bouldering Wall. Try our new Gaga Ball Pit while you wait!
- First Aid Scenarios** Test your first aid knowledge by walking through various emergency scenarios with our camp Health Officer. Meets at the Health Lodge.

Scoutcraft

- Cooking Demo** What's cooking today in Scoutcraft? Find out during this hour-long exploration of outdoor cuisine. Second Hour Only. Meets at Scoutcraft. (30 Scout max)
- Pioneering** Learn lashings and work on staff-guided projects or, for the more experienced, use your lashing skills to build a project of your choosing.
- Field Games** Play classics like Frisbee or try out some original CP Inventions like Friskit Ball. Meets at the Dining Hall Parade Field.
- Tomahawks** Try our Tomahawk range for an exciting challenge. Meets at Scoutcraft.
- Totin' Chip/Firem'n Chit** Learn safety and proper procedure for fire building and knife use while you earn these classic scouting awards. Meets at Scoutcraft.
- Obstacle Course** Challenge your very concept of daring on this classic: back and more difficult than ever. Meets at the Obstacle Course.
- The Lost Patrol** Embark on a thrilling adventure where your survival skills will be put to the test. Navigate through challenging obstacles, solve puzzles, and work together with your troop to escape this wilderness survival-themed escape room.
- Catapult Clash** Unleash your inner engineer in this exciting hands-on event! Use the provided materials to construct a powerful catapult in this catapult building extravaganza!

Craft Lodge

- Flag + Baton Making** Make a patrol flag with your patrol for the Hullabaloo or a baton for your relay race team.
- Lanyards** Have a blast creating colorful and flashy lanyards, great gifts for family and friends. (~50¢ for supplies)
- Tie-Dye** Come on down and create some tubular tie-dye shirts. Great for all occasions, including beach bonanza! Buy tickets at the Trading Post before coming to the craft lodge – just \$9 for a white Camp Parsons T-shirt and all necessary supplies.
- Merit Badges** Work on Fingerprinting or Chess merit badge.
- Notebook Making** Learn a little bit about the art of book binding while using your creativity to create your own unique notebook.
- Stickers** Ever wanted a sticker but couldn't find the perfect one? Come to the craft lodge and make your own!
- Zoetropes** Step back in time and experience the magic of traditional animation! In this hands-on workshop, scouts will use this classic animation tool to create their own short animations. Learn the fundamentals of frame-by-frame animation, bring your drawings to life, and discover the artistry behind this timeless technique.

Range and Target Activities

- Rifle Shooting** Try your hand at marksmanship with our .22 caliber rifles. Rifle tokens are required to shoot and must be purchased at the Trading Post BEFORE your scheduled shoot. Meets at the Rifle Range. Max 32 people.
- Archery** Become a Yeoman as you take up your bow at the range. No tickets needed. Meets at the Archery Range. Max 32 people.

Aquatics

Central Beach

- Open Swim** There's nothin' like jumpin' in the cool Hood Canal water on a warm Parsons Summer Day. Make sure you try out the snorkels!
- Snorkeling** Tons of brand new gear! Same old points!

Pier

- Pier Jump** A Parsons Trademark. You haven't lived until you've plunged off the end of the pier into the glistening water below. This is a tide-permitting event.
- Rowboats** Try out this classic sport. If you're daring, you can try the Rowboat Fill to stuff as many troop members into a boat as possible. Max 30 people.
- Whale Hunt** (30 max) Compete within your troop or with another to see which team can capture the whale first
- Big Sailboat** Come aboard for a two-hour tour around Jackson Cove on our large sailboat, guided by our Beach Crew Skipper. (Two hours, max 8 people)
- Small Sailboats** Take out our flotilla of small boats to try and catch the wind. Some sailing experience is recommended. (Two hours, max 14 people)

Boathouse

- Canoeing** Practice this classic scout aquatics activity with the whole troop.
- Canoe Swamp** It's swamp or be swamped in this chaotic canoe free for all. Head out into the water without paddles to try and tip competing boats.
- War Canoe** Take our massive 12-seater out for a spin around the blue barrels. Max 12 people.

Improvement

- Service Projects** Leave a real mark on camp by helping us improve it. Have your SPL meet with the Head Commissioner to assign or approve a project. Meets at the Tool Room. Max 2 troops.
- Unit Development** Camp is a great time for a troop to work on itself. During this self-run block, troops can strengthen their leadership base, run senior patrol leader elections, or even work on advancement on their own in the campsite.