**DESTINATION** Snoqualmie Pass/Summit West; US Forest Service Visitor Center at Summit West

**DEPART** Meet at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church parking lot at **7:00am on Saturday**, February 27, 2016. The troop will depart at 7:30am sharp. Any early start is required due to the parking situation at Snoqualmie Pass. Rosters, maps, and driving instructions will be provided in the parking lot.

**LEADERSHIP** Derrek Falor, Adult Sponsor, 216-577-3637 (cell); Bill Montgomery, Scoutmaster, 206-523-0072 (home); Senior Patrol Leader: Stan Godfrey 206-257-4474

**PROGRAM** We will snowshoe/walk **(snowshoes are highly recommended)** from the Snoqualmie Pass parking lot about 100-150 yards to a large flat space where we can build snow caves or igloos, and practice winter mountaineering skills. We will cook our dinner outside on Saturday night, go to bed early, and rise Sunday morning, prepare breakfast, and pack up and head back to the cars.

**ROUTE** From Seattle drive I-90 to exit 52 (signed for Summit West). At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn left (north) and cross under the freeway. In about 100 yards, turn right onto a dirt road leading into the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) trailhead.

**EQUIPMENT SNOWSHOES ARE HIGHLY RECOMMENDED FOR THIS TRIP!** Appropriate gear is more important for this outing than any other outing of the year. Scouts will be sleeping on the snow in igloos, caves, or tents, and temperatures in the teens can be expected at night. Scouts should bring two sleeping bags or one winter-rated (zero degrees or less) bag, a warm sleeping pad, and at least one **complete** change of clothes. Scouts **will** get wet while building shelters and will become very cold once they stop working without a change of dry clothes. The sleeping pad is almost as important as the sleeping bag when on snow. A polypropylene fleece or wool blanket can be used inside your sleeping bag if an additional bag is not available. **Each Scout must have a backcountry snow shovel or folding military-type shovel for building caves, no exceptions.** Each patrol should carry tents to house its members in the event the snow caves fail. Patrols should provide sleds to haul bulky gear up to the campsite. Gaiters or some other method to keep snow out of boots is highly recommended. Using waterproof work gloves (or thick dishwashing gloves) with liners for the snow work and saving dry insulated gloves or mitts for later is a good strategy for keeping hands warm. Use the equipment list attached.

**FOOD** Bring a sack lunch for Saturday and some high-calorie snacks for working outside in the cold. Dinner and breakfast will be prepared by the patrols. Grubmasters should choose a menu that focuses on easy preparation. Bring spending money for lunch on Sunday, in case your driver stops on the way back.

**FEE** **$20.00 CASH**. Bring an additional amount to be determined by the patrols to cover dinner and breakfast. Scholarships are available by contacting Bill Montgomery by February 8th at the latest.

**RETURN** Troop will arrive back at Wedgwood Presbyterian Church between 12:00 and 2:00 pm. Scouts will call for pick-up on the way back. An e-mail will be sent with estimated arrival once we get past the Mt Baker Tunnel on I-90.

**SIGN-UP Signed permission slips and $20.00 CASH need to be turned in by Monday 2/22** at the regular Troop Meeting.

**PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM**

Scout \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ has my permission to participate in the Commonwealth Basin Snowcamping Outing sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 166.

Emergency Contact phone number for any unexpected circumstance:

This phone contact **must** be available from departure at parking lot to return.

**YES NO** I am available to accompany the Scouts on the outing**.** Youth Protection Training Completion Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Mandatory to drive or accompany Scouts. Good for two years.

**YES NO** I can provide transportation for this trip. My vehicle has seat belts for \_\_\_\_ passengers.

Auto Insurance Company: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Insurance Coverage: Liability Each Person $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Each Accident $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Property Damage $ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Or initial if you meet or exceed Washington State Minimum Requirements \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

($25,000 of bodily injury each person, $50,000 of bodily injury each accident, $10,000 property damage. –Amts from WA. DOL 2006)

Driver’s License Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby give permission for any and all medical attention necessary to be administered to my child in the event of an accident, injury, sickness, etc., under the direction of the adults listed on this form or the adult leaders listed on the trip bulletin until such time as I may be contacted. This release is effective for the time during which my child is participating in a Troop 166 Boy Scout outing, including traveling to or from activities. I also hereby assume full responsibility for payment of any such treatment.

Parents’ or Guardians’ Names: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or egal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster: Bill Montgomery Phone: (206) 523-0072

**EQUIPMENT LIST**

**Essentials**

* + Extra food
	+ Extra clothing
	+ First aid kit
	+ Flashlight or headlamp
	+ Matches and firestarter
	+ Pocket knife
	+ Sunglasses and sunscreen
	+ Compass/Navigation
	+ Whistle

**Patrol Gear**

* + Map
	+ Stove and lots of fuel
	+ Cooking pots and utensils
	+ Scrubbing pads and soap
	+ Large water container
	+ Extra black garbage bags
	+ Tents (if snow caves fail)
	+ Food and garbage bags

**Clothes**

* Two stocking caps/balaclavas (one worn, one extra)
* Neck gaiter
* Insulated parka with hood or uninsulated rain parka with additional warm layers underneath
* Insulated ski/snowboard pants/bibs or waterproof rain pants with wool/fleece pants underneath
* Two or three pairs gloves or mittens (one worn, one or two extra)
* Polypro or wool long underwear
* Extra wool or fleece middle layers
* Insulated snow boots
* Two sets wool or synthetic socks and liners (one worn, one extra)
* Gaiters

**Personal Gear**

* Backpack
* Plastic bag to store extra clothes
* Mess kit/eating utensils
* Insulated cup
* Water bottle
* Sleeping bag (Two summer bags, one winter bag, or extra heavy blanket)
* Full-length sleeping pad
* Medications, vitamins, etc.
* Toilet paper and hand sanitizer
* Toothbrush and toothpaste
* Parachute cord
* Camera
* Candle lantern
* Money – for lunch on way home

**Snowcamping Gear**

* Sleds for hauling bulky gear (one per patrol)
* **Snow shoes highly recommended**
* Ski poles (desired for each scout)
* Snow saw (one per patrol)
* Snow shovel (required for each scout)
* Lightweight board to support stove on snow (one per patrol)