



History of Scouting in Washington

PTC Class 616 - October 17, 2020

**Fred Poyner IV, Webelos Den 5 Leader, Pack
682, Alpine District, Chief Seattle Council**

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Early Scouting in King County & Formation of the Chief Seattle Council

Key dates:

**April 18, 1911; December 8, 1916; October 28,
1919**

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**William D. Boyce (1858-1929)
founder of Boy Scouts of America in
the United States, 1910**



**Reginald Parsons (1873-1955).
First President of the Seattle Council
chartered by the BSA in 1916**

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**Marion Street from Second Avenue, Seattle, King County, WA, Sept. 1917. The
Boy Scout Headquarters is visible in the lower right corner. The first BSA HQ was
at 2nd and Columbia in May 1911.**

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Edmond S. Meany (1862-1935). Seattle Public Library.



Location of Mount Tom in Washington

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Boy Scouts practicing artificial respiration on a sandy beach, Seattle, King County, WA area, ca. 1916.

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**World War I poster and
BSA scout, 1918.**



Boy Scout handbook, 1959.

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**Seattle Troop No. 4
June 15, 1916**

Scoutmaster Floyd Oles

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BSA Troop 4 Seattle charter, June 15, 1916.

Floyd Oles, Scoutmaster, Troop 4, ca. 1936.

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Application for Membership in the Boy Scouts of America
 SEATTLE AREA COUNCIL—King, Kitsap, Clallam and Jefferson Counties, and Alaska
 Headquarters, 5118 Arcade Square—Phone 5ENACE 1450, Seattle, Wash.
 (To become a Scout a boy must have passed his twelfth birthday.)
 To be signed by candidate, approved by Parent or Guardian, and forwarded with proper fee by Scoutmaster to Council Headquarters.

1. I HEREBY APPLY for membership in Troop No. four of the Boy Scouts of America. I agree to be guided by its rules and leaders, and help make it a creditable troop.

Name Doe, John Address 0000-00th Ave. SSW
 School R-E-M-E-M-B-E-R-M-I-E-N School grade 80pne
 Church Catholic Phone 000000
 Were You a Cub? Yes What Pack? 00

2. PARENTS OR GUARDIAN'S APPROVAL:
 WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT OUR SON John Doe
 was born on July 9 1900 We have read the Scout Oath and Law and are willing that he be a Scout. We shall try to assist him to become a First Class Scout and to attend the summer camp.
 Signatures of Parents (or Guardians) Mary Doe Ralph Doe

3. SCOUTMASTER'S ACCEPTANCE:
 This application is forwarded with registration fee of (50 cents if troop charter has 11 to 12 months to run; 45c for 10 months; 40c for 9 months; 35c for 8 months; 30c for 7 months; 25c for 5-6 months; 20c for 4 months; 15c for 3 months; 10c for 2 months; 5c for 1 month) thirty-five cents for remainder of this troop's chartered year.
 Scoutmaster Floyd Oles

NOTE
 A Membership Card, issued from Headquarters on receipt of application, is required when a scout or his parents purchase a uniform.



(L) BSA Troop 4 Seattle membership application for John Doe. (R) Joining the Scouts pamphlet.

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BSA Troop 4, Seattle, ca. 1924.

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GIVE
APRIL 3, 4

Presenting The
14th Annual
BOY SCOUT
CIRCUS

at the
University of Washington Athletic Pavilion
APRIL 3rd and 4th -- 8:00 p. m.

Where You Will See
5,000 SCOUTS IN ACTION
A Swift Moving Portrayal of the Activities of Scouts, Cubs and Sea Scouts of Seattle and Vicinity

18 BIG ACTS -- including
Grand Entry Parade--5,000 Participants
March of the Wooden Soldiers
Clowns, Clowns, and More Clowns
Paul Bunyan and His Famous Blue Ox
Giant Pyramids, Tumbling
Chorus Ensembles, Tumbler, Acrobats, Lunge
Camping, Pioneering, and Undeniable Engineering Feats
Wilderness Scenes Conjured Before Your Eyes
And Many Other Major Acts.

It's Surprising-- Adults 40c
It's Colossal-- Children 20c
It's Incomparable-- Reserved \$1.00
And It's Worth the Price of Admission

14th Annual Boy Scout Circus, ca. 1930.

TROOP FOUR
LATTIP. WASH.

December 1, 1939

Scribble

These Scouts were sent at Troop expense (\$1.00 registration), in line with Troop custom. We hope they brought back some ideas for the Troop.

Civic Service. At request of SCOUT BOARD, Troop 4 furnished a group of Scouts to usher at a performance of "Finocchio" at the Moore Theatre, on Friday, November 24, starting duty at 9:00 A.M. Our Scouts were headed by Ft. Charlie Weinger and included beside him: Carl Rudwood, Clair D. Silver and Bill Webster. Mike points (S) in IP Contest are being given for this civic service.

Scribble Editors for this edition are the entire Blasing House patrol led by Ft. Pinnegon, plus some help they dragged in. That they are good at getting others to assist is proved by the fact that the SC is getting this news, also by various articles and even poetry written by various Scouts.

Settings for September & October 1939 are determined by the SCOUT STAFF, follow. Note that there are no ratings for Scouts of Life or higher rank, and none for Candidates. It is very satisfactory and indicates that a Scout is doing good Scouting. "S" indicates some added work or merit above usual and satisfactory Scouting.

Troop Committee:
A. H. Pinnegon, Chairman
A. H. Goldstein
Harold Maddock, Jr.
Beverly Marcus
Billie Vachon, Dr.

Senior Staff:
Ft. Pinnegon, SA
Joseph Marcus, SA
Jimmy Husbaum, SA
Willie Maddock, SA

Junior Staff:
Clair D. Silver, TS
Beverly Marcus, SC
Joe Pinnegon, SA
Stuart Giles, PE
Robert Miller, PE
Lawrence Nieder, PE
Jimmy Husbaum, PE

Advisers:
Clair Silver, PE
Bill Webster, SA
Carl Rudwood, TS
Jimmy Riser, SC

Editorial Staff: Ft. Pinnegon and the SA staff.

Reporters: Jimmy Husbaum, Stuart Giles, Clair Silver.

Printing courtesy of Miss Benneith, SECRETARY to the CM.

Chief Artist: Harry Huselmann.

Co-ordinators: November 1939, at Ft. Pinnegon's "Big event" and provided unusual chance for leadership preparation. Troop 4 delegates were Beverly Marcus and Bill Webster.

"Scribble" newsletter for Troop 4, December 1, 1939.

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"Hello"
(4 divisions)

1. 1st: Hello
2nd: Hello
3rd: Hello
4th: Hello

All: We're glad to greet you
We're glad to meet you

1st: Hello
2nd: Hello
3rd: Hello
All: Hello

2. "Here's to Brother _____"
Here's to Brother _____, Brother _____, Brother _____
O here's to Brother _____, he is with us tonight,
He's with us, God bless him, God bless him, he needs it.
O here's to Brother _____, he's with us tonight.

HIKING SONGS
"Victory Song"

1. Come scouts, for we're off today
Hiking to hilltops far far away,
Till our banners flying high
We'll reach the Summit by and by
What though the trail be weary and long
You'll always find us singing a song
Ever true to old Scouting
Hiking to Victory!!

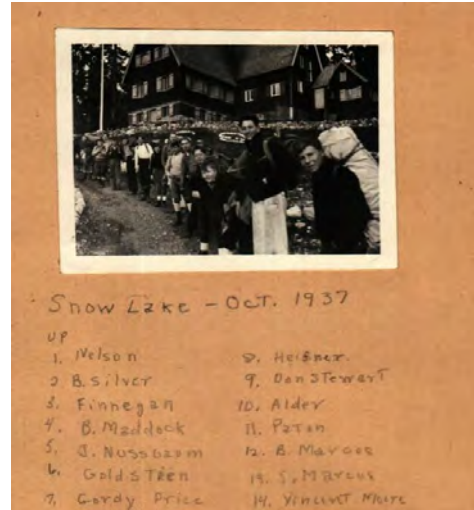
"Hiking Along Together"

3. Hiking along together
Sharing alike what ever may come
Hiking along together
Camping when the day is done.
Trudging along the trail pals;
Into the mountains tall
Over the shoulder and through the pass
Down we come to our camp.
We'll sleep in peace till the sun will rise
And dry out our blankets damp.

O hiking along together
We won't be back till school this fall.

EVENING SONGS

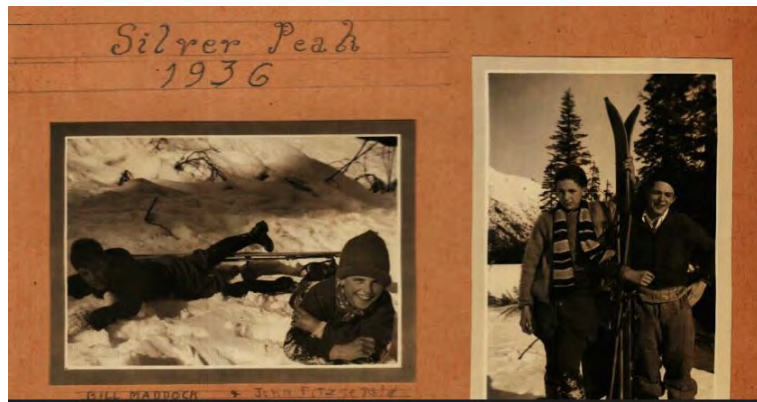
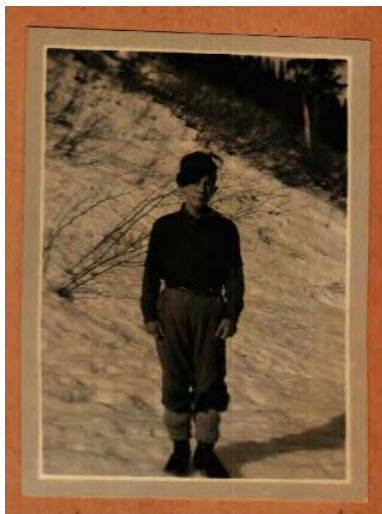
1. By the campfire's embers growing bright
We have met in comradeship tonight
Round about us whispering trees guard our golden memories,
And so before we close our eyes in sleep



"Welcome" song and "Hiking" songs, BSA Troop 4.

Snow Lake hike, October 1937, Troop 4 – List of 14 Scouts.

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Series of photos showing Boy Scouts at Silver Peak winter outing, 1936, BSA Troop 4, Seattle.

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Boy Scouts resting at the base of Red Mountain (undated photo), BSA Troop 4.

TROOP 4 - B.S.A.
SEATTLE AREA COUNCIL

Scoutmaster's Bulletin No. 23 April 5, 1941

THE GOSLOW HIKE

This bulletin is being sent to get to you on Monday, since the Scout Circus interfered with a Troop meeting this week-end.

Goslow Hike. All Scouts go on the Goslow Hike, the oldest of Troop 4's TRADITION Annual hikes.

Instructions. Be at the Lowell School Handball Court 8:30 A.M. WEDNESDAY, April 10th. If your parents are taking you to the dock, try to come by Lowell School anyway and give some other Scouts a lift. All the rest of the Troop will leave the structure and catch the Bremerton ferry at the Colman Dock at 9:40 A.M. From Bremerton we go by the trunk of our old friend, Sam ~~Patley~~, who will take us to ~~Wade~~ Gear Point. From which we hike in again to Mr. Young's place.

Cost--\$1.10 per Scout. G.W. Bailey will take charge of funds at the Handball Court or at the dock.

Return--by ferry, arriving at Colman Dock at 5:15 P.M., Friday, APRIL 11th. If your folks are going to meet you on your return, tell them this.

Food--cooking is by "buddy system"--two or three Scouts cook together, ~~bring~~ bring your own food. (See attached list of suggestions.) The \$1.10 covers transportation and milk and just comes out even.

Goslow Hike is not a tough hike, but it is one of the most interesting. ~~Scout~~ Scoutmaster and invite--whenever they have come in the past they have had a fine time.

Bring "B" Books. This is a chance for outdoor advancement. If you are taking ~~the~~ the list class cooking or cooking with badge tests, bring the necessary food. Second class includes roundroast for ~~two~~ two, potatoes and salt; 1st class may include bacon and eggs. There are ~~also~~ also tests for Hunter's Game. Bring Handbooks if taking tests. There will be plenty of chance to get tests on 3rd year, Tracking, Signalling, Knife & Ax, Fire-building, Compass, Mapping, and Judging.

You need on this hike: Good shoes, warm clothes, rain-and-cold-proof ~~coat~~ coat, ~~knives~~ knives, ~~map~~ map, ~~flashlight~~ flashlight if you have one, matches, spoon, cup, knife or ax, towel and soap, antiseptic, ~~essentials~~ essentials, sleeping bag or at least 3 heavy blankets (or 4 lighter ones) with ~~blanket~~ blanket size, your food, and \$1.10.

If you bring blankets, a piece of canvas or tarpaulin is a big ~~help~~ help in making a dry bed. Some fellows with pup-tents find them handy. ~~Blanket~~ Blanket and film is good. Cooking pots or frying pans are needed if your ~~own~~ own a slice for them. First aid is O.K., but Troop will have it.

The Goslow Hike goes on, rain or shine, and good Scouts come regardless. See attached sheet.

Floyd Giles
Scoutmaster

Goslow Hike details, Troop 4, April 5, 1941.

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TROOP 4 - B.S.A.
Meeting of Friday, Feb. 28, 1941

1. Call to order.
2. Roll call.
3. Prepare for Inspection.
4. Inspection.
5. Colors.
6. Announcement of new SPL--
S. Giles. Ceremony of change of command.
7. Further announcements--by SM
 - a. Q.V. Patrol--insignia to S. Giles--password.
 - b. Senior Patrol--purpose and assignments--K. Giles, Legatus--Pinnegen, Hofner, Robt. Silver--insignia later.
 - c. Roll call of Senior Patrol. Q.V. 1st--then others.
 - d. Bill Webster--PL of B.A.
 - e. Bill Silver--PL of F.E.
 - f. Guy Boswell--APL of F.E.
 - g. Holland Smith--APL of TB
- h. assignments:
 - Jack Smith to TB
 - Gordon Woodward to PE
 - Garrison Murphy to SC
- i. Roll call by Patrols.

Game--led by new SPL.

Initiation: Hesperrn, Murphy, Jack Smith.

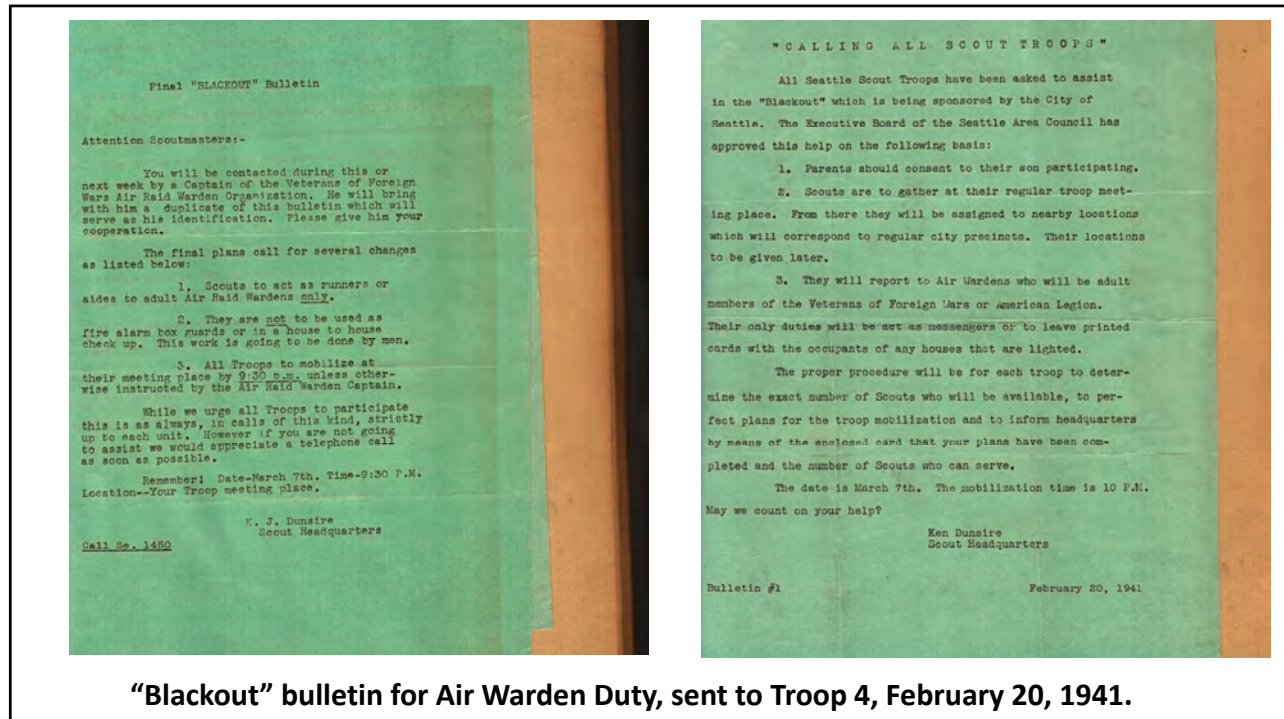
Advancement--Separate Patrol meets & instruction. Special meet of Senior Patrol

Campfire.

- Songs
- Need for Lowell School candidates.
- Story by SM if needed.
- Closing ceremonies.

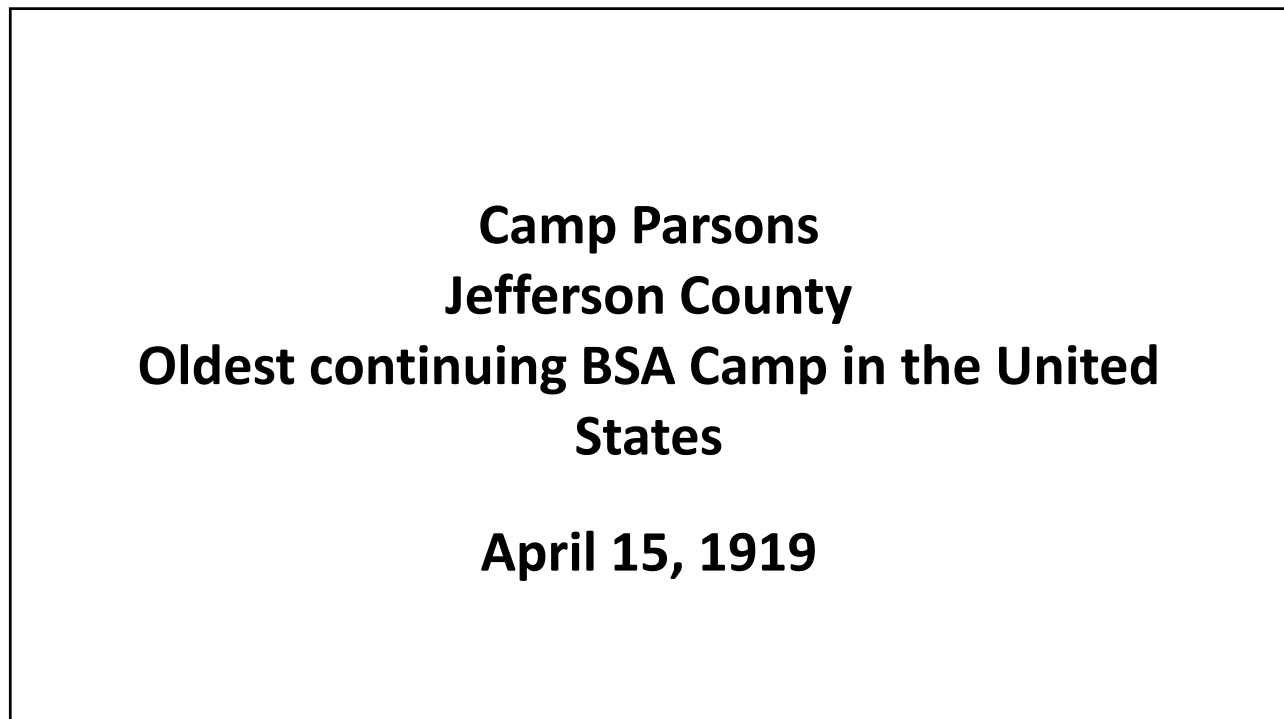
Meeting notes, Troop 4, February 28, 1941.

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"Blackout" bulletin for Air Warden Duty, sent to Troop 4, February 20, 1941.

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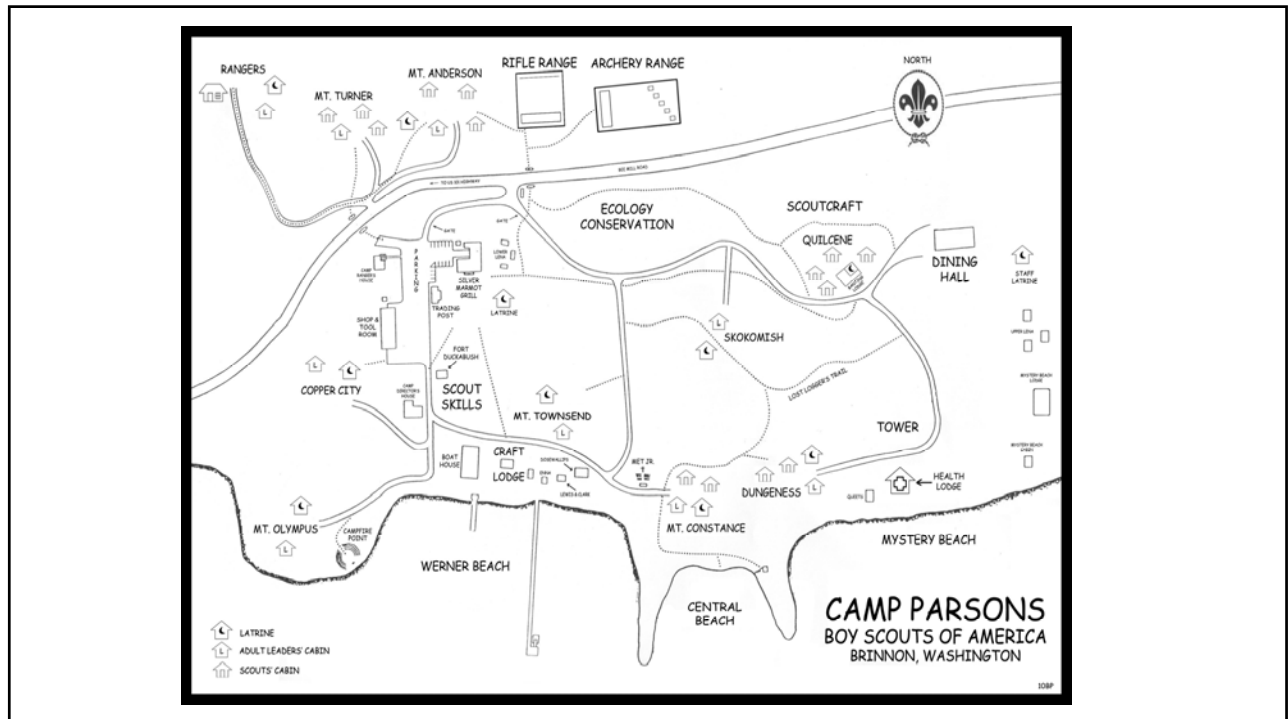


Reginald H. Parsons, Seattle Chamber of Commerce president (1873-1955). Camp Parsons is named after him.



Major Edward Sturgis Ingraham, first superintendent of the Seattle Public Schools (1852-1926). First Scout Commissioner for Seattle Council in 1916.

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**An early advertisement
for the Boy Scouts of
America and its camping
program.
Camp Parsons Museum.**

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**Boy Scout uniform,
1919.
Camp Parsons Museum.**

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Early Scoutmaster staff at Camp Parsons, 1920. The mules "Jack" and "Jim" also pictured.
Camp Parsons Museum.

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Approximately 100 Scouts attended the first summer at Camp Parsons, June-August 1919.

Camp Parsons Museum.

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Ferries were the main transportation to and from Camp Parsons between 1919 and 1950. This photo shows the steamer KINGSTON unloading Scouts at a pier, 1930. Camp Parsons Museum.



Two Scouts from Troop 326 on board ship en-route to Camp Parsons, 1941. Camp Parsons Museum.

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Post card from Scout Charlie Harris to his parents in Seattle, d. August 5, 1919.
Camp Parsons Museum.

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**The Trading Post at
Camp Parsons, aka "Fort
Duckabush" ca. 1926.
Camp Parsons Museum.**

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"Whale Boat" crew races, 1922. Camp Parsons Museum.

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Cub Scouts eating in Dining Hall, ca. 1938. Part of Camp Parsons was designated for Cub Scouts beginning in 1930.

Camp Parsons Museum.

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[L] BSA Membership card, 1939. Below: BSA handbook, ca. 1959.



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An Archery range was added in the early 1930s for Scouts at Camp Parsons. In 1955, a rifle range was added, allowing Scouts to earn their marksmanship badges and awards. The Marksmanship merit badge was one of the [original 57 merit badges](#) issued by the Boy Scouts of America in 1911. Marksmanship replaced the 1910 [Marksman "Badge of Merit"](#). The Marksmanship badge was discontinued in 1966 and replaced with the Rifle and Shotgun Shooting badge in 1988. Camp Parsons Museum.

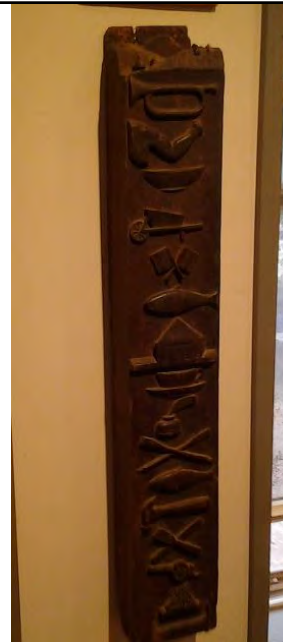


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1920s Daily Schedule

This carving was made in the 1920s by Victor Kaartinen of Troop 2A. It reads from top to bottom:

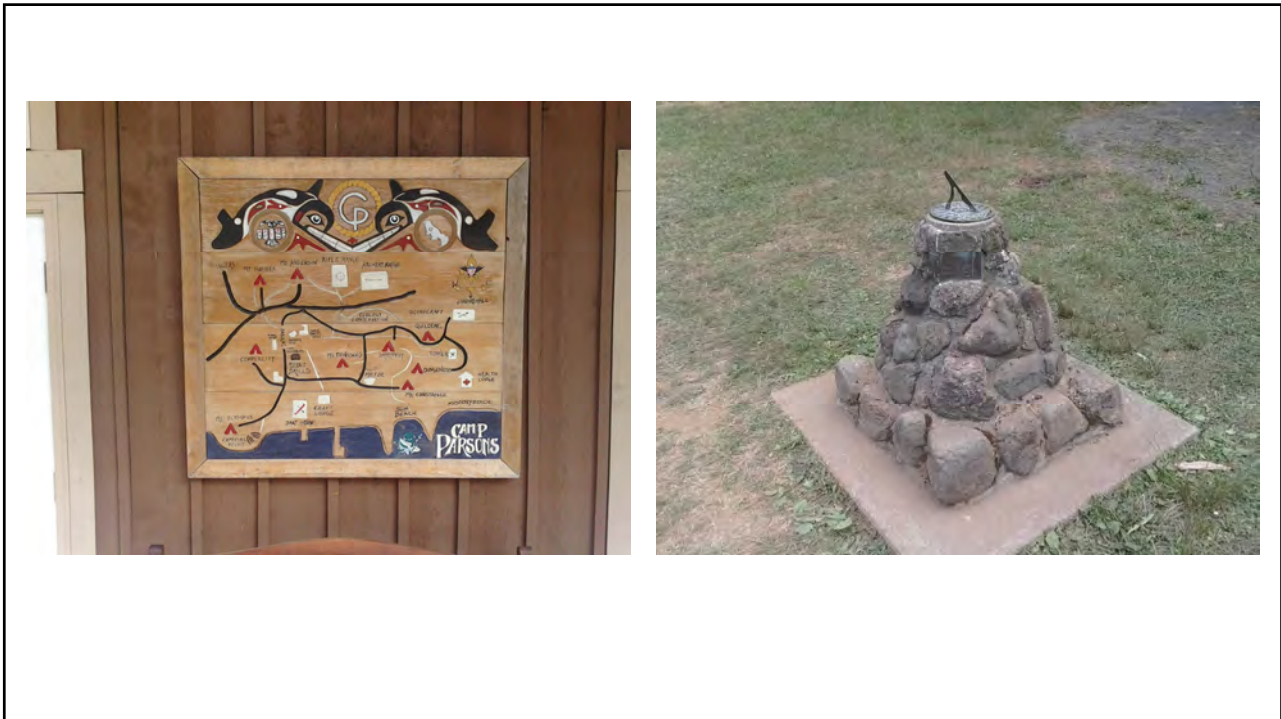
- BUGLE:** *Wake-up Call*
- ARM:** *Morning Exercises*
- BOWL:** *Eat Breakfast*
- WHEELBARROW:** *Work Project*
- SIGNAL FLAGS:** *Learn Scout Craft*
- FISH:** *Morning Swim*
- CABIN:** *Return to Camp*
- CUP & SAUCER:** *Eat Lunch*
- PEN IN INK BOTTLE:** *Write Home*
- CROSSED PADDLES:** *Rowing*
- FISH:** *Afternoon Swim*
- HAMMER:** *Do Work Project*
- KNIFE & FORK:** *Eat Dinner*
- CANNON:** *Retreat (Lower Flag)*
- FIRE:** *Go to Campfire*



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Scout summer hikes often were held in the second week following Camp Parsons. This photo shows a groups of Scouts at a Scout cabin in the Olympic Mountains, ca. 1930.

Camp Parsons Museum.

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**President Warren Harding speaks at
“Boys Day” as part of Boy Scouts National
Jamboree, Woodland Park, Seattle
July 27, 1923**

**Sculptor Alice Robertson Carr creates new
Harding Memorial featuring BSA in 1925**

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President Warren Harding's motorcade in Seattle, 1923.

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Seattle sculptor Alice Robertson Carr works on modeling a Boy Scout relief (L) and the plaster model of a Boy Scout statue (R) in 1925 for a new memorial to President Harding in Woodland Park.

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The Harding Memorial in Woodland Park is dedicated on March 29, 1925.

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(L) The Harding Memorial in Woodland Park (undated photo). (R) One of two bronze statues from the original memorial salvaged in 1978, today on display at the Chief Seattle Council building.

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A second Boy Scout statue by Alice Robertson Carr in 1925, salvaged from the Harding Memorial at Woodland Park, today on view at the Camp Parsons Museum.

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Sculptor Robert Tait McKenzie, *The Boy Scout* (1911) and *The Ideal Scout* (1937)

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Sculptor Robert Tait McKenzie in his studio working on a sculpture of Benjamin Franklin, 1911. University of Pennsylvania Archives.

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President Calvin Coolidge receiving a copy of *The Boy Scout* bronze-cast statuette by R. Tait McKenzie (1911). Location shown is outside of the White House, Washington, DC, where Coolidge greeted 1,500 visiting Boy Scouts from NY, NJ, and CT. Photograph 1927. National Photo Company Collection, Library of Congress.

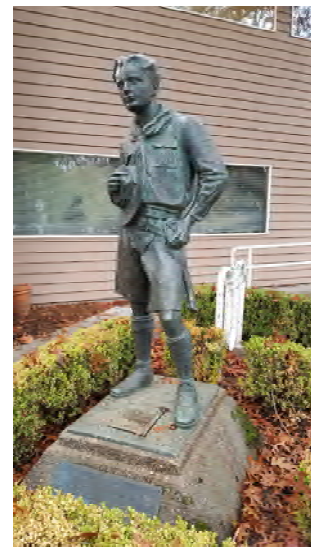
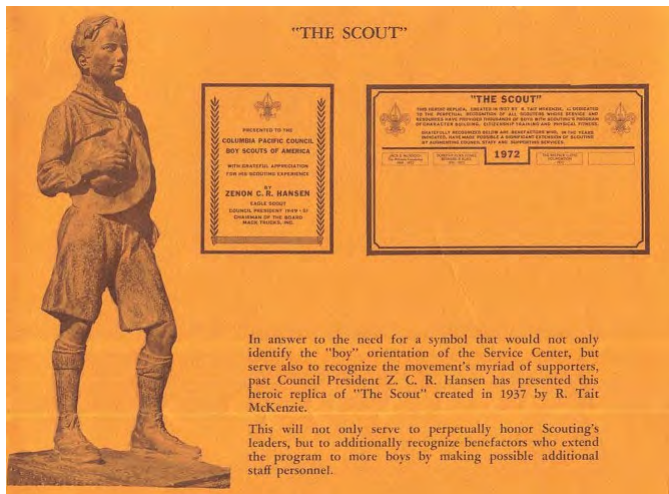
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***The Ideal Scout* by R. Tait McKenzie (1937). This was the original Bronze-cast statue installed in 1937 at Philadelphia Council, Philadelphia, PA.**

Today, there are 42 statues across the United States, and three more in international locations.

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***The Ideal Scout* (also called *The Scout*) by R. Tait McKenzie (1937). Bronze-cast statue copy installed in 1972 at Columbia Pacific Council, Portland, OR.**

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The Ideal Scout by R. Tait McKenzie (1937). Bronze-cast statue copy installed in 1972 at Chief Seattle Council, Seattle, WA.

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For more information about Scouting history:

- ***Chief Seattle Council, Boy Scouts of America* – <https://www.historylink.org/File/20449>**
- **Harding memorial unveiled in Woodland Park – <https://www.historylink.org/File/20684>**
- ***The Boy Scout* – Two statues by Dr. Robert Tait McKenzie – <http://scouters.us/TheBoyScout.html>**

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