

A scenic landscape photograph of Camp Sheppard. The foreground is a lush green lawn with dappled sunlight. The middle ground is filled with dense evergreen trees. In the background, a steep, rocky mountain rises under a clear blue sky.

# Camp Sheppard

2025 Program Guide



# A Letter from the Camp Director



Fellow Scouts and Scouters,

Welcome to the wonderful world of Scouting Adventures at Camp Sheppard! Camp is a unique place where youth and adults build memories and friendships that last a lifetime. Camp Sheppard will act as your base for exciting alpine adventure. Your weekend will be packed full with activities and experiences that help youth grow.

Camp Sheppard is operated by the Chief Seattle Council as an outdoor education center, as well as an alpine camping experience for scouts of all ages. Established for youth activities in 1947 camp has been in continuous operation ever since. Camp Sheppard has an impressive history of outdoor adventure, as well as environmental stewardship through partnerships with the National Forest & National Parks Services. Nestled deep in the heart of the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest, and in shadow of Mt. Rainier, it is hard to find a more suitable location for adventure in the out-of-doors.

This Program Guide has been crafted to help prepare you for a successful scout outing in our beautiful alpine setting. Among these pages you will find information on registration, camp accommodations, program offerings, as well as directions to camp. Please feel free to reach out with questions!

Our staff is excited to host you for a weekend of scouting experiences you wont soon forget In the Shadow of the Mountain!

Yours in Scouting,

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# Contact Information & Directions

## Reservation Information

### Chief Seattle Council Camping Department

3120 Rainier Ave. South

Seattle, WA 98144

Camping Registrar: Kali Thompson

(206) 725-0361 or [campingdept@seattlebsa.org](mailto:campingdept@seattlebsa.org)

## Program and Facilities

### Camp Sheppard

65301 State Rout 410 East

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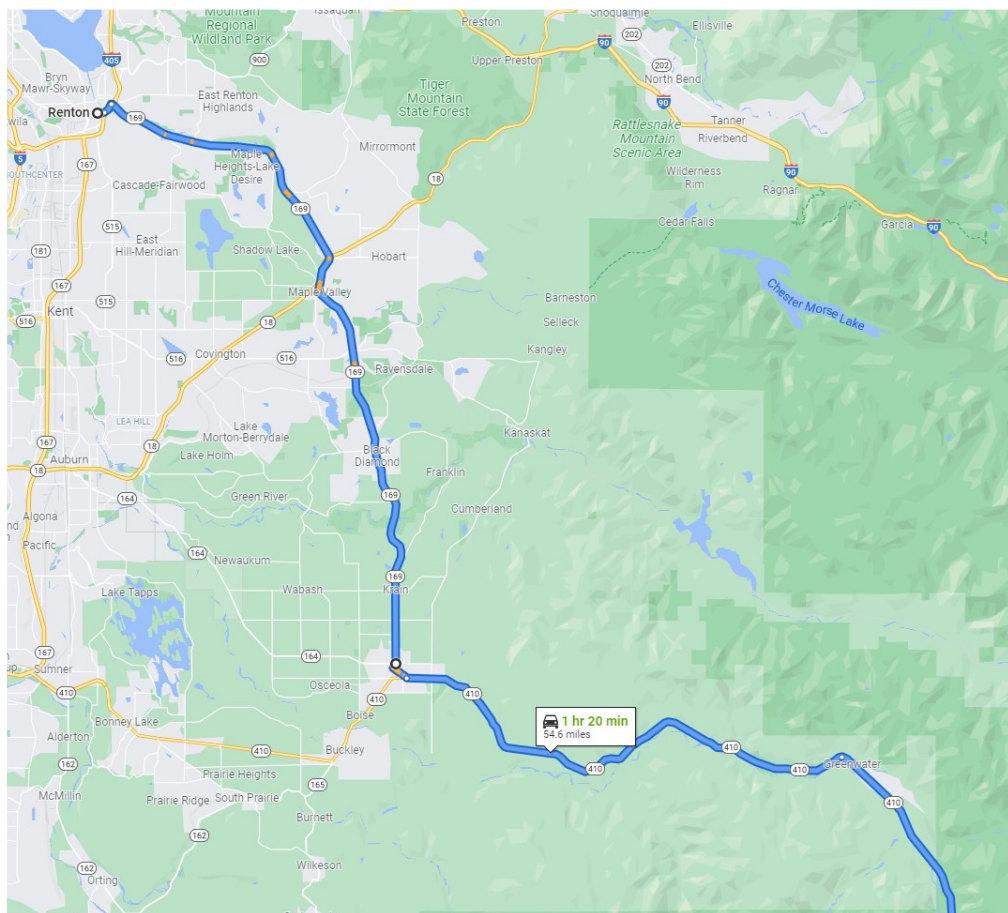
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## Directions to Camp

From Seattle:

Take I-405 toward Renton. Exit I-405 for Highway 169 (Maple Valley Highway). Proceed on Hwy 169 through Maple Valley and Black Diamond to Enumclaw. Take a left onto Highway 164 and proceed to the intersection with State Route 410. Take a left onto SR 410 and drive eastbound approximately 28 miles. Proceed past mile post 52 by 1/2 mile and turn left into the camp driveway (marked immediately before with a brown reflective sign).



# Know before you go!

## Road Conditions

Camp Sheppard is located along the Mather Memorial Parkway (SR 410) at about 2,500 feet elevation. Conditions in the Winter and Spring vary from bare and dry to snow and ice in a matter of hours. Our chief concern is the safety of participant and staff. For up to date road conditions and weather please visit the Washington State Department of Transportation website prior to departing for camp. Updates are also made to the Chief Seattle Council website when appropriate or in the event a session must be cancelled due to unsafe conditions.

**Between November 1st and April 1st the WSDOT requires tire chains in all vehicles without all-wheel drive on State Rout 410.**

## Parking

The camp parking lot is small and shared with a public trailhead. **Please carpool** if possible to help ensure all have room to park. Camp staff members will greet you in the parking lot and direct you to the main lodge for check-in. Carts & wheel barrows are available to transport gear to your cabin. No vehicles are allowed past the camp gate.

## Check-In at Camp

Upon arrival at camp, staff members will direct all youth and adults to the main lodge for check-in. Adult leaders or parents should come prepared with their unit number, and the BSA Medical forms for each participant, adults and youth. Once checked in you will be directed to your cabin for the weekend. During winter camp at 9:00pm on Friday evening there will be an Adult Leader/Senior Patrol Leader meeting held in the lodge to answer questions about the camp program and assign meal times. One adult leader minimum should attended from each cabin.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASE & Camp

Camp Sheppard has worked hard to prepare a fun and safe program for every Scout and adult who attends our programs. If any youth or adult has symptoms, fever, or have been in known contact with an individual with a communicable disease the vehicle will be sent home. For up to date guidelines please contact the camping department.

# Accommodations

## Bathrooms

Two central bathroom & shower facilities are available for use at camp. One for males and one for females. Bathrooms are open to use 24 hours, and shower facilities are scheduled for youth and adult use (odd and even hours). Paper products and soap are stocked. Other toiletries are not provided, and campers should bring their own for bathroom and shower needs.

One camper bathroom is available in the main lodge.

## Cabins

Equipped with eight heated cabins Camp Sheppard is the perfect place for scouts and scouters to enjoy a weekend of fun. Each cabin has bunks with a camp mattress (bedding not provided or available). **Male and female youth will be housed separately.** Separate bunk rooms at the back of the cabin are available for adult accommodations. Depending on the number of people with your unit there is a chance your unit will be split between multiple cabins & activity groups.

Please update your online account with any changes in registration, including genders of all attendees. This impacts the manner in which accommodations are allocated. We can not guarantee that female leaders are housed in the same cabin as male youth and vice versa.

## Dining Hall

Camp Sheppard's Dining Hall/Lodge is a perfect place to warm up at meal time, or get a cup of hot coco & coffee during the day. The dining room is quaint and seats about 70 campers at a time. For that reason cafeteria style food service is offered, and meals are served in shifts.

## Meal Shift Program

For Winter camp at the Friday evening 9:00 meeting cabins will be assigned to a specific meal rotation. For Cub Getaway upon check-in cabins will be assigned to a specific meal rotation. It is important that scouts and scouters show up during their assigned meal time, as the kitchen prepares food for each service based on these assignments. Please feel free to reach out to the Camp Director with questions regarding food service.

## Dietary Needs

The camp kitchen can provide meals that consider common dietary needs such as vegetarian, peanut free & gluten free. Please submit information on all dietary needs **one week prior** to attending camp through the online registration system. Attendees with more complex needs can bring their own special foods & store them in the camp kitchen where refrigeration is available.

## Peanut Policy

No peanut products, including peanut oil, will be used in the meals, snacks, cracker barrels, or any other food service provided in the dining halls of Chief Seattle Council camps.

**While this prohibition is in place in the dining halls, those with allergies must be aware that camp trading posts may contain some peanut products.** It is also important to note that peanut products may be brought to camp by individual Scouts or leaders without the knowledge of the camp staff or the Chief Seattle Council.

# Cub Getaway Program



## Leadership

The Chief Seattle Council uses the Guide to Safe Scouting and the current Youth Protection Policy at all of our properties. Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth scouts. Two adult leaders who must be at least 21 years old, and are B.S.A. registered, are required. Male and female Scouts will have separate sleeping accommodations. Female scouts must attend camp with at least one female adult leader.

Young scouts typically thrive in new environments with adult leaders they know well. For very young scouts (Tiger Scouts) we suggest parents attend with their son/daughter.

**Because of cabin sleeping arrangements, depending on space, changes to registration must be made to your online account at least one week prior to your weekend stay.**

## Arrival

Participants may arrive as early as 7:30am and must be checked in by 9:00am. Staff members direct scouts & scouters to the main lodge to check in.

All participants should plan to eat breakfast prior to arrival!

## Departure

Participants should plan to depart camp around 10:00am Sunday morning. Early departure is allowed with proper parent permission. Those transporting scouts should be listed on their Annual Health & Medical record form.

**All scouts and scouters must sign out in the lodge prior to departing camp early.**

# Registering for Cub Getaway

## Reservations

Reservations for camp programs are made online through [seattlebsa.org](http://seattlebsa.org) on a first come, first serve basis. Full payment is due upon registration. For payment options please contact the Camping Department.

When registering you will be prompted to log-in to the registration website. If you do not have an account please create one, and proceed to register.

Cub Scout Packs may register as a group or separately. We will do our best to group Scouts and Scouters from the same unit in cabins together. We will also do our best to keep families together, but **male and female participants will be roomed or housed separately**. Provisional scouts are not allowed at camp.

## Cabin Fees

Options	Nights	Meals	Scouts/Scouters
Saturday through Sunday	1	3	\$150.00
Saturday (Day Program Only)	0	2	\$90.00

## Forms

**All youth and adult** participants must arrive at camp with a complete BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (Parts A, B1, & B2). Camp is not more than 72 hours and does not require Part C (Doctor's Physical). Day participants will be asked to keep your medical form with you throughout your time at camp in case of a medical emergency. Overnight participants will turn in their medical forms to the Camp Health Officer.

The B.S.A. health form can be found at: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

## Refund Policy

For the current Chief Seattle Council Refund Policy applicable to Cub Getaway please visit the council website, or contact the Camping Department at [campingdept@seattlebsa.org](mailto:campingdept@seattlebsa.org).

## Program Options

**Saturday Overnight:** This options is for a full weekend of fun! It includes 3 meals (lunch, dinner, & breakfast Sunday) and 1 night at camp.

**Saturday (Cub Scout Only Day Program):** This option is for scouts who are not yet comfortable with overnight camping, and is a day long program. It includes two meals (Saturday Lunch & Dinner), and no overnight.



# What to Bring to Cub Getaway

## Scouts & Adults

- Self guided crafts or board games
- First Aid Kit
- Plenty of warm clothes including socks, sweatshirt & waterproof jacket/pants (clothes will get wet!)
- Gloves & Hats
- Sleeping bag & camp pillow
- Flashlight
- Toiletries & towel for the showers
- 6 Essentials
- **Annual Health & Medical Record (Part A, B1, & B2)**
- \$50 for the Trading Post and advancement offerings

## Prohibited in Camp

**Camp Sheppard is a dry facility. No alcohol or illegal drugs are permitted on the premises. Camp is located on federal land and is subject to federal law. Marijuana is not permitted anywhere on National Forest Service land.**

**Pets are not allowed at Chief Seattle Council properties.** Scouts or Adults with service animals will be accommodated. Please contact the Camp Director at least one week prior to your visit to discuss how we can best serve you!

# Cub Getaway Program

## Program Overview

Cubs and their families will have the opportunity to participate in an open program throughout the day Saturday. Families can decide what they want to do and when they want to do it based on the camp schedule! Activities are designed with a fun first mentality, and are geared towards having the scout and their family participating together. Cub Getaway is a great time for cubs and their families to experience the great outdoors, build lasting friendships and memories, as well as grow personally.

Cub Getaway offers activities that are fun for all ages!

## Program Areas

Activities are educational, interactive, and just plain fun! Learn to cook in the outdoors at Scoutcraft. Try your skills and accuracy at the Archery and BB Gun ranges. Build personal and team work skills with our Challenge Course staff. Show us your creativity at the Craft Lodge. Take a hike through the woods of the Cascade Mountain Range. Last but not least take part in Camp's newest program activity area, STEM.

Fun and adventure await your family at camp in 2025!

Activities are tentative, and subject to change as we hire our staff.

## Campfire

Scouts will be offered an opportunity to perform in the Saturday evening campfire. Perform your favorite song or skit for the whole camp to see, just make sure it's scouting appropriate! A sign up can be found in the lodge.

## Hikes

No experience at Camp Sheppard is complete without going on one of our wonderful hiking trails around the property. Hikes vary in length and difficulty. The Snoquera Falls hike features scenic views of the White River valley, the White River trail takes you down to the glacial fed White River, while finally the Moss Lake Loop hike offers old growth Douglas Firs that stood tall when Columbus landed in the Americas. There is a hike for everyone at Camp Sheppard!



# Cub Getaway 2025 Schedule



Saturday		
7:30 - 8:30	Check In	Dining Hall
8:40	Morning Flags	Flag Pole
9:00 - 11:50	Morning Open Program	Camp Wide
12:00 - 12:50	Grab & Go Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 - 3:50	Afternoon Open Program	Camp Wide
4:00 - 6:00	Picnicking Programs! (Dinner starts @5pm)	Camp Wide
6:10	Evening Flags	Flag Pole
After Flags	Personal Free Time	Camp Wide
7:30	Assemble for Campfire	Flag Pole
After Campfire	Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
10:00	In Cabins/Quiet Time	Camp Wide

Sunday		
8:00	Morning Flags	Flag Pole
8:10	Scouts Own Service	Chapel
8:30 - 9:30	Rolling Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30 - 9:50	Cabin Cleaning	Cabins
10:00	Closing Flags	Flag Pole

**Have a safe trip home, see you next year!**

Trading Post Hours	
Saturday	7:30 - 7:30*
Sunday	7:30 - 10:00
Closed during evening picnic	
<b>All Campers must check in and out with the office in the dinning hall. Thank you!</b>	

Program Area Schedule							
Time	Tower	Scoutcraft	Ecology & Sciences	Craft Lodge		Shooting Sports	Camp Wide
9:00	Sunrise & Buck Mtn	Cooking Demo 1	Aerodynamics of Paper	Pot Painting Palooza!	Open Crafting	Archery Shoot	Selfie Scavenger Hunt!
10:30	Skookum & Suntop	Cooking Demo 2	Lights! Electricity! ACTION!	Pot Painting Palooza!			
1:00	Sunrise & Buck Mtn	Cooking Demo 3	Life of a Seed	Pablo Cubcasso	Open Crafting	Archery Shoot	
2:30	Skookum & Suntop	Cooking Demo 4	Life of a Seed	Pablo Cubcasso			
4:00 - 6:00	Skyward Soiree	Field Games	Camp Bingo!	Board Game Parlor		BB Prize Shoot	
	Picnic Dinner Available in Dining Hall! (Starts @5pm)						



# Create your own Camp Experience

Has your Unit been looking to plan a camp outing that all scouts in the unit can participate in and enjoy. We have the opportunities for you! We have everything from cabins and tents to programs or just a base sight while you explore the Mt. Rainier National Park.

## Cabin Rentals

At Camp Sheppard we have eight heated cabins that are available for rental throughout the year! Our cabins fit a maximum of 16 people for sleeping, and we charge a rate of \$150 per cabin per night.

Throughout most of the year we do also offer lots of space for tent camping as well (tents are not provided). Tent camping is \$5 per person per night.

## Facilities Rentals

Camp Sheppard has several facilities that are available for rental throughout the year. These facilities offer a wide range of usages depending on your rental needs with both indoor and open air facilities available . Prices vary depending on the facility

Dinning hall/ Kitchen (electricity, running water)

The Craft Lodge (electricity)

The Scout Skills Structure (Electricity)

## Programs that could be Provided

There are a number of programs that can be arranged with the Camp Director to be run by the Camp Sheppard-Staff for your units camping trip. These programs vary in price depending on the program being offered. Please feel free to reach out for any specific questions about programs or pricing.

Some examples of program offerings include:

Crafts, Archery, BB's, Hike leader, Outdoor skills ( his could be anything from a outdoor cooking demo to trail to first class skills), Nature or STEM programs.

## Visit for More information

For more information on programs, prices or to check availability of Camp Sheppard. Please visit the Rentals page on the Chief Seattle Council website at [seattlebsa.org/camping/rentals/](http://seattlebsa.org/camping/rentals/).

With questions about our programs or facilities or to receive a quote please reach out to the Camp Sheppard Director Torin Bergsma by phone 360-663-2223 or by email [tbergsma@seattlebsa.org](mailto:tbergsma@seattlebsa.org).

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