

The Mount Baker Council Celebrates the Boy Scouts of America's 107th Anniversary

In February, our Council will observe the 107th anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. Since the early part of the 20th Century, our council has been serving the youth and families of Snohomish, Whatcom, Skagit, Island and San Juan County through the efforts of many thousands of dedicated, local volunteer leaders. This year's observance is dedicated to the efforts of those volunteers.

"For more than ten decades, the Boy Scouts of America has focused solely on building stronger families and stronger communities—one young person at a time," said Western Region Area 1 President Scott Suchan. He added, "None of this would be possible without the adult volunteers who give their time so unselfishly. No other youth development organization has the support of more than 1.2 million volunteers who understand the value of connecting youth with communities and families."



Scout Sunday and Scout Sabbath

The Boy Scouts of America designates the Sunday that falls before February 8 (Scouting Anniversary Day) as Scout Sunday, which is the primary date to recognize the contributions of young people and adults to Scouting. However, each chartered organization can use either of two other options to celebrate this special day.

An organization can adopt a specific Sunday to celebrate. In the instance of the United Methodist Church, Scout Sunday is celebrated on the second Sunday in February. It also is permissible for a local church to celebrate on the Sunday most acceptable to the pastor and congregation.

This year, the national celebration gets under way on February 5th with Scout Sunday. Scout Sabbath services conclude anniversary week on Saturday, February 11th. Packs, Troops, Crews and Ships are encouraged to work with their chartered organizations to observe anniversary week. For churches it might mean that Scouts attend in uniform and take some part in the service. Other groups might find a way to work together on a special service project or other meaningful activity.

Go to the National BSA website for resources and ideas:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx>

Everett and Bellingham Trading Post Supplies

To help celebrate Scout Sunday / Sabbath, the BSA produces these useful supplies:

- Sunday/Sabbath insert #624328 [5 ½ x 8 ½ - 7.99 per 25]
- Scout Sunday emblem with pocket loop # 622093 \$2.49 each

Many more items are available at

http://www.scoutstuff.org/catalogsearch/result/?q=Scout+Sunday+and+Scout+Sabbath&as_fid=1dMPEyMoZRiVu3f7uU1Z