

From the Mount Baker Council's Council President, Council Commissioner and Scout Executive (Council Key 3)

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The Good We Did Together in 2018

Mount Baker Council, BSA

The Good We Do - The Mount Baker Council provides youth with a life changing Boy Scouts of America program full of adventure and discovery by providing program support to our volunteers, civic service to our local communities, and guiding our Scouts to become tomorrow's participating citizens and leaders.

The Council Key 3 would like to thank all the volunteers with the units, districts and council, along with our council staff, that helped deliver the value of The Good We Do. While we can't name everyone that made a difference in a life of a Scout last year in this article, we can point out a few of the highlights of what was accomplished by the dedicated Scouts and Scouters of Mount Baker Council.

Membership Recruitment –The fall recruitment drive resulted in over 890 new youth in the program, including 172 girls in Cub Scouting. We had a 59% increase in Lions over 2017, achieving a high of 191 members. The Council has achieved an overall growth of 1.1% in total Cub Scouts over 2017, the 4th consecutive year of growth in Cub Scouting

Quality Programs – Camping, advancement and activities were busy areas this past year. Nearly 1,000 Cub Scouts attended quality Day Camps and our Resident Camps. Over 1,200 Scouts were part of Fire Mountain's awesome program this past summer. Over sixty Scouts developed their leader skills at our National Youth Leader Training course this summer. 173 Scouts achieved the Eagle Scout rank while providing over 20,000 hours of inspirational community service. Over 800 youth participated in the Council Stampede this fall.

Funding the Program – Our quality programs for our members needed to be funded annually and our development teams were working tirelessly to provide those needed dollars. The Snohomish County Good Scout Breakfast achieved a new record for donations -\$81,000 vs. goal of \$75,000. The Mount Baker Council achieved the first \$1 Million popcorn sales year-\$1,014,588, providing units with over \$400,000 for their programs. Both the Council Auction and the Sporting Clay Shoot events overachieved their goals.

Your Mount Baker Council is working to stay focused on The Good We Do in 2019. We encourage you to keep the same focus.

Our communities are counting on us to do so!