

TROOP 393 VANCOUVER, WA



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
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Boy Scouting & Troop 393

Boy Scouting was originally founded in England by Lord Robert Baden-Powell in 1908 to enrich the lives of boys and make a difference in the kind of men they would become. The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated in the United States in 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916. Today, Scouting is a very successful international movement, with Scouts found in over 200 countries around the world, and the goals remain the same. The Boy Scout program is designed for boys in the sixth grade through high school, and works towards three goals - Growth in Moral Strength and Character, Participation in Citizenship, and Development of Physical, Mental and Emotional Fitness.

Lord Robert Baden-Powell has been attributed with saying "Scouting is a game with a purpose." Since 1988, Troop 393 has worked hard to follow that philosophy. We have lots of fun, and all along the way the Scouts learn different skills and develop values and character traits according to the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and the Outdoor Code.

Your son is getting ready to make a huge decision - one that will impact the balance of his Scouting career - the decision of which Boy Scout Troop he will join. The choice is his to make, but it isn't always an easy one. Vancouver has several fine Troops to choose from; each with its own pros and cons to consider. He and his fellow Webelos might - or might not - all decide to join the same troop. That's okay, since there is no designated Troop that your son must join! Each Troop is different, and each troop has a lot to offer our community. One of the most important aspects that comes into play, when a family considers which troop to join, is really pretty basic . . . how the Troop feels to your individual family when you visit. There are a variety of factors that play a role in the selection process of which troop will be right for your Scout. Some of these include: the size of the Troop, the program and structure, the meeting times/days, the number of adult leaders, the location and the comfort level they have during a visit. In order to best determine your choice, we recommend visiting any troop more than once.

Troop 393 was chartered in 1988 and is sponsored by Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, where we meet during the school year. Troop meetings are held from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. on Monday evenings. Our goal is to have Troop outings every month of the year. These outings include campouts or other activities, including a week at summer camp. We are a family based organization and we believe that parental involvement and encouragement is vital for the Scout's success. Parents are welcome to assist with some of the various positions, jobs, events or projects during the year and/or share their knowledge and skills as a Merit Badge Counselor. Together we will achieve more and help the Scouts along the way.





Getting to Know Troop 393

OUTDOORS

Troop 393 supports the Scouting goal of providing at least 10 days and nights of camping per year for each Scout, plus a week long Summer Camp. The Troop provides general camping equipment including tents, cooking equipment, lanterns, etc. for the Scouts to use during Troop campouts. Scouts provide their own sleeping bags, mess kits and personal items (e.g. the 10 essentials.) For each of our outings (except Summer Camp), The troop plans their own meals and helps purchase and prepare the meals. To keep everyone aware of upcoming outings, we maintain a Troop calendar on our website at <http://bsatroop393.shutterfly.com/> Permission Slips are sent out prior to each outing. Once a Scout signs up, he is responsible for payment for the activity. (Campout fees are typically \$15 per Scout, including meals.)

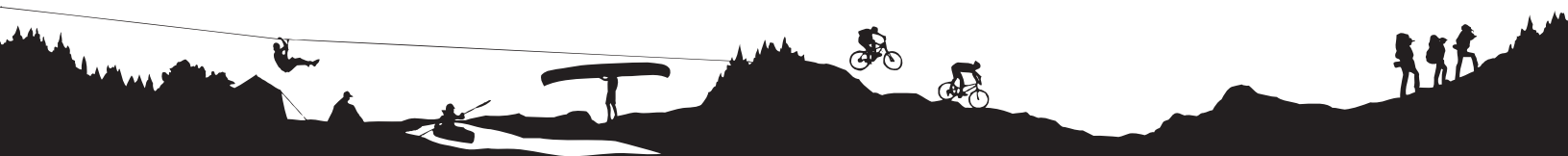
FUNDING

The troop is funded by annual dues of \$25 per Scout, which covers Troop equipment, registration, badges, awards and basic materials. Individual activities are “pay as you go” - you only pay for the activities that you actually participate in. The typical cost for a campout is \$15 per scout (including meals).

Our troop encourages each Scout to earn their own money to pay for their scouting expenses. We have two major fundraisers each year. This year we will be selling wreaths for Christmas and Candy & Meat Sticks in the spring. Each Scout has their own “Scout Account”, which provides a central clearinghouse for all of the profits from fundraisers to be deposited. (A portion of the profits go into the individual Scout accounts.) Parents can also make deposits into these Scout Accounts, and funds can be used to pay for camp outings (such as Summer Camp) or other Scout related equipment purchases.

ADVANCEMENT

The Troop provides all normal awards, patches, pins, etc. which the Scouts earn during the course of their Boy Scout years. This includes their badges of rank, merit badges, and various participation patches for Troop sponsored activities. We emphasize rank advancement for new Scouts so they can advance through Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks within their first year of Scouting. Boys can request a Scoutmaster Conference after they have completed all requirements for Rank Advancement. After the Scoutmaster Conference, a Board of Review is scheduled for the Scout. The Board is made up of parents and adults in the troop and they meet with the Scout to see if they are prepared and ready for their rank advancement. Scouts are recognized for their achievements and advancements at the Court of Honor, multiple times during the year. When a Court of Honor is held, the Scouts are presented their advancement cards, Merit Badges and any other awards they have earned since the prior Court of Honor. The entire family is welcome and encouraged to attend every Court of Honor.





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TROOP SIZE

We currently have 13 registered Boys Scouts in the Troop and average between 13 and 20.

PROGRAM

Troop events are scheduled all 12 months of the year. Troop Meetings are held during the school year. Other events may be scheduled for weekends including hikes, field trips, campouts, etc., as well as service projects such as Walk and Knock and helping with our Charter Organization's activities. Service hours can be earned at many of these volunteer events.

The National Council develops the BSA program, setting quality standards in training, leadership, uniforms, registration, literature and advancement. It also publishes Boy's Life and Scouting magazines, maintains national high adventure camping bases, and organizes a national Scout Jamboree every four years. Locally the Cascade Pacific Council provides programming, facilities and leadership for a year round outdoor schedule, including Camps and administers registration of units and personnel and the Ft. Vancouver District trains adult volunteers, sponsors district program events, and assists in maintaining quality existing Troops.

UNIFORMS

The tan Scout shirt with all patches (Troop #393, Cascade Pacific Council and Ft. Vancouver District), shoulder loops, and jeans or shorts are required for Troop meetings. In addition, Scouts will need a Neckerchief and Slide, a Merit Badge Sash, Scout Pants and a Scout Belt and Socks for formal events (e.g. Court of Honor, Scout Sunday, Community Ceremonies, etc.) Our troop also has a uniform bank on premise for use by the Scouts in the troop.

PATROLS

Troop 393 is structured under the Patrol Method. Patrols are groups of 3-10 boys and each Patrol is led by a Patrol Leader who is elected by the boys in the Patrol. Collectively, the Patrols form the Troop, the head of which is the Senior Patrol Leader, who is elected by all members of the Troop. The Troop and Patrols are run by the boys with guidance from the Scoutmaster.

ADULT INVOLVEMENT

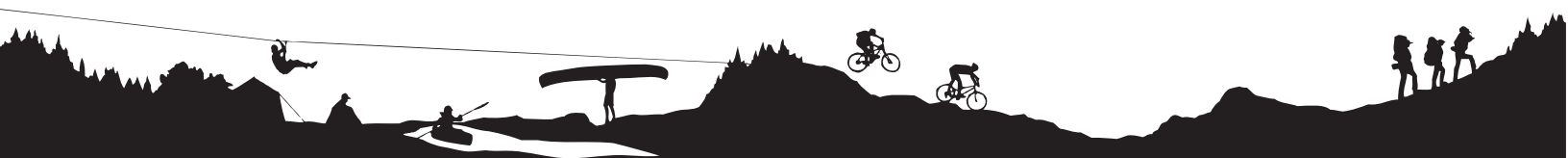
We are a youth-led group, with adult support to guide and mentor the Scouts. We offer parents the opportunity to serve as Merit Badge Counselors, Scout Parents and Assistant Scoutmasters. Additionally, numerous parents serve on our Troop Committee, which meets monthly, and all parents are welcome to attend. The committee approves all expenditures, assists with planning the programs the boys have requested and discusses issues and suggestions. Working as a team, in support of our Scoutmaster, we can help our Scouts to develop the confidence, skills, character and mental fitness that will allow them to give quality leadership to a changing society.





GREAT THINGS About Troop 393

- We are a BOY led troop.
- Our boys have DIVERSE interests - athletes, scholars, musicians, artists and more.
- Lots of leadership opportunities! We've got elected and appointed positions.
- We're a smaller troop. There's a place for everyone and no one will get lost in the crowd.
- We have approved counselors for 75 different Merit Badge classes that can be taught right within the Troop.
- A diversity of trips/activities - from camping to rock climbing to baseball games to kayaking and everything in between.
- WE'RE GOING TO HAWAII IN 2014!!!!
- Our Charter Organization, Hillcrest Church, provides us with an awesome facility to meet in.
- We're a CAMPING Troop - our goal is to camp somewhere every month.
- It's a troop where EVERY boy can fit in.
- We use the Patrol Method.
- 4 Courts of Honor each year.
- Our Troop Leadership cycles run for one year, and the Patrol's are 6 months or a year (depending on the position) so there are opportunities for everyone to have a turn.
- Patrols are age specific, so the friends you start out with will be with you throughout your time in the troop.
- The troop has produced 14 Eagle Scouts since 1995.
- The troop currently has 5 Scout and 2 Adult Order of the Arrow members.
- We attend summer camp annually.
- Our troop holds the district's only Merit Badge Day every Winter.
- We're very welcoming to all new Scouts and parents.
- We have our own website <http://bsatrop393.shutterstock.com/>
- Our Scouts LIVE the Scout Oath and Law daily.
- We encourage and support Eagle Rank Advancement
- We have some amazing and dedicated parents.





Calendar of Events & Activities 2012/13

September

24 Court of Honor

29-30 Campout at Royce-Final

October

12-14 Ape Caves Campout

26-28 Webelos Woods

November

10-11 Campout - Fishing trip (Skamakowa)

December

1 Scouting for Food (Walk and Knock)

1 Rock Climbing at The Source

10 Court of Honor

January

26 Merit Badge Day

February

Winter Lodge (date t.b.d.)

March

15-17 Campout - Shooting at Camp Meriweather

25 Court of Honor

April

20-21 Urban Campout in Seattle

May

11-12 Campout - Backpacking at Eagle Creek Trail

June

10 Court of Honor

22-23 Campout - Survivor Campout at Kalama River

July

18-21 Campout - Kayak to Saddlebag Island (San Juans)

August

11-17 Summer Camp at Camp Baldwin

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to contact Scoutmaster Randy Hauxhurst phone email or visit our website at <http://bsatroup393.shutterfly.com/>

