

2008 Spring/Summer (May-September):

- No official troop meetings occur during the summer. A monthly outing, event, service project, or camping trip will be planned. Girls can work on badges during the summer.
- May 16 Friday 1:30-2:30pm ~ Parent Meeting
Woodland Community Center (next to the Woodland Library on Park Street)
[Parent meeting 5/16 hand-out.](#)
- June 13 Friday 10:00am-12:00pm ~ Outdoor Activity
Letterboxing @ Battle Ground Lake Park WA
Clues: [Three Best Friends Series, Boxes 1-3](#) and [Three Best Friends Series, Boxes 4-6](#)

Attendees should dress appropriately for the weather as this is a rain or shine event and wear good sturdy trail walking shoes. Girls should bring: a day pack, first aid kit (if available), water, snack, ink stamp for letterbox notebook, small notebook for letterbox stamp, pen/pencil, and your own stamp (if available). Your leader has lots of fun activities planned and badges to work on!

BADGE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:

Brownies

Eco Explorer BTI pg102 #1 Exploring Nature, #2 What's a Habitat (HW), #3 Make a Habitat (HW)

Listening to the Past BTI pg154 #2 If These Buildings Could Talk

Outdoor Adventurer BTI pg118 #1 Dress for the Weather, #3 Day Hike

Juniors

Earth Connections JBB pg94 #8 Plants and People

Hiker JBB pg102 #1 Safety First, #2 Comfort and the Right Stuff, #9 Share the Fun

Local Lore JBB pg50 #1 Word of Mouth

Wildlife JBB pg124 #5 Touch-Me-Not

Your Outdoor Surroundings JBB pg 126 #3 Minimal Impact, #5 An Outdoor Hobby

Cadettes

Backpacking CIP pg150 - SB #1

Wildlife CIP pg80 - SB #2

- July 16 Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm ~ Service Project
Service project at [Angel's Rest Trail in Bridal Veil, Oregon.](#)

Project details: Trail restoration and improvement. The girls will be clearing brush and debris from the trail and possibly prepping for a culvert on the first mile of the trail. Watch out for poison oak! [See Western Poison Oak Photo Gallery.](#)

Directions: Take I-84 east, exit 28 "Bridal Veil". Turn right at the end of the off-ramp. Go just a short way. The road will basically merge onto the old historical hwy, but you want to make a right at the merge and park. There is a rock wall surrounding a small parking area (and an overflow lot a few yards up the highway on the left). Believe it or not this area is known to have some theft, so don't leave valuables in your car. The trailhead is just across the street.

Bring/Wear: Dress prepared to get dirty. Wear closed-toe supportive shoes for hiking/working, long sleeves, and some work/gardening gloves. Bring a day pack with water and snack.

- August 6 Wednesday 1:00-3:00pm ~ Troop Meeting
Where: Jennie [Karlsen's](#) house in La Center. See Lisa's 7/17 email for address.

This meeting is expected to be somewhat organizational, but also the girls will learn more about Girl Scouts and complete the badge activities listed below. Please bring a pad of paper, pen/pencil, and a light snack to share.

BADGE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:

Brownies

Eco Explorer BTI pg102 #4 Food Chain

GS Ways BTI pg14 #2 Special GS Ways

Outdoor Adventurer BTI pg118 #4 Build a Shelter, #5 Touch Smell Listen

Sports and Games BTI pg52 #5 Octopus Tag

Juniors

Girl Scouting in the USA JBB pg6 #4 Signs Mottos and Handshakes UPDATED

Hiker JBB pg102 #3 Know Your First Aid, #7 Be an Explorer

Wildlife JBB pg124 #1 Wildlife Symbol Party, #7 Take a Closer Look

Your Outdoor Surroundings JBB pg126 #8 What Do You See, #10 Outdoor Fun and Games

Cadettes

Wildlife CIP pg80 - SB #3 #5, T #1

- August 20 Wed 1:30-3:30pm ~ Outdoor Activity
Spelunking Hike @ [Ape Cave](#) & [Trail of Two Forests](#), Cougar WA

Directions: Drive to Cougar (from Woodland take 503 east -OR- from Amboy take 503 north to Yale then east to Cougar). From Cougar drive east on WA 503 spur (which becomes Forest Road 90 at the Skamania County line) for 6.8 miles to the junction with FR 83. Turn left (northwest) on FR 83 and follow it for 2 miles to FR 8303. Turn left again on FR 8303 and follow it for 1 mile north to the Ape Cave parking area/trailhead which is on the right side of the road. (The Trail of Two Forests is about 0.8 miles back along FR 8303 on the right side as you drive south on the return trip.)
[Click here for Google Map directions.](#) (Click the minus sign several times to view the map properly.)
[Click here for general area map from USGS.](#)
[Click here for Mt St Helens and Vicinity map from USFS.](#)

Information: Meet at Ape Cave by the ranger hut/gift shop by 1:30. Parking requires a NW Forest Pass or \$5 per vehicle (consider carpooling).

About the cave: Ape Cave is a very large underground lava tube formed from an eruption of Mount St. Helens 2000 years ago (see photos in link above). We will hike the lower half (stairs down into the cave, easy hike, but uneven floor with some jagged rocks) which is about 1.5 miles round trip and takes 1-1¼ hours depending if the older girls want to tangent up to the "Big Room". The cave is dark and cold! You can walk upright throughout the cave (unless you choose to crawl at the end) and it is for the most part wide enough for several people to stand side by side.

What to bring: at least one light source for each person (headlamp, strong flashlight, clean-burning lantern i.e. propane or white gas), sturdy shoes/boots, hat or helmet (the cave leaks), warm coat (42°F year-round), gloves.

Rules: No food or drink allowed. No rock collecting. Do not touch the cave walls. (A fungus-like bacteria called "cave slime" that lives on the cave walls is a food source for other cave life, is easily wiped off when touched, and takes many years to re-grow.)

After Ape Cave we will drive about ¾ mile down the road to the Trail of Two Forests (parking pass remains valid). Two Forests is an ancient forest with unique plant life. We will hike the 0.3 mile boardwalk reading the informational panels along the way. No stepping off the boardwalk! There is also a small short L-shaped lava tube called "The Crawl" that you can crawl through (older adults may want knee pads). There are 3 picnic tables - nice place for a snack before driving home.

BADGE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:	
Brownies	Plants BTI pg122 #1 Seed Race (HW), #2 Plant Rubbings (HW), #4 Leaf Hunt, #5 Simple Plants
Juniors	Rocks Rock JBB pg198 #1 Be a Rock Hound, #2 Geo Hunt, #7 Around the Globe Your Outdoor Surroundings JBB pg126 #7 An Outdoor Career, #9 Take a Nature Hike
Cadettes	N/A

- September 3 Wed 1:00-3:00pm ~ First Official Troop Meeting!
Where: Alice [Venturella's](#) house in Battle Ground. See Lisa's 9/1 email for address.
What to bring: craft scissors, glue, and, if you have some, old magazines. See you there!

BADGE ACTIVITIES COMPLETED:	
Brownies	BGS Around the World BTI pg8 #1 What Do They Call, #3 Around the World, #4 Create a Picture Book, #5 Global Games GS Ways BTI pg14 #1 GS law, #5 Be Prepared, + either #3 or #4 for HW Movers BTI pg110 #4 Windsock ->BJ Quest: Session 1 - discovering me, discovering values, discovering family (HW) (HW) To earn Key #1 patch Cambria must read, write, and discuss BJ pg 4-17 + 44-52.
Juniors	Girl Scouting in the USA JBB pg6 #1 On My Honor, #2 Daisy's Life, #3 Ceremonies a GS Tradition ->Bronze Award: Jr Aide Award JHB pg198 step 1, Sign of the Rainbow JHB pg192 steps 3-5
Cadettes	Wildlife CIP pg80 - T #3, SP #4, CE #1 Women Through Time CIP pg146 SB #4 ->Silver Award: From Dreams to Reality CHB pg 127 step 6, CGS Challenge CHB pg132 step 1

- September 17 Wed 1:00-3:00pm ~ Troop Meeting **CANCELLED**