

Youth Service Opportunities

These groups provide island youth with an opportunity to participate in service-oriented activities:

Island County 4-H Teen Ambassadors

purpose is leadership and community service

projects include

- Christmas caroling to shut-ins
- highway weed-control project
- Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets
- participate in Big Sister/Big Brother program
- week-long stay in Olympia learning about Washington state government
- participate in district and state conferences

meet at 7:00 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month in Coupeville

open to ages 12 to 19; new members are welcome

call the 4-H office at 321-5111 ext. 7328 or Jon Gabelein at 221-6808, ext. 4320

Central Whidbey Youth Coalition

purpose of the Late Night Central program is to provide youth with recreation activities on Saturday nights; a Youth Serve/Youth Leadership program is being developed

meets on Saturday nights from 7:00 – 10:00 pm

open to students in grades 6-9 from any school (student ID is needed)

call Larry at (360) 678-4533, or send a message to cw.youth@verizon.net

Girl Scouts, Totem Council

purpose is to help girls achieve the highest ideals of character, conduct, patriotism and service

service projects vary within troops and neighborhoods and include both group projects and individual projects as part of badges and patches; some examples include childcare, food drives, trail maintenance, and quilting

meetings vary for each troop

open to girls in grades K-12

cost includes \$10/year registration and troop dues

call 1-877-822-9435 or e-mail terrih@girlscoutstotem.org

<http://girlscoutstotem.org/>

Boy Scouts of America, Mt. Baker Council

purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness

service projects include national projects, such as the National Good Turns, and service activities included in merit badge requirements

meetings vary for each den and pack

open to boys 7-17 who are not acknowledged atheists or homosexuals

call offices in Everett (425)338-0380 or Bellingham (360)734-3940

<http://www.mtbakerbsa.org/>

Campfire Boys and Girls, Samish Council

purpose is to develop self-esteem, decision making skills and good citizenship

call the council office at (360)733-5710

<http://www.campfiresamishcouncil.org/>

Senior High Youth Group, St. Hubert Catholic Church, Langley

purpose is for teens to meet with peers, discuss current topics and teen issues, and have fun; monthly activities are geared toward building teen community; some of these activities include snow outings, visits to EMP, dance cruises, river rafting and sailing

service projects have included raising money and gathering needed goods for Operation Sack Lunch in Seattle; on several Sundays throughout the year, teens head to Seattle to work the soup line and hand out goods and food to Seattle's homeless. This year, the teens have chosen to also participate in Hearts and Hammers, the local drive to assist in building projects for those in need.

meets weekly, Sunday evenings from 7 to 8:30 in Room 10 at the church (call to check that a meeting is scheduled before going, as meetings are often cancelled for holidays and special events)

open to all; non-denominational

cost to register for the Senior High Youth Group is \$10; registered participants enjoy discounts on group activities

call Sherry at 321-4099 or the Church's faith formation office, 221-5030

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