

# Youth Exchange Report

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Happy to report that Camp Camano will take place July 2<sup>nd</sup> to July 10<sup>th</sup>. This year host family stays from June 10<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup> will take place before camp.

We will collect campers from host families in Selah and drive to Leavenworth. From July 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> we will tour Leavenworth, float the Icecycle river, on July 4<sup>th</sup> enjoy breakfast benefiting 4-H. Enjoying fireworks that evening in Walla Walla park in Wenatchee. We deeply appreciate the sponsorship and support of the Leavenworth Lions clubs that opens up more area of Washington state for exchange students to experience.

Relocating to Seattle University Ballard campground on 5<sup>th</sup> of July will be smoother than a 20 hour day collecting jet lagged passengers at SeaTac. Our signature sights: Friday Harbor, Mt Baker, Whidbey Island will still take center stage as the beauty of Northwest Washington state is on full display. In many stops we are joined by Skagit valley Leo's.

With help from Coupeville Central Whidbey Lions clubs our campers experience a hands on project at Pacific Rim Institute, Oak Harbor Lions have joined us at Fort Casey bringing kites for everyone. Coupeville is a beautiful city for a side jaunt.

Our trip to Friday Harbor is a great Ferry ride, Friday Harbor lions pay for students lunch. We drove around San Juan Island and that was an experience. I was tempted to stay forever and let someone else drive everyone back to camp.

Mt Baker is a marathon day. A drive to and tour of MD19 headquarters. Drive to Mt Baker, lunch and snow if we can find it. Several hikes and then dinner in the park hosted by Sedro Wooley and Concrete Lions clubs.

Arlington Lions show up on the day we return too tired to cook with food ready and tables set. Excuse the length and details of my report... but our wishes and dreams of hosting an exchange camp would never have happened even once, let alone getting stronger our 5<sup>th</sup> year.

We will have a year end report of exchange students coming in and how many we sent out later.

Respectfully,

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