

## Powder Horn: Take 1

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When the Crew arrived at Camp Kilworth in Federal Way, we were out of our element. Attending a camp outside of our Chief Seattle Council, our 11 representatives from the Crew were the only youth except for Kyle S, the VOA President from Pacific Harbors, and Iain L, another Chief Seattle Venturer. After checking in and pitching tents, the Crew learned that though Powderhorn is a training course, there was nothing boring about it. Everyone quickly grabbed their swimsuits and ever-ready towel, and headed off to a pool to learn how to SCUBA.



After everyone who wanted to go to experience SCUBA, the Crew reconvened and began a game of water basketball. With no teams, point totals, or rules, it was a very entertaining game. With a lazy river, a large waterslide, and a hot tub, the pool kept adults and youth alike occupied for the next several hours. After returning to Camp Kilworth, the Crew was given the opportunity to learn from a Risk Manager from Pacific Harbors Council about safety.



The majority of Day Two was an adventure on horseback at the High Point Equestrian Center, right in the middle of Tacoma. The Crew witnessed the training of a new horse, as well as a jousting match. Everyone received lessons in how to take care of our equestrian friends, as well as a riding lesson. We also learned bareback riding even how to stand on a horse.



After a trail ride on the horses around the 20 acre property, the Crew packed up, and headed back to Camp Kilworth. That night, after a little exploring of the camp, the Crew watched several refresher videos pertaining to Youth Protection, followed by a discussion involving everyone on course about the values and dangers of social networks.

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Finally, the Crew awoke on Day Three and headed out rock climbing at the Edgeworks Climbing Gym. After several hours of vertical hiking up Edgeworks' bouldering wall and full sized walls, the Crew migrated to a Nature Park, where we were sent on a scavenger hunt. Many diverse plants and animals were spotted along the way, from the ducks swimming in the lake, to the wild Snorlax walking the trails, to the sword ferns lining the path. With the afternoon drawing to a close, the course gathered for a reflection session, and then returned home in with smiles all around, and high hopes for the next weekend of our outdoor learning experience at Powder Horn.