

WSGA Board Meeting

Executive Committee			
Present	Position	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	President	Antoine Pin	Winos_Seattle
P	Vice President	Steve Thurin	SMuddT
P	Treasurer	Annette Bailes	Peach of WA
P	Secretary	Kevin Defields	Cool Cow Cachers
Chapter Representatives			
	Chapter	Real Name	Geocaching Name
P	48 North	Siri Owen	heySiriO
Ab	Cache-Cadian	Eugene Reed	Mr. Gadget #2
P	Inland Empire	Ashley Steinhart	LFLibrarian
P	Olympic Peninsula	Lori Kienholz	SeabeckTribe
P	Puget Sound	Jim Pommert	rocketglider
Ab	South Central	Diane Andrews	Andrews DK
P	Southwest	Val Larson	CougarCach24

CALL TO ORDER

- 6:35 PM

ROLL CALL

- Completed
- Proxies: Annette Bailes for South Central Chapter
- Additional members present: Chris Brue (NWCats), Jace Clever (Clever_Cachers), Brian Gallinger (QazNKids)

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

- Motioned and Approved. IE abstains.

CHAPTER REPORTS – Kevin DeFields

- Received from 48N, Inland Empire, Puget Sound

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Antoine Pin

- Members want more significant events. Different chapters gave varying opinions as to what their members want.
- Members want more publication exposure and advance notice for official WSGA events. Official events need to use WSGA branding.
- Reviewed the bylaw chapter event expectations. 7.3.3.

TREASURER REPORT Annette Bailes

- Gave a general and campout profit and loss review.
- Annette to set up Zelle with Chase for chapter reimbursement by end of month.
- Urged chapter reps to spend their allocations.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Steve Thurin

- Current membership is around 230.
- Steve and Antoine are auditing the membership list.
- Has not opened a FedEx Kinkos account yet for shipping.
- Wants to review options for badges.

MERCHANDISE REPORT – Kevin DeFields / Antoine Pin

- Store inventory is up to date and accurate.
- Introduced Brayden d'Hondt (geoblox) as a new member of the Merchandise committee.
- Antoine Pin - Motion to approve \$2000 to purchase store merchandise. Motion approved.

TECH/SOCIAL MEDIA – Antoine Pin

- Requesting 3 new volunteer social media coordinators for Facebook, Instagram, and Discord.
 - Must be current WSGA members.

OLD BUSINESS – Antoine Pin

- Follow-up on Chapter Allocations reverting to pre-pandemic amounts.
 - Ashley Steinhart: IE would like to see increased funding for the chapter.
 - Discussion tabled until November meeting pending further review of finances.
- 7:55 PM Val Larson leaves meeting giving proxy to Antoine Pin.
- 2024 Premium Membership coins – discussed how many had been distributed per chapter.
 - Remaining coins may be shipped at member's expense.
 - Kevin DeFields to create shipping cost item in WSGA store.
- 2025 Premium Membership trackable update
 - Unable to make contact with Ryan Semhel so far regarding lighted nametags.
 - Merchandise committee to contact Chad Champion (BounceBounce) regarding production.
- Antoine Pin would like to hold monthly board meetings. There was a general agreement to hold an October meeting provided it was kept short.
- APE Event review – Financial reports are incomplete. Discussion tabled until next meeting.
- 2025 Campout – Sally Stromberg has two strong possibilities for location in Winthrop the 3rd or 4th weekend in July.
 - Motion to approve a preliminary budget of \$1500 for Campout 2025 was approved.
- Potential split/reorganization of the Southwest Chapter initially brought up at Campout 2024 was presented.
 - Discussion tabled for further review.
- Brayden d'Hondt introduced a proposal to form a Pacific Northwest Teen Cachers Committee within the WSGA.
 - Kevin DeFields raised concerns about the need to implement youth protection policies before involving the WSGA so deeply with minors.
 - Discussion tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- WSGA Storage Unit – Kevin DeFields and Antoine Pin have secured a 5'x5' storage unit at Public Storage 801 N Mildred Street, Tacoma, WA 98406.
 - Ongoing monthly expense is \$39 per month.
 - The unit now stores all club equipment and inventory.
 - Motion to continue the ongoing expense was approved.
- Antoine Pin brought up discussion of international membership.
- Kevin DeFields motioned to table the rest of the agenda to move on to the reimbursement request from Chris Brue.
 - Remaining agenda items were tabled.
- Chris Brue's reimbursement request was discussed among the Board in closed session with Chris Brue and Dick Nielsen present.

- Facts and findings were presented and Chris gave his justification for the request.
- Floor was opened for questioning.
- Non board members were excused and a vote was taken and sealed.
- Motion for reimbursement was denied.

FOLLOWING BOARD MEETING:

- October 15, 2025 at 7 PM

ADJOURNMENT

- 10:18 PM

Chapter Reports

48 North – Siri Owen – heySiri0

- Attached

Cache-cadian – Eugene Reed – Mr. Gadget 2

- Not received

Inland Empire – Ashley Steinhart – LFLibrarian

- Attached

Olympic Peninsula – Lori Kienholz – Seabeck Tribe

- Not received

Puget Sound – Jim Pommert - rocketglider

- Attached

South Central – Diane Andrews - AndrewsDK

- Not received

Southwest – Val Larson – CougarCach24

- Not received

WASHINGTON STATE GEOCACHING ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Bank Balance, June 30, 2025 \$ 4,284.33

INCOME:

Membership Income	\$ 920.00	
Merchandise sales	13,059.48	
Campout Income	1,320.00	
Ape Event Refreshment Income	59.71	
Deposit in Transit from Stripe	69.60	
	-	15,428.79
Subtotal		\$ 19,713.12

EXPENSE:

Chapter Allocation Expense-Inland Empire Chapter	\$ 62.20	
Chapter Allocation Expense-Puget Sound	240.00	
Stripe Fees	591.35	
Postage Expense & P O Box Rent	341.96	
Campout Expenses	716.58	
Miscellaneous Expenses	248.85	
Ape event Coin 2025 - Oak Coins	4,250.36	
IT Expense - Woo Commerce Coupon software	87.14	
	-	\$ 6,538.44

Bank Balance, August 29, 2025 \$ 13,174.68

Bank Balance 08/29/2025	\$ 13,174.68	
Less: Outstanding Checks and Pmts after 9/1/2025		
Puget Sound Summer Picnic Expense	(197.12)	
Summer Campout Food Expense	(133.87)	
Sub-Total	\$ 12,843.69	
Add: Sept. Balance in Stripe		
Damage Deposit due from Pacific County Fairgrounds	100.00	
Total Cash On Hand, 09/14/25	\$ 12,943.69	Actual Balance at Bank 9/14/2025

9/14/2025

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REVISED CHAPTER ALLOCATIONS DATA FOR 2025 -26 FISCAL YEAR

Updated: 09/14/2025								
2025-26 Chapter Allocations (Paid Out)	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central	Total
April					\$2.60		\$6.50	\$9.10
May		\$42.07						\$42.07
June					\$148.54			\$148.54
July	\$240.00							\$240.00
August					\$62.20			\$62.20
September	\$197.12							\$197.12
October								\$0.00
November								\$0.00
December								\$0.00
January								\$0.00
February								\$0.00
March								\$0.00
								\$0.00
Used to date	\$437.12	\$42.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$213.34	\$0.00	\$6.50	\$699.03

	Puget Sound	48 North	Olympic Peninsula	Cache-Cadian	Inland Empire	Southwest	South Central	
Membership List as of 5/10/2025	88	33	24	18	32	29	11	
2025-26 Funds @ \$10/Mbr. For 2 Months	\$146.67	\$55.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$53.33	\$48.33	\$18.33	\$391.66
April Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
May Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2025-26 Funds @ \$7/Mbr. For 10 Months	\$513.33	\$192.50	\$151.67	\$105.00	\$186.67	\$180.83	\$64.17	\$1,394.17
Revised Allocation Funding for 2025-26	\$660.00	\$247.50	\$191.67	\$135.00	\$240.00	\$229.16	\$82.50	\$1,785.83
June Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
July Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
August Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
September Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
October Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
November Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
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February Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
March Additional Funds	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Used	\$437.12	\$42.07	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$213.34	\$0.00	\$6.50	
Remaining Funds	\$222.88	\$205.43	\$191.67	\$135.00	\$26.66	\$229.16	\$76.00	\$1,086.80

WSGA SUMMER CAMPOUT 2025
 July 25 - 27, 2025 - Pacific County Fairgrounds, Southwest Chapter WSGA
 Income & Expense Recap

(as of 08/20/2025)

INCOME:

4 RV Campsites @ \$70	\$	280.00	
13 Tent sites @ \$50		650.00	
39 Adult Registrations per person, campers and Saturday only attendees @ \$10 each		390.00	
 Total Income			<u>1,320.00</u>

EXPENSE:

4 RV Campsites @ \$33.06	\$	132.24	
12 Tent sites @ \$22.04		264.48	
Liability Insurance to Pacific County Fairgrounds		309.00	
Food, paper goods, etc. - pd by WSGA		133.87	
Refundable Damage Deposit		100.00	
Raffle Prizes		111.90	
Non-Refundable Garbage Fee from Pacific County		50.00	
 Total Expense			<u>\$ 1,101.49</u>

Net Income (Income Over Expense)		<u><u>\$ 218.51</u></u>
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Once Damage Deposit of \$100 is returned, Net Income will be		<u><u>\$318.51</u></u>
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WSGA 48 North Chapter Report

September 10, 2025

Past Events:

GCBAJ2V, "WSGA 48 North / Skagit Fisheries Habitat CITO", LovOrca, 8/12/25, 7 attended



GCB9ZVF, 'Haller Park Meet & Greet AND Make a Cache or two' WSGA 48N, heySiri0 & LovOrca, 8/17/25, 9 Attended

Future Events:

GCBAJ2V, 'WSGA48N Afternoon pick me up', WSGA 48N, heySiri0 & LovOrca, 9/21/25, 3 'will attend' so far.

Membership Report:

48 N: 32 Members

Plans for the chapter in the coming months:

After some discussion with LovOrca and Winos_Seattle, the plan of hosting an island boating event became an issue of the responsibility of who would put down a deposit. The hope is to be able to have more time to figure out logistics for an event in Spring 2026.

We will continue to work on having a balance of both CITO and regular events up north.

Respectfully submitted,

Siri Owen

September 10, 2025
WSGA Inland Empire
July-Aug Report



GCB84YK WSGA IE Chapter: Jam a Bison In It! (A Picnic)

July 20 2025, Spokane



GCB8DKP IE-WSGA CITO: Spokane River Cleanup!

August 19, 2025, Spokane

July and August were great months for the Chapter! Hosted two official WSGA events, which had surprisingly large turnout and were well received by members. There have been requests to make both events annual traditions in the Chapter.

Events hosted by LFLibrarian (and scareway) as WSGA events May and June

GCB84YK WSGA IE Chapter: Jam a Bison In It! (A Picnic)

Held July 20th. Approximately 55 attendees, 37 attended logs. This was a maker event, where WSGA supplied bison tubes, and I brought a large number of found items for folks to create their own cache containers using the “Jam a Bison In It” philosophy. Also brought glue and tools. Other folks brought things too. I paid for the brats and other food. The event was hugely popular, lots of laughs all around, with folks requesting that we make it an annual thing.



GCB8DKP IE-WSGA CITO: Spokane River Cleanup!



Held August 16. Joint CITO, partnered with



Spokane Riverkeeper. Cleaned up a stretch of the Spokane River with crews on land and in boats. Approximately 27 attendees (on a rainy day!) and 16 attended logs. 540 pounds of trash removed.

Events scheduled for fall, hosted by LFLibrarian (and scareway) as WSGA events.

September 28: GCBB6FQ **WSGA IE Chapter WORLD POSTCARD DAY EVENT!**

Holding an event at a branch of the local library, for folks to get the World Postcard Day souvenir. Planning on cookies and lemonade, plus a raffle of mostly WSGA swag (and a few post cards.) I also have 40 post cards, donated by a local business (Wonders of the World.) I used WSGA funds to buy post card stamps. Attendees can have and send a post card of their choosing.

Some time in October: “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Geocache”

Planning and event in Chewelah at a local park, to draw in the “north” part of the Chapter. Focus will be on humorous stories from geocaching adventures.

November 9: Game Night

Planning and event at a Spokane Library Branch to play table games. WSGA trackables as prizes if allowed.

Basic membership report: have handed out most coins, and talked with almost all who need to get them. **We really need to make the 2025 coin available by Dec 2025.** Some folks report they only do membership for the coin, and were not happy about the delay. Membership numbers appear to be holding steady. Planning to beat the bushes for local cachers who have let their memberships lapse, and invite new cachers to join.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ashley Steinhart

September 8, 2025

WSGA Puget Sound July-August Report



WSGA PUGET SOUND SUMMER PICNIC

A Summary of July and August Chapter Events

With Summer ending soon, geocachers in the Puget Sound Chapter of WSGA have been out exploring the outdoors, having plenty of adventures while hunting for geocaches. In addition to our outdoor adventures, there have been plenty of opportunities to chat with other cachers over the last few months. We hosted events in Kirkland, Puyallup, (3) Renton, Tacoma, and Issaquah.

This is only a listing of events held by the Chapter Representative as Chapter events; there were many other events held within the chapter boundaries in May and June. I will NOT be listing all of those other events.

A listing of July-August WSGA-PS Chapter Hosted Events

GCB8DWW / Independence Day Morning / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-7-04 / 23 Attended
GCB9AWB / Summer Geo-Cafe / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-7-18 / 15 Attended
GCB9GQV / Summer Lunch Break / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-7-22 / 9 Attended
GCBADG1 / Chocolate Chip Day / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-8-4 / 9 Attended
GCB9NV0 / Uncommon Instruments Awareness Day / WSGA P. S. / 2025-7-31/ 10 Attended
GCAYMPH / WSGA Puget Sound Summer Picnic / WSGA P. S. / 2025-8-8 / 78 Attended
GCBACBE /Before the Games Begin / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-6-08 / 18 Attended

Overview of Upcoming Chapter Events

We expect to host several events per month. With fall nearly here, geocachers are winding up some of their big goals and adventures, but also have great stories to share, so we're continuing our series of events, including in the more remote parts of our chapter, which are expected to continue through the rest of the year.

A listing of upcoming WSGA-PS Chapter Hosted Events

GCBC36F / September Geo-Cafe / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-9-10
GCBCK2A / Hello Fall / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-9-23
GCBCM5M / October GeoCafe / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-10-6
GCBCEW7 / WSGA -PS Fall CITO / WSGA Puget Sound / 2025-10-15