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Lake Stevens Goes Viking: A Celebration of Heritage, Community, and High School Spirit

Lake Stevens, WA — The shores of Lake Stevens will come alive with the spirit of Norse adventure and local pride as the second annual Going a Viking festival returns Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM at Lundeen Park. This immersive celebration of Viking culture—honoring the Lake Stevens High School Vikings—offers a full day of history, innovation, and spirited fun for all ages.

Festival Highlights Include:

- Arts & Crafts inspired by Norse mythology and Viking life
- Live reenactments by Sea Wolf Voyages and other groups showcasing Viking combat and daily living
- Student exhibitions from high school clubs connecting past traditions with future technologies
- Lake Stevens Lacrosse Club activities and community engagement
- Food trucks serving up a feast worthy of a Viking chieftain
- A replica Viking ship sailing across Lundeen Bay

The centerpiece of the festival is the Axe Throwing Tournament, where competitors vie for the title of Defender of Lake Stevens. Entry requires preregistration and a fee, with priority access granted to ticket holders. The top 16 scorers will advance to the finals at 5:00 PM for a chance to claim the trophy and bragging rights.

“This event is more than a tribute to Viking heritage,” said Tonya Woldridge, event coordinator. “It’s a celebration of our community’s creativity, resilience, and school spirit. We’re proud to unite history, athletics, and innovation in one unforgettable day.”

Whether you're a history enthusiast, high school supporter, foodie, or family looking for adventure, Going a Viking offers something for everyone. Costumes are encouraged—but curiosity and a sense of fun are all you need.

For event details, volunteer opportunities, and tournament registration, visit:
www.lakestevenswa.gov/goingaviking.

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The city of Lake Stevens, Wash. (pop. 41,260) is located 36 miles north of Seattle in Snohomish County. The city shares the name of the lake it surrounds and is nestled between the beautiful Cascade Range and Puget Sound. The city’s vision is to be “one community around the lake” with a vibrant economy, modern infrastructure, and exceptional quality of life for residents and businesses alike. More information about Lake Stevens can be found at www.lakestevenswa.gov.