

# TROOP ONE

# MEMBER'S GUIDE



## Welcome

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 1 of Jeffersonville, Indiana. Our troop is proud of our rich heritage that reaches back to the earliest days of the Boy Scout movement in America. For almost a century, the youth of our community have been served through the Scouting programs based at the corner of Wall and Chestnut Streets in downtown Jeffersonville.

If you are new to Boy Scouting, a world of adventure awaits you. Our Scouts have scaled 14,000 foot mountains in Colorado, paddled the pristine backcountry waters of Canadian Lakes and challenged some of the wildest whitewater in North America.

It is a troop that has an exceptional record for teaching, learning and advancement. You will have the opportunity to learn skills that you can use for a lifetime. Whether it is learning to use a map and compass or building the skills to thrive in the wilderness, we will help you gain those abilities.

In Troop 1, you will gain leadership skills that will accompany you for a lifetime. We strive to be a boy-led troop where the Scouts plan and carry out much of the program.

It is a troop in which you can reach the pinnacle of Scouting – the rank of Eagle Scout. We take part in the almost fifty young men who have distinguished themselves through their efforts and who continue to contribute to our community.

If you are a parent, we welcome you and encourage you to immerse yourself in sharing the magic of Boy Scouting. For many parents, sharing this time with their son and helping other boys and young men to grow is a priceless experience. Please join us in this adventure.

This guide will help you to get off to a good start. Please feel free to contact any of the troop leadership if you have any questions or if we can assist you.

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## THE BASICS

Boy Scout Troop 1

Sponsored by: The Wall Street United Methodist Church  
Church Telephone: (812) 282-9868

Meeting Location: Corner of Wall and Chestnut Streets in downtown Jeffersonville. You can park in the church lot located off Chestnut Street and enter through the door closest to Chestnut Street. Our meetings are typically held in the Scout room located in the basement immediately to the left as you enter the church.

Chartered: March 1911, the oldest continuously operating Scout troop in the region.

Meeting Times: Typically every Wednesday night at 6:30pm. We may alter the time due to a special event. These changes are announced in advancement.

Parent's Committee Meeting: It is usually held on the second Sunday of the month at 6:30pm.

Camping Trips: We try to camp or do an outdoor activity every month. During the winter months, we often camp in cabins. A highlight of the year is a weeklong summer camp, usually held at a council run camp.

Activities: The troop does a very wide variety of activities. A sampling of these activities can be viewed on the photo galleries located in the troop website.

Calendar of Activities: A calendar of activities is located on the troop website.

Our Scout Council: The Lincoln Heritage Council serves northern Kentucky and southern Indiana.

Our District: The Chief Old Ox district serves Clark, Washington and Scott Counties.

Scout Shops: An excellent Scout Shop is located very close to our meeting place. It is at 438 Spring Street in downtown Jeffersonville, just three blocks away. Another shop is located at the council offices in eastern Jefferson County. These are the source of handbooks, uniforms and other supplies. You can also order items from [www.scoutstuff.com](http://www.scoutstuff.com)

Troop website: [www.bsatroop1.us](http://www.bsatroop1.us) . The troop website includes a calendar of events and access to many resources. We have current information at [www.Facebook.com/bsatroop1](http://www.Facebook.com/bsatroop1). Our member website is at [www.bsatroop1.info](http://www.bsatroop1.info) and contains individual information.

## **TO JOIN BOY SCOUTING**

Troop 1 welcomes visitors. We strongly encourage you to visit some meetings and activities before you make your decision. It is simple to become a Scout.

Boys can participate in Boy Scouting from between age ten and a half or eleven -- until their eighteenth birthday.

- Currently, in order to join Boy Scouts, a boy must have completed the fifth grade
- OR be eleven years old
- OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award in Cub Scouting.

A parent or guardian should accompany his/her son to a troop meeting at the time the decision is made to join Troop 18. A membership packet will be given to the parent for review and for completion of the necessary forms. The parent, with son, will meet with a designated leader to discuss the Troop's Program, Policy and Procedures.

- The Membership Packet includes:
- Official BSA Application
- Medical Form (Class 1 required, but Class 2 recommended)
- This Guidebook
- Troop Resource Survey
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The first item a new Scout gets from the Troop after he decides to join is his own copy of the official Boy Scout Handbook. Attached in the front of the handbook is the pamphlet, How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse: A Parent's Guide, which you and your son are required to read and discuss. This exercise is one of the joining requirements for your son. A new Scout should also obtain a copy of Boy Scout Requirements, a booklet which lists requirements for all merit badges. He will use these two handbooks throughout his Scouting career.

The Scout's advancement record will be recorded in his Boy Scout Handbook. While individual Scout's advancement records are maintained by our troop, each Scout is expected to retain all rank and merit badge cards and emblems. The Handbook and Scout Requirements books can be purchased at the Boy Scout Shop in downtown Jeffersonville or at the council office in eastern Jefferson county. Be sure the Scout's name is well-displayed on the books. It is each Scout's responsibility to maintain all of his advancement records from Tenderfoot to Eagle.

### **Medical Information and Contact Telephone Numbers**

It is the parents' responsibility to provide important medical information on their sons' application and to keep it current should it change. At the same time key contact or emergency telephone numbers must be kept current.

### **Medical forms for troop and scouting-related activities**

All scouts must have a Class 1 medical form on file with the troop before they can participate in any troop activities. The Class 1 form must be renewed annually and requires a parent's signature, no Doctor visit.

All scouts must have a Class 2 Medical form on file before they can attend summer camp or other activities lasting longer than 72 hours. The Class 2 form is good for 3 years and requires a Doctor visit.

### **Registration and Dues**

The fee of \$15.00 is for the BSA registration fee. Our troop dues can be paid monthly or annually.

### **Boy's Life Magazine**

As part of your registration, you have the option of subscribing to Boy's Life magazine at a deeply discounted rate. This is the official publication for Scouts. We highly recommend it. It has a wide variety of features that hold the interest of the young reader.

### **Cost of Scouting**

The Troop Committee and the adult leadership recognize that Scouting can be expensive and can be a strain on a household budget. It is our hope that no boy will be prevented from being a Scout for financial reasons. Various fund raising projects are a part of the Troop's activities, and opportunities are given for scouts earnings to be credited to the "scout accounts". The scout then may use the money he earns for summer camp or any other activities he chooses.

### **TRANSFERS**

Transferring Scouts will be welcomed on the same basis as new Scouts, with a welcoming ceremony at his first Court of Honor. Transferring Scouts may join the Troop at any time. In addition to following the Joining Procedures discussed above, a transferring Scout must request and obtain his personal records from his old Troop. These include his advancement and merit badge records; his meeting, camping, and outing attendance records; and his leadership records. This information should be presented directly to the Advancement Chairperson. The Scout's old Troop will decide whether or not to allow a transfer of funds to his Scout Account at Troop 1.

### **WEBELOS**

We welcome Webelos and encourage them to visit our troop. Throughout the year, we have special activities available for Webelos dens to participate with Troop 1. We believe that Troop 1 offers an exceptional program for the Scout bridging from Webelos into Boy Scouts. For more information, please contact one of our leaders.

## ABOUT US

Troop 1 has the proud heritage of being the oldest continuously operating Boy Scout Troop in the region. The troop was founded in early 1911 under the leadership of Homer M. Frank. The troop had the privilege of meeting Boy Scouting founder Baden Powell during his 1912 visit to Louisville. The troop provided service to the community and nation during World War 1 through its participation in the Liberty Loan drives and other activities. In the 1920's through 1940's, the troop prospered under the leadership of Orville "Pete" Holmes. The troop was very instrumental in the development of the George Rogers Clark Area Scout Council in 1927 and the opening of the beloved Tunnel Mill Scout Reservation during the following year.

The time of the Great Depression was difficult for Troop 1 members, as it was for most citizens. Nevertheless, the troop continued a very active program even when it meant hiking 15 miles to get to camp. Cub Scouting began at the church in 1934 and continues even today. In 1937 troop activities were disrupted as a January "superflood" engulfed the community with flood waters reaching up to the second floor ceiling level of businesses, homes and churches. The troop helped in the community recovery from this disaster. In 1939 the troop roster included one very energetic and clever young man who would later gain international stature, 12-year-old Daniel Patrick Monyihan, became a member of the troop while staying with his grandmother. The young man would later grow to become a Harvard professor, the U.S. ambassador to the United States and a U.S. Senator from the state of New York. The troop took part in many service projects during the second World War.

Following the conclusion of World War II, the Scouting program at Wall Street prospered with Cub Scouting, Sea Scouting, Exploring as well as Boy Scouting being offered to the youth of the community. The troop continued to have a very active program. In the 1970's Troop 1 won three straight Scout Fairs for best display, represented a quarter of the council contingent at the 1977 National Boy Scout Jamboree and was featured in Boy's Life Magazine. The 1980's and 1990's it was a Scouting program on the move. Trips to Chicago, Washington D.C., Colorado, the National Air Museum, the Huntsville Space Museum, and Canada were taken. The troop continued to produce Eagle Scouts on a regular basis. The associated Explorer Post was recognized as being the best program in the Midwest and swept all award categories in the early 1990's.

The troop has also produced many outstanding adult leaders. Adults associated with Wall Street United Methodist who have received the Silver Beaver award for their contributions to Scouting have included Homer M. Frank (first council award), Orville Holmes, Miarim Meyer (first female), Ron Brogan, David Evanzyck and Gary Purlee.

If you are interested in more information about the history of Troop 1 and Boy Scouting in southern Indiana, we highly recommend the book Tunnel Mill written by our own Gary Purlee.

Our troop website - [www. Bsatroop1.us](http://www.Bsatroop1.us) contains a great deal of information about the history of the troop and Scouting in our area.

## **OUR SPONSOR**

Troop 1 has been blessed with an exceptional sponsor in the Wall Street United Methodist Church. The church has been the sole sponsor of the troop since 1911. In addition to Troop 1, the church has also sponsored Cub Scouting, Sea Scouts and Exploring over the year. Wall Street Church has been very active in the community and participates in a number of community projects including the Center For Lay Ministries, Repair Affair, Loaves and Fishes and other programs. The church has good programs for youth, men and women. The music program has been an exceptional ministry. Visitors are always welcome. Sunday services are held at 8:45 a.m. and 11:00 am. For further information, call the church office at (812) 282-9868.

## **Parent Involvement**

The success of a Scout troop depends on adult support. Each Scout's parent or guardian is asked to contribute to the Troop and its activities in some way. Many resources and talents are required to operate a Troop and to have a quality program. The Troop is in need of your help.

Each parent is asked to complete an Adult Resource Survey outlining the parent's interests and talents. If you feel that the survey does not fully address your abilities, discuss with one of the adult leaders how you can assist the Troop.

We will find a need to fit your talent and the time you have to give!

## **The More Parents Get Involved, The More Their Scout Advances**

Boys who get support from home tend to advance farther and faster. Support can come in many different ways. Most of the boys in Scouting are not old enough to drive, and therefore have to have ways of getting to and from meetings and activities. As mentioned earlier, equipment and uniforms can get expensive, and boys will need some way of purchasing or acquiring these. Boys may need help learning to manage their time, energy, and money. Some merit badges even require that this be done in a family setting. And at some point, almost every boy has to be prodded and even pushed to reach the pinnacle. Discuss your son's progress and urge him on. It is not a race, however, and with planning, most boys can advance while fully enjoying the "Trail to Eagle." Nonetheless, there is an age restriction. Once a boy reaches his 18th birthday, he is no longer eligible to participate in Scouting as a boy. Boys and parents should be aware of the time requirements for advancement and plan accordingly.

It is recognized that parent interest in scouting varies, for many reasons. However, we have found that the benefits that the Scout receives are directly proportionate to both the QUALITY and QUANTITY of parental support he receives. Please keep this in mind when your help is requested. In addition, encourage and assist your son in obtaining the most out of scouting. He needs your support! Any suggestions or questions that parents may have are more than welcome. Present them to any committee member or send a note with your son to any meeting. All parents are welcome to become a committee member or attend committee meetings.

## Parent Participation

**A key element in maintaining and improving the quality of Troop 1 is by having active parent support. To be successful, scouting must be a family activity. Parent support does not consist of driving your son to a troop meeting and picking him up. We are not a baby sitting service. Good parent support consists of the following:**

- 1) Make sure your son attends all troop activities, arrives on time and is ready for them.**
- 2) Encourage your son in his scout advancement.**
- 3) Take an active interest in his scouting activities.**
- 4) Attend parent meetings, courts of honor and other family activities.**
- 5) Join the Troop Committee. The committee is made up of parents and meets once a month to set troop policy.**
- 6) Become a Merit Badge Counselor for the troop. You don't have to be an expert in the area. There are 120 merit badges so there should be some merit badge you know about.**
- 7) Support fundraiser projects. This is how we earn money for troop equipment and the scouts can earn money for activities.**
- 8) Help with transportation and supervision.**

In order to insure a successful program, parents will be required to occasionally participate in an outing and/or provide transportation. A minimum of two adult leaders and a minimum ratio of 1 adult per 8 Scouts is required on every outing. Consequently, parents are asked to help with transportation at least a couple times each year. If adequate transportation cannot be arranged for an event some Scouts may not be able to attend. Periodically, Troop parent's meetings are held to solicit suggestions, comments and ideas on how to enhance the program. Troop financial information, as well as future Troop plans, is normally available at these meetings. **PLEASE BE THERE** -- The Troop needs your support. Additionally, we strongly encourage you to read the parent's guide "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse" a supplement which can be found in the front of your son's Scout Handbook. This booklet tells you what you can do with your child to help prevent drug and/or child abuse.

### **Breaking the Ice**

As with most organizations, it can sometimes be intimidating to come into a group with established relationships and routines. In most cases, the first introduction to Troop 18 is through a visit to a regular troop meeting. You will notice first of all that it is a very busy time and place. It may look a bit chaotic, but much is going on. Approach an adult, introduce yourself, and most likely that is all you will need to do. Identify yourself as a parent of a new Scout, and we will gladly provide with needed information. Beyond that, the best way to get involved is to start attending the meetings and activities. Register as an Assistant Scoutmaster and participate in one of the many On-Line or in person leader training programs available at the District and Council level. More information on this is available on request.

**THE TROOP WELCOMES AND ENCOURAGES PARENTS AT ALL EVENTS.**

## **Adult Resource Survey**

Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to offer your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for our Troop. In order to accomplish this, the committee asks that you complete the Adult Resource Survey which is included as an Appendix to this Guidebook. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated in this regard. Please return this survey to the Committee Chair or the Scoutmaster as soon as possible.

## **Driver Responsibility and Vehicle Safety**

The troop uses the resource of the parents to provide the transportation and the leadership for our outings. When accepting this responsibility, we ask that as a leader you do your best to be an example of good scouting and act accordingly to the Scout Oath and Law as well as (but not limited to) the rules of this guidebook. You are being looked as a role model for our scouts. As a driver we demand that when you show up for driving for an outing that you and your vehicle are in good driving condition. We cannot take the risk of anything less than that. The troop can not tolerate an impaired driver due to alcohol or drugs and a driver may be asked by the troop leadership not to drive if there is ANY concern that this may be a problem. If any parent has a concern that one of our drivers may be impaired please bring it to the attention of the leader in charge of the activity. Your son's safety is our first concern.

Any Scout who drives a vehicle to a Troop event or local camp out must be at least 16 years of age; possess a valid driver's license; and have his parents' or Guardian's permission. He will do so only in accordance with the provisions of the tour permit for the event. Upon reaching the destination, the Scout will park his car and leave it parked until it is time to return. He will not transport any other Scout to or from the event. The written authorization will be turned in to the Scoutmaster prior to departure. For all trips outside of our area, all drivers must be 18 years of age. The Troop will travel to and from outings/ camp outs as a unit except when permission for alternate travel is granted by the Scoutmaster or the designated Leader in Charge. Parent cooperation is most appreciated.

## **Troop Meeting Rules:**

### **GOLDEN RULE - OBEY THE SCOUT LAW!**

1. When the sign goes up, the mouth goes shut.
2. No putdowns or teasing.
3. Respect others by listening and not talking out of turn.
4. Be on time for meetings. Stay for the entire meeting.
5. No running or yelling in the church, upstairs or downstairs.
6. Respect the property of others.
7. No being upstairs during meetings without permission from an adult.
8. No using the telephone without permission from an adult.
9. Scout like behavior is expected at all times.
10. Hats are not to be worn in the church, upstairs or downstairs.

**PARENTS: When you drop your son off at the church, please be sure that he has entered the building before you leave.**



**Troop members experience the adventure of flight.**

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Good communication is essential to the smooth operation of Troop 1. It is each Scout's responsibility to attend Troop meetings regularly and communicate to his parents the information that is presented at the Troop Meetings. Realistically, however, not all Scouts have developed the maturity to consistently relay accurate information. With that in mind, the Troop has developed several methods of communication to keep Troop 1 families informed. Families with dual households may receive duplicates of any Troop materials by notifying a troop leader.

## **PARENTS' MEETING**

On the second Sunday afternoon of each month, the troop committee meets for an update on upcoming campouts and activities, troop budget, fundraisers, and community service activities. All parents are encouraged to participate.

## E-MAIL & MAILINGS:

The Troop frequently uses e-mail to communicate. Activity updates, changes to upcoming events, and many other matters are being sent out over the internet. Please make sure you are checking your e-mail and that the address listed with the Troop is current. As a last resort, the Troop will send out a postcard or other mailing with information about upcoming events.

## TROOP WEBSITE:

The Troop has an excellent website: [www.bsatroop1.us](http://www.bsatroop1.us). This website provides information about troop activities, advancement, fund-raisers, troop positions, calendars, forms, publications and much more. The site also provides links to other sites with valuable scouting information.

## “TROOP 1 GUIDEBOOK”:

This guidebook explains the general policies of the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 1. Parents who periodically review this guidebook will have a much better understanding of their son’s Scouting experience. Please understand that troop policies are flexible and are periodically updated by the Troop Committee.

## COMMUNICATION SYSTEM:

Last minute changes in schedules will be communicated via our GROUP2CALL system. This is an automated system capable of sending text messages, e-mails and voice mails within a matter of seconds. Please make sure that we have your current information.

## FACEBOOK PAGE

We maintain an outstanding Facebook page which is located at [www.Facebook.com/bsatroop1](http://www.Facebook.com/bsatroop1). Our Facebook page contains the latest information, helpful tips, photographs, videos and announcements.

## MEMBER’S WEB

Member information is located at [www.bsatroop1.info](http://www.bsatroop1.info) which is password restricted. You can get a password from the troop Scoutmaster or Committee Chair. Information on your son’s advancement and financial account is contained on this website. You can also sign up for upcoming events, check out library books or gear.

## **TROOP LEADERSHIP**

### **The Troop Committee**

The troop is administered by the Troop Committee in accordance with the policies of the Boy Scouts of America, and our local council. The Committee manages the business of the Troop, sees that the program is properly conveyed to the boys and is properly funded and provides adult leaders for the various activities. The Committee consists of parents, men and women who are interested in the Scouting program conveyed to the boy members by the troop and have completed adult volunteer applications. All parents or guardians are invited to join the committee. Previous experience in scouting is not required to join the Committee.

Meetings are always open. All that is needed is an interest in the well being and future of the boy members of the troop. Parents are invited to attend and to voice their interests or concerns. This troop exists for your boys and your ideas and assistance are specifically solicited. Our committee is active with our boys, which is the reason that our troop is successful. The purpose of the committee is to assist adult leaders in providing the scouting program to the boys. The committee also administers the affairs of the troop and manages its fundraising & finances.

The responsibilities of the Troop Committee include:

- Providing and supporting competent adult leadership for the troop.
- Helping in the acquisition and maintenance of troop equipment.
- Assisting with financing and record keeping.
- Supporting the advancement program of the troop.
- Supporting the outdoor program.
- Communicating between the troop and the charter organization.

*“Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.”*

## **ADULT LEADERSHIP**

Our adult leadership is approved by the troop committee. They provide countless hours of service to the youth of Troop 1. All adult leaders must be registered with the council and troop, complete the youth protection training. Training is provided for the adult leadership. All leaders must go through background checks. If you are interested in a very meaningful service helping youth, please contact one of the troop leaders.



**Kayaking on the Blue River is a favorite experience.**

*"The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives." ~ BSA*

## **PATROL METHOD OF SCOUTING**

The Patrol is the basic and most important unit of the Boy Scout program. The Troop membership will be divided into patrols by school grade and along lines of friendship. Patrols are groups of six to twelve Scouts who work together as a team. The Scoutmaster assigns two older Scouts as mentors for each new patrol. Each Patrol will determine its own name, make a flag, and come up with a den yell. Two Assistant Scoutmasters will also be assigned to each patrol as Patrol Coaches. The adult advisors are typically parents of Scouts in the Patrol. The Patrol Coaches help the older Scouts introduce the new Scouts to Troop operations, help Scouts with rank advancement, and teach them basic skills. After six months, and every six months thereafter, patrols elect a Patrol Leader from within their own ranks. Each Patrol has its own meetings, plans and carries out their own Patrol activities, and elects their own leaders. Periodically, Patrols are also responsible for planning and conducting

Troop Meetings and monthly campouts. Patrol Meetings are held during regularly scheduled Troop Meetings. Any Patrol Meetings held in private homes should be conducted with full respect for the property of the home owners. Under no circumstances may a Patrol Meeting be held without two adults being present.

The Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide, Bugler, Instructors, and Troop Guides make up the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) which is run by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. The PLC's job is to plan and run the Troop program. Patrol Leaders keep their Patrol informed of all PLC decisions. Since the Patrol involves boy-to-boy relationships, there are likely to be occasional squabbles. As parents, if you think there is a problem developing within a Patrol, please report your observations to the adult leadership rather than stepping into the situation yourself. The adult leaders will coach the Junior Leaders on how to analyze and correct any issues within the Patrol. The exception to the policy is if anyone is in danger, in which case intervention should occur immediately by anyone who observes it.

An essential part of Scouting is the development of leadership skills. Each of the upper ranks requires the Scout to serve in a leadership position. Positions may be elected or appointed. Nominations for elected positions are open to all qualified Scouts. The number of nominations will not be limited, but a runoff will be conducted immediately following nominations to reduce the field to four candidates. Troop elections are held in October and March. Scouts are elected by the majority of the Scouts present in a secret ballot.

Appointments may occur at any time, at the Scoutmaster's discretion. Newly elected and appointed leaders receive a notebook outlining their duties, and must attend Junior Leader Training shortly after elections. They then turn in a list of the goals that they hope to accomplish, which they review with an appointed Asst. Scoutmaster. It is not enough to be elected or appointed to a position; Scouts must give leadership throughout their term in office. At the end of the term, the Asst. Scoutmaster will review the Scout's goals with him and determine whether or not the Scout has fulfilled his duties. Scouts who think that they may be interested in a leadership position should talk to the Scoutmaster, any Assistant Scoutmaster, and/or a Scout who has held the leadership position in the past to find out more about the duties associated with it.

## **TROOP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ELECTIONS**

The following is a list of leadership positions:

- ▶ Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) - The SPL is elected by the entire Troop. Nominees must be at least a Life Scout, must be at least 13 years old, and must have previously served as an ASPL.
- ▶ Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPLs) - Nominees must be at least a Life Scout, must be at least 13½ years old, and ideally should have served in another leadership position as a Life Scout. The SPL selects the first ASPL. In the event that the SPL cannot complete his term of office, the ASPL will fill the remainder of the term.

- ▶ Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM) – this is an older Eagle Scout who acts as an Asst. Scoutmaster, appointed and supervised by the Scoutmaster
- ▶ Troop Guides (TGs) - Ideally these are older or experienced Scouts who have served as Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, are Eagle Scouts, or are close to achieving Eagle. They are appointed by the Scoutmaster, and serve as “big brothers” to younger Scouts, assisting the Scoutmaster wherever needed.
- ▶ Patrol Leader (PL) - Each Patrol elects its own Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader then selects an Assistant Patrol Leader. The Position of Assistant Patrol Leader does not qualify as a leadership position, however, Assistant Patrol Leaders often go on to become Patrol Leaders.
- ▶ Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Bugler, and Chaplain’s Aide - Must be 1st Class. These are all elected positions that serve on the Patrol Leaders’ Council and have various duties related to the operation of the Troop. Bugler does not qualify as a leadership position for Eagle rank.  
If there are no nominations for a position, the new SPL will select a scout to fill it.
- ▶ Den Chief - Scouts are appointed to be Den Chiefs. A Den Chief works with a CubScout den teaching skills, games, and crafts, while being a role model. Den Chiefs must go through Den Chief Training.
- ▶ Instructor Positions - The Scoutmaster appoints Scouts to Instructor positions (Knots, First Aid, Knife & Axe, Camping, Cooking, and Fire Safety). These positions only qualify as leadership positions if the Scout fulfills certain responsibilities agreed upon in advance.

It will only qualify for leadership if the Scout completes the project to the satisfaction of the Scoutmaster.

*“The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.”*

## **JUNIOR LEADER TRAINING**

All Scouts who have been elected to leadership positions will participate in a Junior Leader Training session. This may take place locally or as part of a campout. Scouts in outgoing Leadership positions are expected to assist in the training and transition of the new leaders.

## **TROOP ACTIVITIES**

Troop 1 Scouts have the opportunity to participate in an exceptional number and variety of activities. Here is a quick over-view of our program.

**TROOP MEETINGS** – These feature opportunities to learn skills, practice leadership and do a variety of activities and games. They are held on a weekly basis throughout the year. Meetings typically start at 7:00pm and end at 8:30pm.

**CAMPING TRIPS** – Monthly camping trips are held – usually within an hour’s drive of the meeting place. These are usually held in state parks, scout camps or on private property. We also have an annual all-night holiday lock-in during the Christmas holidays.

**SUMMER CAMP** – a high energy, activity packed week at a council camp. This is a great opportunity to earn merit badges, have fun and truly develop your Scouting skills.

**HIGH ADVENTURE** – these activities represent the pinnacle of Scouting. They are unique and often challenging events that test the skills of the Scout. They usually involve significant travel and have age and skill requirements. The troop has done white-water rafting, SCUBA and flying recently.

**TRAVEL TRIPS** – A major trip to places like Washington D.C. or the National Scout Jamboree. They are held infrequently and are announced months in advance.

**CAMPOREES** - camping activities where troops from throughout the region camp together with special activities being presented.

**SCOUT-O-RAMA** – The annual council-wide scout show where units camp and provide displays. These are usually held in March at Churchill Downs.

**COURTS OF HONORS** – these special events are held 3 or 4 times during the year. Scouts are recognized for their accomplishments and achievements. Parents and families are strongly encouraged to attend. A highlight event is an Eagle Court of Honor where the rank of Eagle Scout is presented.

**HAUNTED WOODS** – This annual event is held at Tunnel Mill the last weekend in October. Troop 1 typically sets up and runs a haunted house.

**SERVICE PROJECTS** – service to the community is a required part of Scouting. Troop 1 does a variety of service projects throughout the year. Scouts are encouraged to take part in these.

**MERIT BADGE UNIVERSITY** – These are excellent events for Scouts to quickly earn merit badges. Scouts can choose from a wide variety of merit badges. These are held in early December and late February.

**SCOUT WEEK** - the first week in February marks the anniversary of the Boy Scouts of America. We celebrate by participating in Scout Sunday services at the Wall Street United Methodist Church, usually on the first Sunday in February.

**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES** – the troop does a number of special activities throughout the year. Examples of these include swim parties, movies, day hikes, mock trials, museum events and seeing professional sports.

### **FUND-RAISERS**

We do a series of fund-raisers to reduce the expense of Scouting for each member and to pay for troop expenses such as camping gear and achievement awards. It is very important that each scout participate in these events in order to receive credit or a share of the monies raised.

**THUNDER OVER LOUISVILLE PARKING** – the Wall Street United Methodist Church allows us to use its downtown parking lot for parking during Thunder Over Louisville in April. Each Scout works a shift and earns credit. A great way to see Thunder up close.

**CONCERTS IN THE PARK** - every Friday evening during May through September, Troop 1 sells concessions at the Concert in the Park in downtown Jeffersonville's Warder Park. Families rotate running the booth.

**JEFF-FEST AND FOURTH OF JULY** – Troop 1 runs the concessions for these events. Jeff-Fest is held at Preservation Park on the third weekend of June and the Fourth of July event follows the city's annual parade to Warder Park.

**POPCORN SALES** - the troop participates in the council-wide popcorn sales which are held in the late fall. Each Scout is credited with his specific sales during this event.

**OTHER FUND-RAISERS** – the troop may do additional fund-raising for special projects as needed. These may include car washes, pancake breakfasts and chili suppers. Family support is essential for the success of these events.

## THE OUTDOOR PROGRAM

*“Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.”*

Scouts in Troop 1 have the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of outdoor activities. The troop typically camps every month – usually at an area park, scout camp or on private property. During the summer, the troop attends a weeklong summer camp at a council camp where they have the opportunity to do a great deal of advancement, have lots of fun and practice their Scouting skills. In addition, the troop does activities such as canoeing, backpacking, hiking and climbing.



**Working on the Rifle Shooting merit badge at summer camp is a challenge.**

## **Summer Camp**

You can't take the "outing" out of Scouting. Our Troop attends a week of summer camp each year. Summer camp provides exceptional advancement opportunities .. Certain skills and merit badges may not be available anywhere else. Every Scout (regardless of level of experience) is encouraged to participate in summer camp, if at all possible.

Summer Camp is an important experience where Scouts can learn much, advance greatly, and catch the *esprit de corps* of Boy Scout Troop 1. Every boy who comes back from a week at summer camp invariably feels more connected to the troop and proud of his affiliation with it. This week of Summer Camp generally costs \$150.00 - \$200.00, depending upon when you reserve your space. The troop offers several opportunities for Scouts to earn all or a portion of their fee. In addition, the council provides scholarship opportunities. These need to be applied for in the spring. Additional information is available at the council website – [www.lhcsa.org](http://www.lhcsa.org).

## **High Adventure Trips.**

For even bigger challenges, eligible Scouts have the opportunity to attend National High Adventure Camps such as Florida Sea Base in Islamorada, FL, and Philmont Scout Ranch, in Cimarron, NM. Troop 1 has canoed the pristine backcountry waters of Canadian lakes and has challenged the highest peaks in the Rockies. The troop has faced challenging Class IV whitewater. These trips are planned months in advance and have age and skill requirements.

## **Outfitting and Equipment**

Our troop holds a campout almost every month of the year in all types of weather conditions; a Scout will need proper equipment, including a sleeping bag, rain gear, hiking boots or shoes, etc. This equipment can be very expensive, and may come as a shock to those new to camping, especially if they try to accumulate the needed items all at once. We strongly encourage parents not to immediately try to outfit a new Scout with every item he will eventually need. Boys grow, and gear that is purchased one year can be quickly outgrown. Also, there is a wide range of options to consumers today, and this can be very confusing.

We attempt to educate Scouts in making appropriate equipment selections. However, each boy is different, and as boys become more experienced, they become more knowledgeable about equipment that fits their particular tastes, needs, and interests. If you do not feel familiar with this, we suggest talking to parents of more experienced Scouts, borrowing or renting equipment to try it out, or encouraging the new Scout to talk to the adult leaders or other Scouts about the necessary gear before making any major investment in equipment. Some find that boys who work to earn money to purchase their own clothing, gear, and equipment appreciate it more and treat it more responsibly. Also, there are many sources for these items.

There are many stores locally that carry camping and hiking equipment. Try Target, K-Mart, and surplus stores for better prices. REI, Dick's, and Gander Mountain all have excellent selections, but will probably be more expensive. The Scout Catalogue also has a

complete selection of camping gear, competitively priced. Campmor.com also has good prices for those preferring internet shopping. Check out the local Scot shop for bargains.

Used equipment is often available from Scouts who have outgrown or updated various items. The troop owns some equipment which can be checked out, and most outfitters in the area can be a great help in making appropriate and prudent selections.

Currently, the trend is "less is more," and on most campouts that involve much hiking, each boy's gear is weighed to avoid overloads. If a boy's pack is too heavy, or his gear is so expensive that he is concerned about using it, some of the enjoyment is lost on these camping excursions. This troop emphasizes comfort and safety through training and smart thinking--not the latest gadgetry or what is fashionable in the marketplace. The troop has available several resources for helping select to equipment. Please ask our leaders for advice when needed.

### **Required Clothing / Equipment**

Uniforms are a part of Scouting. When a boy wears the Scout uniform, he indicates his allegiance and dedication to the ideals of Scouting -- duty to God, self, others, and country. Uniforms should be in good repair and worn appropriately with pride. Scouts should wear the uniform of the season, completely and correctly, to all regular and special Scout functions. Our Troop participates in several District Events each year and a full week at Scout Camp which require 'Class A' Boy Scout uniforms, therefore; A. Each Scout in the Troop is strongly encouraged to have at least a 'Class A' uniform.

Scouts may also wear the 'Class B' uniform at most outdoor activities such as hikes and camps, except for Courts of Honor and activities where 'Class A' uniforms are required. The 'Class B' uniform has the Troop T shirt or a Scouting related T-shirt substituted for the uniform or knit shirt above. The rest of the uniform is the same.

**Useful Suggestion:** During his time in Scouting, a Scout receives many patches, badges, and insignia. Not all of these are to be worn on the uniform, and most are to be worn only on specified places on the uniform, or only worn for specific periods of time or while the boy is at a particular rank. It can get confusing, so you will want a copy of the "Official Placement of Insignia," which is available from the Scout Shop. It is a good idea to get a special box or container for all the many different patches, ribbons, medals, etc., that the Scout earns, but cannot wear on the uniform.

### **Equipment and Packing**

**Read and Look First.** If you have a new Scout, don't rush out and spend lots of money on camping equipment yet. Start by reading your Scout's Boy Scout Handbook. Ask some of your fellow Scouts or his leaders what type of pack and sleeping bag they have and what they like and don't like about it and why. Have your Scout go on a camping trip using an old sleeping bag (or borrow one) and have him look around at the various types to see what may work best for

him. Of course, you should look at the types of equipment and prices in several stores before making a decision.

### **About Sleeping bags**

Synthetic filled bags should have 3 lb. of fill, minimum, and a 4 lb. bag will usually be more than adequate. However, additional warmth can be provided by a wool or wool-blend "blanket-sheet" inner liner, and a blanket or two on top. There is no current need to invest in a "sub-zero" bag for your son for Scouting purposes. Regardless of your decision to purchase, make sure that your Scout can stuff the sleeping bag by himself before you leave the store. Otherwise, he may have very difficult times on camp outs trying to pack a sleeping bag that he can't handle and turn what might otherwise be a fun trip into one of frustration.

### **A Caution**

Please..... Do not bring anything that has a high monetary or sentimental value. We have discovered that things have ways of being misplaced or broken on camp outs! All personal equipment should be marked with the Scouts' name and Troop number.

### **Identification**

Personal items have a remarkable way of disappearing during outings. ALL items, including clothing, that your son takes should be permanently marked with his name. Engravers work very well on metal gear. Colored nail polish also works very well identifying utensils which tend to become intermixed.

### **Food**

All food and drink that your camper will need for the weekend will be provided for a nominal fee decided upon by the troop. However, he should consider bringing snacks to replenish his energy between meals. These snacks should be kept in the area appropriated by the troop leadership, **not** in his tent.

### **Pocketknife**

A Scout may carry a pocketknife on camp-outs once he has earned the Totin Chip badge. This is explained in the Scout Handbook. The knife is a piece of camping equipment that your son will keep and use as he grows older. A cheap knife will dull easily and be difficult to sharpen. While an official BSA knife is not necessary, it will gain a great deal of sentimental value. Otherwise, purchase a good brand like Victronix. Sheath knives are not allowed at Boy Scout functions. No other knives or potentially dangerous articles are permitted. Permission to bring or use a knife will be withdrawn if a Scout demonstrates that he cannot follow the rules and use the knife appropriately.

### **Hiking**

Hiking is an essential part of Scouting. Good boots and heavy (wool) socks with a liner of either poly-propylene or silk, are essential for a good hike. Most tennis shoes do not have enough

support. Boots should be broken in first. Wool socks with liners should be worn as they do not retain moisture like cotton socks do. Although the uniform socks are a wool blend, they are not recommended wear on a hike. Finally, many canteens that are available at a cheaper price do not hold up. Water bottles, such as those made by Nalgene are very hardy and fit better in a backpack than the larger metal canteens.

### **Religious Services on Camping Trips**

The Chaplain's Aid will be responsible for conducting a non-denominational worship on Sunday mornings during campouts. Parents wishing their son to attend a specific worship service are welcome to come to camp and pick up their Scout at the appropriate time.



**Small boat sailing is a favorite activity at summer camp.**

### **Troop Health and Safety**

The leadership of Troop 1 consider the safety of each and every member to be of prime importance. For the health and safety of each member of the troop we will use (but not be limited to) the rules described in this booklet as a guide. The action taken to enforce these rules will depend on the infraction that occurred.

All outings require at least two adult leaders to be present, with at least one registered with the BSA. The BSA "two deep leadership" policy will pertain to all troop functions. Troop 1 is fortunate to have many dedicated leaders, most of which have extensive experience in Scouting.

### **Permission Slips**

Permission slips will either be sent home in a Newsletter, emailed electronically or handed out to the Scouts at a Troop Meeting. In order to allow for proper planning, the permission slip must be turned in two weeks prior to participation in each outing, whether one day or longer. These slips must be signed by a parent or guardian and will be collected prior to leaving. The permission slips are used to indicate your approval of your scout's attendance at a particular event and authorize the adult leader in charge to seek medical assistance should a Scout incur an accident or become ill. Depending on the seriousness of the problem, parents may or may not be notified at the time of treatment.

Any permission slip that is signed by anyone other than the parent or guardian will not be accepted.

Any boy not furnishing his **signed** slip will not be able to participate in the activity.

## TROOP ACTIVITY AND CAMPING GUIDELINES

In the interest of the safety of all Scouts, as well as the enjoyment and successful learning experience of the Scouting program, common sense and good conduct is required at **all** times.

- The following special rules should be noted:
- Tree or fence climbing will not be allowed without specific leader permission.
- Participation in waterfront activities will only be allowed with proper supervision
- Throwing of any objects (rocks, branches) is not allowed
- The use and carrying of cutting tools (knife, axe, etc.) without successful completion of Totin Chip Training is not allowed. Saws and axes will only be used in a defined axe yard and under adult or Scout Instructor supervision.
- Food should not be left in tents. Most of the time we will be in areas where small animals, like skunks or raccoons, can be around and may try to enter tents where they can smell food.
- No combustible material (Liquid fuel, propane, etc.) or open flames (lanterns, candles, matches) allowed in or within 10 feet of tents.
- Sheath or hunting knives or folding LOCK BLADE KNIVES with a blade over 4" (inches) long are forbidden by B.S.A. regulations. The only exception being kitchen knives kept in the cooking area and retained in the patrol box.
- Shoes should be worn at all times outside of the Scouts tent. Bare feet are not allowed except in water-front areas, or for swimming. Sandal type shoes will be allowed for aquatic activities. At no time are open toe shoes to be worn in the axe yard or during meal preparation.
- Radios, tape players, cards and video games are not allowed with the exception of a very few outings that require long car trips, and then only when in the car and when connected to earphones. If the Scoutmaster feels that this privilege is being abused, the item will be taken and returned to the Scout's parent at the end of the camp out.
- Matches, when necessary, will be provided by the Adult Leaders. Scouts are **not** to carry butane lighters or matches on their person. Scouts should not play with the campfire.
- Riding on the OUTSIDE of any motor vehicle is not allowed. This restriction includes hanging or riding on bumpers, in trailers, in the beds of pickups, etc.
- Scouts should respect the campsite of neighboring campers and are not to walk in or through another campsite without permission of the other campers.

- Receptacles for trash are provided at each Patrol Site and any trash found on the ground should be placed in a proper container. The campsite WILL be left as clean, or cleaner, than it was found. After all equipment is loaded at the end of a camp out or activity, a walkthrough of the campsite to pick up any and all trash is conducted by all Troop members.
- Fireworks and firearms are prohibited at all times. The only exception is when Scouts are on an approved shooting range with trained adult supervisors.
- Obscene language, obscene gestures and subjects deemed inappropriate by adult leaders will not be tolerated.
- Malicious teasing or put-downs will not be tolerated. Harassment or bullying of any kind, especially towards new Scouts, will not be tolerated.
- Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason.
- Scouts will not leave campsite without checking with the person in charge (the buddy system should be in effect at all times). The Scout will tell the person in charge exactly where he is going and exactly when he will be back.
- Vandalism will not be tolerated. Scouts are responsible financially for any deliberate damage they create.
- Troop equipment will be respected. Equipment damaged or destroyed through carelessness will be repaired or replaced by the offending individual before he is allowed to attend another troop function.
- Cell phones should be brought with the understanding that it is at your own risk. Scouts should not use their cell phones while the meeting is underway.

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE ABOVE GUIDELINES MAY RESULT IN THE SCOUT NOT BEING PERMITTED TO GO ON THE NEXT ACTIVITY OR CAMPING TRIP.**



**High adventure is part of Scouting.**

*“As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.”*

## ADVANCEMENT

*"Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others."*

Advancement is an essential part of the Boy Scout program. The advancement program is designed to teach Scouts the skills required to be safe in the outdoors, be a good leader, think on one's feet, value service to the community, and explore hobbies/career opportunities. A Scout advances by fulfilling requirements, then meeting with a Scoutmaster to have the requirements signed off. Scoutmasters can, upon request, be available to work with Scouts before and after each Troop meeting and during free time at campouts. Parents may help their son advance by being aware of what he needs to do to complete his next rank and encouraging him to work on the required skills at home or on campouts.

Scouting is designed to be fun, but to get the full benefit of the program, boys are encouraged to advance in rank at their own pace. Much of Scouting is skill and experience based, and there are numerous ranks or levels of accomplishment, referred to as the "Trail to Eagle." They are designed to broaden a boy's outdoor skills and his awareness of his duties as an American citizen and as a leader. In addition, he will be exposed to a wide variety of potential career ideas and mentors and role models who will help him achieve more of his potential. The program provided by Troop 1 provides each boy with the opportunity to learn skills and receive recognition in the form of rank advancement and merit badges.

Advancement in the Scouting program rewards achievement and allows a Scout to be recognized for his work. The requirements for each of the seven ranks and the required merit badges are contained in the Boy Scout Handbook provided by the troop. The program provides opportunities for every boy to advance if he chooses to. Program plans can be and are often adjusted to accommodate those boys who require certain types of activities to permit them an opportunity to advance. Many requirements may be earned by participating in troop meetings, camp outs, and other activities. And the remainder can be earned at summer camp.

Eagle is the highest rank a boy can achieve in Scouting. The first level is that of Scout, followed by Tenderfoot, then Second Class, First Class, Star rank, Life rank, and finally Eagle. Each level is cumulative and progressive, in that boys are expected to accomplish even more at subsequent levels. In addition to skills and knowledge, most ranks require a certain period of active involvement in the troop to advance, or a minimum number of service hours, or a certain number of merit badges earned at the previous level. Each rank also involves a "Board of Review" and a Scoutmaster Conference. An overview of the progression thru the various ranks is provided in the next section.

## ***Boy Scout advancement, a four step process:***

### ***1. The Boy Scout learns.***

A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others. In this way, he begins to develop leadership.

### ***2. The Boy Scout is tested.***

A Scout may be tested on requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member or a member of troop. The Scoutmaster maintains a list of those qualified to test and pass candidates.

### ***3. The Boy Scout is reviewed.***

After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Palms, the review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle board of review is conducted by members of the district advancement committee.

### ***4. The Boy Scout is recognized.***

When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his next rank will be presented to him at the next troop court of honor.

Core parts of the advancement program are:

1. Actively participate in the troop. This involves attending meetings and outings. It also means that a Scout may have a specific job within the troop and will perform that job to the best of his ability. An integral part of a Scout's growth is the ability to accept tasks of increasing responsibility and perform those tasks competently.
2. Show Scout Spirit. Each scout should live by the Scout Oath and Law and his words and actions should be consistent with these ideals.
3. Attain a specified skill level by meeting the specific requirements for rank or merit badges. Requirements for rank are often earned during patrol and troop activities and some requirements are covered during each camp out. Also, summer camp is an excellent time to demonstrate many of the basic Scouting skills needed on the road to First Class. Senior boys (rank of Star or above), other instructors and registered adult leaders are qualified to approve a scout's skill mastery. Details of the requirements for all rank advancement are listed in the Scout Handbook, which should be brought to every meeting and scout function. Attain a specified skill level by meeting the specific requirements for rank or merit badges. Requirements for rank are often earned during

patrol and troop activities and some requirements are covered during each camp out. Also, summer camp is an excellent time to demonstrate many of the basic Scouting skills needed on the road to First Class. Senior boys (rank of Star or above), other instructors and registered adult leaders are qualified to approve a scout's skill mastery. Details of the requirements for all rank advancement are listed in the Scout Handbook, which should be brought to every meeting and scout function.

4. Perform service hours or complete a service project. These include the troop's service to the community and sponsoring organization and Eagle service projects. The troop requires that the service requirement become incrementally more challenging as a Scout addresses Star and Life rank requirements so as to prepare the Scout to be a successful Eagle candidate.
5. Serve in a leadership position. One of the most important parts of the Scouting program is developing a Scout's leadership skills and confidence in managing others to complete a task or to meet a goal. A Scout's success in growing in leadership is a result of his desire to learn and grow, of his dedication to doing the best job that can be done and in his respect of and from the other scouts in the troop.
6. Arrange for and participate in a personal growth conference with the Scoutmaster or Asst. Scoutmaster. This is an opportunity to review accomplishments, set goals and deal with concerns and problems that the Scout may have. It is the Scout's responsibility to arrange the Scoutmaster conference.
7. Appear before a Board of Review. The Board of Review is not a test of rank requirements but a review of the Scout's experience in the troop, a discussion of his concerns and a check on the troop's program. It is the Scout's responsibility to arrange a board of review through his Scoutmaster.

## **BOARD OF REVIEW**

Every rank (except the first) requires that the Scout have a Board of Review (BOR). After a Scout has completed his Scoutmaster Conference, he will call the chairperson of the advancement Committee to schedule a Board of Review. Boards of Review must be held at least one week prior to the Court of Honor to give the Advancement Committee ample time to prepare the paperwork and purchase the awards. The Board of Review is made up of parents from Troop 1, including at least one member of the Advancement Committee. Any parent may sit on a Board of Review, except that no one may sit on their own son's Board of Review. A Board of Review does not retest the Scout on his rank requirements. Instead, it is intended to explore the Scout's experience with the Troop, his patrol, and with Scouting in general. Scouts must wear their full Class A uniform and bring their Boy Scout Handbook to every Board of Review. Check the Troop Calendar for the date of the next Board of Review.

Note: the Scout's new rank becomes effective on the date of his Board of Review, not when he actually receives his badge at the Court of Honor. It is a good idea to make a photocopy of the advancement pages in The Boy Scout Handbook after each rank is completed. Keep these photocopies in a safe place. If your book is lost or destroyed on a campout, you will still have a record of your advancement.

## **SCOUT RANK**

The first rank earned is Scout. The joining requirements require the boy to learn the basics of Boy Scouts, like the oath, law, slogan, etc. One requirement is to work with his parents through an abuse prevention exercise contained in the front of the Boy Scout Handbook. Once the boy completes these requirements, he participates in a Scoutmaster Conference. The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster reviews the boy's progress, makes sure the boy knows the basics, and discusses what the boy would like to do in Scouting.

## **TENDERFOOT, SECOND CLASS, FIRST CLASS**

These, the next three ranks concentrate on outdoor, first aid, citizenship, swimming, and patrol skills. The requirements for these three ranks can be earned in any order, i.e., a boy could complete the cooking requirements for First Class rank before he earns the Tenderfoot or Second Class ranks. However, the ranks must be earned in order. The troop activities are oriented to giving the boys opportunities to complete these requirements. The summer camp that the troop attends also offers a full program for these ranks. There are some requirements that the parent can assist the boy in: physical fitness (Tenderfoot); swimming (2nd & 1st Class); visit with civic leader (1st Class); and drug awareness program (2nd Class). After completing each rank's requirements, the boy will then participate in a Scoutmaster's Conference and a Board of Review. The Board of Review consists of 2 to 4 Troop Committee members or parents who meet with the boy to determine how the boy is doing and to encourage further advancement.

## **MERIT BADGES**

(Needed to earn the higher ranks of Star, Life and Eagle)

Merit badges provide the boy an opportunity to learn skills or to be introduced to many subjects. There are specific requirements to earn each merit badge. The troop maintains a library of some merit badge pamphlets which a boy may borrow when working on a merit badge. There are two ways for boys to earn merit badges. Many merit badges are earned at summer camp. A boy signs up for badges and attends classes taught by camp counselors. The second way to earn merit badges is through a troop or district merit badge counselor. Parents are encouraged to become counselors. Some counselors will have the boys work on their merit badge at troop meetings or camp outs. Others will schedule time for the boys to work on the badge away from troop activities. Counselors will not conduct meetings one-on-one, but rather will utilize a "buddy" system.



**Scouts learn fish and wildlife management under the instruction of a counselor.**

Steps for pursuing a Merit Badge:

- 1) Scouts planning to pursue merit badges are required to request a Merit Badge card from the Scoutmaster or designee. They should also ask their fellow Scouts if anyone wishes to work on the same Merit Badge with them. It is B.S.A. Policy that No Scout should ever be alone with an adult, *so we encourage Scouts to work together to complete Merit Badges whenever possible.* The Troop Librarian maintains a list of Merit Badge Books that are owned by the Adult Leaders that may be borrowed by Troop members.
- 2) The Scoutmaster or designee will fill out the Merit Badge card with the name of a Merit Badge Counselor for that badge and return it to the Scout(s). Merit Badge counselors are adults that have a knowledge of the area they have signed up for (example Safety Merit badge counselor may be a Police Officer, a Fireman, etc.).
- 3) The **SCOUT** should then contact the Merit Badge counselor and make arrangements to meet with them. Sometimes, depending on the Merit Badge, a counselor may wish to meet with the Scout in the beginning to go over what is expected and again when the Scout feels that the requirements are complete to sign off on the Merit Badge Card. Each Merit Badge Counselor has agreed to abide by the stated requirements for a Merit Badge and may not add to or subtract from those requirements.

**Note to Parents:** We would like to keep our Merit Badge Counselors List within the troop up to date. If your hobbies or employment fall under one of the merit badge titles, please let our advancement chair or merit badge coordinator know and they will give you the necessary information needed to become a merit badge counselor. For your son's benefit, we suggest that you not serve as a merit badge counselor for your own Scout alone unless it is a home based merit badge such as Family Life.

The troop has five basic rules about advancement.

- 1) It is strongly suggested parents do not sign-off advancement or merit badge requirements for their son unless they are working with a group of boys. It helps avoid any suspicion of favoritism. Parents can be helpful in locating qualified counselors and setting up approved merit badge programs. Prior approval should be obtained before seeking new Merit Badge Counselors.
- 2) Merit Badge Counselors must be approved prior to any work being completed on the merit badge. The Scoutmaster or designee reserves the right to disallow any advancement or merit badge signed-off by an unapproved individual.
- 3) Scouts must obtain a merit badge application (blue card) from the Scoutmaster or designee prior to starting a merit badge. The Scout will be given credit for completing a merit badge when he returns the card, which has been signed by his counselor, to the Advancement Chairman.
- 4) Boys will be encouraged to advance but will not be pushed to advance. Troop leaders are responsible to provide advancement opportunities but are not responsible for ensuring a Scout advances.
- 5) Advances in rank. Parents are asked to periodically ask their sons about their advancement and help where they can. Even though parents are not allowed to sign off for advancement, that doesn't mean they can't help their son with requirements or review their work prior to it being submitted to the Merit Badge Counselor.
- 6) Even though the Advancement Chairman maintains records of each scout's advancement, it is each Scout's responsibility to maintain written proof of his advancement. Scout Handbooks provide places to have requirements signed-off and scouts will be given a signed card for each merit badge or rank advancement.

Possession of a patch is not considered proof. Eagle rank will not be granted without documented proof that all requirements have been completed.

## **STAR and LIFE RANKS**

The next two ranks require the boy to participate in troop activities, be in a leadership position, perform service to the community and earn merit badges. The troop requires that the service requirement become increasingly more challenging as a Scout addresses the Star and Life rank

requirements. This prepares the Scout to be a successful Eagle candidate.

## **EAGLE RANK**

The highest rank in Boy Scouts is Eagle. The requirements are the most demanding and specific. The Scoutmaster and/or our “Trail to Eagle” Leader works directly with each Life Scout to help them understand these requirements. After being in a leadership position, earning 21 merit badges, participating in troop activities, and completing an Eagle Service Project, the boy will complete an Eagle Application and have a Scoutmaster's Conference. The application is then sent to the Council Office and an Eagle Board of Review will then be conducted. Unlike the Board of Review for other ranks, the Eagle Board of Review is conducted by our District.

## **Courts of Honor**

Boys want to see the results of their advancements almost immediately, and recognition of achievement is a very important part of Scouting. That is why there are so many patches, awards, and opportunities for recognition. Awards are presented near the end of each weekly meeting when boys who have achieved advancement are recognized--typically at the meeting succeeding their completion. We also hold two formal Courts of Honor during the year. It is especially important for parents to be in attendance and enthusiastically supportive when their son is receiving an award. A reception with refreshments will be held in the activity room immediately following the Court of Honor.

### **All Scouts and their families are asked to attend these special affairs.**

This also provides an opportunity for each parent to learn more about the upcoming Troop events, as well as hear details of the past three months activities. All Scouts and Scouters are expected to be in full uniform. The Eagle rank is always presented at a formal Eagle Scout Court of Honor, in a ceremony befitting the honor bestowed. The Eagle Scout recipient usually invites special family members and friends, teachers, youth pastors, and others who have influenced him to witness this auspicious event.



**The awarding of the rank of Eagle Scout is a highlight in the life of a Scout and his family.**

## **RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS**

Troop 1 encourages all Scouts to earn the Religious Emblem through their place of worship. Special classes are offered to earn these emblems, and the Troop often provides a counselor to work on the religious award with the Scout. Religious Emblems may be presented at either a Troop Meeting or at the Scout's church service. Scouts interested in earning this award should speak with the Scoutmaster.

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

There are many special awards that may be earned for expertise in specific areas. These include The National Honor Patrol (see page 23 of The Boy Scout Handbook), Snorkeling, Mile Swim, BSA Lifeguard, 50-Miler Award, World Conservation Award, etc. (see The Boy Scout Handbook) for a brief description of the available awards). For more information, contact the Scout Service Center or talk to the Scoutmaster.

## **ORDER OF THE ARROW**

Order of the Arrow (OA) is a national brotherhood of Scout campers devoted to fellowship, promoting camping, and service to others. OA is an honor bestowed on a Scout through an election by his peers. Its purpose is to recognize those campers who:

- ▶ best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives,

- ▶ promote Scout camping,
- ▶ develop and maintain Scout traditions and spirit, and
- ▶ live the Scout habit of leadership and cheerful service to others.

Troop 1 elects new OA members in the spring. Scouts are eligible for OA if they:

- ▶ have been registered and active for at least two years;
- ▶ have completed a minimum of 15 days and nights of Scout camping in the past two years (including one summer long-term camp); and
- ▶ are a First Class Scout or higher.

Each Scout is asked to vote for the Scouts they feel best meet the criteria. Scouts who receive votes from at least 50% of the Troop are elected to OA. Scouts may cast as many votes as they like. There is no limit on the number of Scouts who can be elected. Once elected, Scouts are invited to join the Lodge and will participate in an initiation campout.

The induction ceremony, called the Ordeal, is the first step toward full membership. During the experience, candidates maintain silence, receive small amounts of food, work on camp improvement projects, and are required to sleep alone, apart from other campers. The entire experience is designed to teach significant values. After 10 months of service and fulfilling certain requirements, a member may take part in the Brotherhood ceremony, which places further emphasis on the ideals of Scouting and the Order. Completion of this ceremony signifies full membership in the OA.

## **THE EIGHT METHODS OF SCOUTING**

The “Methods of Scouting” is how Scouting in general, and Boy Scout Troop 1 pursues the three Aims or Goals of Scouting.

### **1. Ideals**

Each Scout commits himself to the personal behavior guides and standards that are exemplified in the Scout Motto (“Be Prepared”), the Scout Slogan (“Do a Good Turn [or Deed] Daily”), the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law.

#### **Scout Oath**

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and  
To obey the Scout Law:  
To help other people at all times:  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.

#### **The Scout Law**

A Scout is .....  
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful Friendly  
Courteous Kind Obedient, Cheerful,  
Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

### **2. Patrols**

The patrol is the basic unit of Scouting. Patrols are comprised of from five to eight boys. Much of the Scouting program is designed to be presented to and employed by a patrol size group. Troop 1 employs this organization, called “the patrol method” and uses it in its program. Some objectives of the patrol method are to emphasize the importance of teamwork, create a sense of camaraderie and a community environment, assign specific responsibilities and require performance and provide a format for practicing leadership skills and an understanding of democracy.

### **3. Outdoors**

Scouting emphasizes outdoor activities which foster an appreciation of nature and our ecology. Along the way, Scouts practice and learn new skills and develop confidence in their own abilities to cope with obstacles. The outdoor experience is ideal for the Troop's program because it develops physical fitness; allows a Scout to develop new skills; allows a series of new and unique challenges to be presented to each Scout that are demanding yet fun; provides a laboratory for the study of conservation and ecology and it demonstrates the magnitude of God's handiwork and improves the Scout's appreciation of it. Scouting is outing!

### **4. Advancement**

The Advancement program is designed to present a series of increasingly difficult challenges for the Scout to master. Advancement rewards individual effort and accomplishment at the same

time the patrol method is teaching group skills and rewarding successful group effort. Benefits of the advancement program include (1) an increased self-confidence and self reliance, (2) improved goal setting skills and better planning techniques. Rank advancement criteria are set forth by the national Boy Scout organization. The Boy Scout Handbook is the best source to learn about advancement. As a general rule, for each rank advancement and merit badge, a Scout must appear before a trained adult and present his work. This insures every Scout an equal opportunity to work with an interested adult other than his parent. See *the advancement section* for more on advancement.

#### 5. Personal Growth

All of the other methods contribute to the personal growth of a Scout through experience. The quest for growth is a method, too.

#### 6. Adult association

Adult leaders, male and female, provide an example to Scouts of the high character they should strive for in their personal growth.

#### 7. Leadership Development

The Scouting program provides an ideal setting for a boy to learn and practice leadership skills. Scouting is a boy run program and probably is a boy's first experience in dealing with peer supervision and leadership. Many of today's leaders in business and in the public sector gained the basic concepts and self-confidence of leadership from Scouting.

#### 8. Uniform

The uniform reminds a Scout what is expected of him. He can take pride in being a Scout, and in the achievements shown on his uniform and sash. The uniform in Troop 18 consists of a tan shirt (short-sleeved recommended), BSA or green khaki pants and shorts, Scout socks, baseball-style cap, neckerchief (provided by Troop), slide and Scout belt.

## APPENDIX 1 - THE UNIFORM

*“The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.”*

### ***How the uniform can help a boy:***

It is not the purpose of the Scout uniform to hide the differences between the boys or make them feel that they are all the same.

But there is one way in which all Scouts are alike. Whenever a Scout sees another person in a Scout uniform he knows he is like that person because both have committed themselves to the principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scout Oath and Law bind all Scouts of the world together in a common purpose.

By wearing the uniform, Scouts give each other strength and support.

Beyond accenting the common bond between Scouts, by wearing the uniform Scouts are declaring their faith and commitment to some important beliefs that bind them to all people. It is a way of making visible their belief in God, their loyalty to our country and their commitment to helping other people who need them.

### ***How the uniform can help the troop:***

1. When smartly worn, the uniform can help build good troop spirit.
2. By investing in a uniform, a Scout and his parents are really making a kind of a commitment to take scouting seriously.
3. The uniform makes the troop visible as a force for good in the community.
4. When properly worn on the correct occasions, it can attract new members.
5. Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, youth image in the neighborhood, thus helping to counteract the negative feeling some adults have about youth.

## Where Do I Place the Badges My Scout Earns?

Please refer to the Troop's website for more information:

Boy Scout Insignia Placement: Shirt Front

Merit Badge Sash:

- Merit badges are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
- Venture letter is attached at bottom front corner.
- Temporary insignia may be worn on back.
- It is worn over the right shoulder.
- It should not be worn along with the Order of the Arrow sash.

Left Pocket:

- Service stars above the pocket.
  - o Green for Youth Boy Scouts
  - o Red for Venturing
  - o Blue for Adult Scouters
- If a medal or embroidered knot for youth members is worn, service stars are raised.
- Embroidered square knots are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
- Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
- The wearing sequence for knots or medals is at the wearer's discretion and lead color is to the wearer's right.
- Badges of rank are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award. Flap buttoned.
- The World Crest is worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.

Right Pocket:

- Jamboree insignia (only one) worn above BSA or interpreter strip.
- Order of the Arrow lodge insignia worn on pocket flap.
- An OA pin or mini-sash may be worn on the pocket button.
- Temporary insignia worn centered on the pocket. Flap buttoned.
  - o This includes the World Conservation Patch
- The Venture strip is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
- Nameplate, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture strip.

Shoulder Epaulets:

- Red shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
- Green loops identify Venturers.
- Silver loops identify District & Council Committee Members
- Council Patch, unit numeral (Troop 1), and badge of office (leadership position) are worn as shown snug up, and touching each other.

Badge of office (leadership) is centered below and touches unit numeral.

- The veteran unit bar (25 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching HOAC Council Patch.
- Den Chief cord is worn over the left shoulder and under epaulet.

Right Sleeve:

- US Flag just below shoulder seam
- Patrol emblem worn below US Flag
- National Honor Patrol Award Star worn below Patrol emblem
- Only the most recently earned Quality Unit Award may be worn below patrol emblem or below National Honor Patrol star.
- (The "Musician" badge is worn only by members of a Troop's band or drum corps)
- Up to six merit badges may be worn on the long-sleeve shirt in two columns of three starting 3 inches above the bottom edge of the cuff.

Boy Scout Insignia Placement: Uniform Accessories

Hats:

There are two styles: (1) visored cap; or (2) campaign hat. Wearing a hat is optional.

Neckerchief and Slide:

Troop 10 Patch at back should be right side up and centered.

Neckerchief should be cream-colored fabric, hemmed on all 3 sides.

Fold long edge over several flat folds to about 6 inches from tip of neckerchief. A tight fold prevents gathering around the neck and is more efficient than rolling or twirling.

Draw neckerchief slide over ends and adjust to fit snugly.

The neckerchief should be worn under the collar.

Eagle Scouts should wear the Troop Eagle Scout Neckerchief or Eagle Scout Bolo.

Neckerchief slide should be Scout appropriate of the Scout's choice.

Shirt:

Official long or short-sleeve shirt with red, shoulder loops on epaulets. The collar should be unbuttoned.

Pants:

Pants are to be BSA issued dark green long-pants or shorts.

Belt:

Olive-green web with BSA insignia on brass buckle; or official leather with BSA buckle or other Scout related buckle of your choice.

Socks:

Official olive-colored socks with red tops worn with official shorts or trousers. (Sock length is optional.)

Shoes:

Leather or canvas, neat and clean.

Order of the Arrow Sash:

The Order of the Arrow Sash is worn with the arrow pointing up and over the right shoulder. It is worn under the right shoulder epaulet. It should not be worn along with the merit badge sash.

## APPENDIX 2 – Adult Resource Survey

Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to offer your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for our Troop. In making this survey, the Troop Committee wishes to find ways you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. Please complete & return this survey to Committee Chair.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

1. What are your favorite hobbies ? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What sports do you play ? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders occasionally ? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check the general areas in which you would be willing to help :

- Camping
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Typing  Book keeping
- Drawing / art
- Transportation of scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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### SPECIAL PROGRAM ASSISTANCE

- I can participate in boards of review
- I have a station wagon or \_\_\_\_\_ truck
- I have a workshop
- I have family camping gear

- I have access to camping property
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities
- I can help with troop equipment
- I have access to a personal computer

### 5. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach.

- Rope work (knots and lashings)
- Outdoor Cooking
- First Aid
- Star study
- Map and compass use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife and axe handling
- Citizenship
- Camping

**On this page, please check off which Merit Badges you can help with.**

**MERIT BADGES**

- |                                                |                                               |                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business     | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology              | <input type="checkbox"/> Computers            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures     | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics Arts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor        | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking               | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science        | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs         | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology            | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship         | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability Awareness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery               | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore          | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture          | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study         | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism           | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architect  | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics             | <input type="checkbox"/> Law                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Emerg Preparedness   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy         | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork          | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography          | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering           | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking           | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science        | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry              | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing             | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery              | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health        | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping               | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking      | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper       | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry             | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio                | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography        | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroadng           | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen...Community   | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading              | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship... Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile/Amphibian St | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Managemnt   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship... World  | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting       | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing              | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety               | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering           | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship         | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur          | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship          | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Sc.     | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture            | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life           | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting     | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating              | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting        | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety           | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Boat Sailing   | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid             | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil & Water Conse.  | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Man   | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration    | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing               | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports               | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving         |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening             | <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting      |                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy             | <input type="checkbox"/> Collections          |                                               |
|                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Communications       |                                               |

## APPENDIX 3 ---- Equipping your new Scout

In order to safely and comfortably start enjoying the Scout camping experience, certain minimal personal equipment is required. While group equipment; tents, stoves, lanterns etc., are provided and maintained by the troop, each boy is required to get and maintain his own personal equipment. Such gear may be had at various levels of quality or expense. Consult the personal equipment list in the Boy Scout handbook. In addition to the personal clothing items appropriate for the season, the troop suggests the following minimal equipment for your first campout.

As you learn, you can upgrade, change or add to your stuff as you see fit. You must bring what you will need to the camp out. There are no spares to lend. This page addresses some of the basic gear required. There are always alternate things which could be used until you "gear up" properly to suit your needs. The Scoutmaster can help you with your questions.

**The Boy Scout Handbook:** Get one and start reading. Everything you will need to know is in it. Keep it in a plastic zip lock bag to protect it. The handbook is your basic source of information and the record of your achievements. Bring it to every scout function and protect it from damage. Don't forget to write your name in it. The personal equipment list noted inside is what you'll need.

**Sleeping bag:** Good sleeping bags can be had at discount stores or found at flea markets / tag sales. Your first bag should have a synthetic filling and be rated for about 40 degrees F. cold. A great bag liner can be sewn up from a sheet to fit on the inside of the bag. Leave the top and 2/3 of one side of the liner open. This liner will keep your bag clean and make it more comfortable. When we go winter camping you might need to bring a few blankets and blanket pins and a wool hat for your head when sleeping. Subzero and costly down bags are really not required. A stuff sack will be required to protect your bag during transport and storage. Plastic trash bags will not do.

**Sleeping pad:** (This is optional.) We sleep on the ground when we go camping. It is sometimes soft and level, usually it is not. The sleeping pad is the primary layer of insulation between the ground and the sleeping Scout. Even in warm weather, the ground will rob the sleeper of warmth unless a suitable insulator is used. The sleeping pad will be found to be useful not only as this important insulation but as a comfortable surface to sleep on. A basic closed cell foam pad can be had at low cost at most discount stores that offer camping gear. It will do fine to start. Make sure to buy or make a couple straps to keep it rolled up. Make a fabric drawstring bag to put it in to keep it clean.

**Back pack with frame:** You will eventually want to get a back pack for tote'n your stuff around. There is no need to run out and get one immediately. Look around at tag sales for something used to start. Most troop campouts can be packed for using a military style duffel bag available from military surplus stores etc. Another solution could be a large athletic style gear bag that can be purchased economically at discount stores in the luggage section. Learn to understand how the various types of packs work and the kinds of gear you will need to pack before buying something new. Good packs are expensive; their purchase should not be rushed into until you understand what you will need and how you will pack it. Parents should be aware that a fully loaded back packs can weigh 30 pounds or more. Back packing is not an appropriate activity for

all scouts, especially young scouts. Please work with your scout and our leaders to determine whether this activity is recommended for your scout.

**Rain gear:** An inexpensive plastic poncho will do to start. Keep it in a zip lock bag.

**Boots:** A pair of boots that fit is necessary for many camping locations as the ground is usually uneven. Boots should be laced up properly to support the ankles and to protect against falling injuries. They should be treated with a waterproofing coating which should be re-applied from time to time. Some may want to purchase boots sized a bit larger than we are today so that we can grow into them. This is fine. You will need some good socks to wear in layers to fill up the boots until you do grow and you will need to use them. Buy quality blends of fabrics in socks intended for hiking and reserve them for Scouting and camping. Take care of your feet and you'll always have fun at scout camps. If we go camping at district or council events or attend any district winter events, boots are required.

**Flashlight:** A flashlight you can drop and will still work is best. Always bring spare batteries and bulb. Store your flashlight with one of the cells in backwards. Should it turn on in your pack or in storage the batteries won't run down.

**Personal first aid kit:** Make up a kit and keep it in a small zip lock bag in your gear. Contents are described in the Scout handbook.

**Grooming kit:** Comb, tooth brush and small tube of toothpaste, half a bar of soap in its own zip lock bag, medium size towel. Get a roll of toilet tissue when it's nearly at the end, about 1/4 inch thickness left, flatten it out and put it in a small zip lock bag. This should all fit in a large zip lock bag.

**Folding knife:** There is no need to rush out to buy your scout a folding or pocket knife. BSA policy requires that a boy learn safe knife, saw and hand ax usage before he may be permitted to use these tools in Scouting. These skills are learned among the Second Class rank requirements and their attainment is demonstrated by the award of a "Totin' Chip" card. No Scout may use an edged tool without possession of a Totin' Chip. BSA policy requires all knives carried by Scouts (adults and boys) to be a folding type. Sheath knives are specifically not permitted. When shopping for a folding knife, avoid the temptation to purchase a knife with numerous folding accessories. Most are useless in Scouting. A useful knife will have one or two short blades and perhaps a can opener and little more. Folding knives are to be carried in a belt pouch. Not in a pocket. A short piece of bright colored ribbon or twine should be tied onto the ring. This flag will permit your Scout to find his knife when it is dropped onto the forest floor.

#### **APPENDIX 4 ----**

#### **Weekend Camping List Camping Equipment (labeled with the Scouts' name)**

#### **SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP REQUIRED**

- Sleeping Bag in a stuff sack
- Scout Handbook
- Pocket knife
- Flashlight with extra batteries
- Sleeping pad
- Notebook, pen or pencil
- Duffel bag or backpack
- Mess kit
- Mosquito Repellant
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow
- Fork, knife and spoon
- Cup
- Canteen
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Spending Money (if needed)
- Watch

- Poncho or raingear

#### **Clothing (labeling is encouraged)**

- Uniform
- Underwear (2 pairs)
- Socks (3 pair)
- T-shirts (2 pair)
- Swimsuit in a ziplock (for swimming or showers)
- Flip-flops or shower sandals
- Appropriate hiking footwear
- Extra pair of shoes
- Hat or cap
- Sleep shorts
- Jacket or coat as needed
- Extra pants

#### **Personal Hygiene**

- Toilet paper in a zip-lock
- Washcloth in a zip-lock
- Towel
- Soap in a zip-lock
- Toothbrush/toothpaste

- Comb or brush
- Deodorant
- Handkerchief or Kleenex

#### **OPTIONAL**

- Camera
- Watch
- Bible
- Sunglasses
- Medicines (Leaders need to be notified of all medications)
- Deck of cards
- Snacks
- Sunglasses
- Medicines (**Leaders need to be notified of all medications**)

## APPENDIX 5

### What to Pack for Summer Camp

This list is intended to supplement the list in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Official Uniform parts: The uniform is an important part of Scout camp. All dinners and the evening ceremonies prior to dinner will require the Class `A' uniform and troop cap.

- ▼ Short sleeve shirt with council, troop, and rank insignia.
- ▼ Scout uniform shorts (bring your long pants as a back-up)
- ▼ Boy Scout belt
- ▼ Boy Scout socks
- ▼ Troop neckerchief
- ▼ Neckerchief slide
- ▼ Troop uniform cap
- ▼ Class `B' uniform shirt(s)

Should there be a financial obstacle in obtaining a full uniform for your scout, please consult with the leaders in order to discuss potential remedies. Scouts are expected to keep their uniform neat between uses. Uniforms should be hung on hangers in your tent when not being used.

Personal gear: This is a general list, but your specific needs may vary.

- ▼ Personal first aid kit.
- ▼ Toilet kit: Tooth paste & brush, soap, shampoo, hand and bath towels (2), comb.
- ▼ Folding Scout knife (and your Totin' chip card. Can be earned at camp)
- ▼ Flash light, spare batteries and spare bulb.
- ▼ Day pack (book bag)
- ▼ Bug bite anti-itch stick or cream
- ▼ Non-aerosol insect repellent
- ▼ Camp cup
- ▼ Canteen or water bottle (empty)
- ▼ Boy Scout Handbook (store it in a zip lock bag)
- ▼ Laundry bag (could use one of the garbage bags below)
- ▼ Sleeping bag or blankets
- ▼ Pillow

- ▼ Small folding camp chair (optional)
- ▼ Mattress cover (optional, but helps keep your sleeping bag clean)
- ▼ Length of small line for cloths line (1/8 inch nylon) about 12 feet. 6 to 8 cloths pins.
- ▼ Pens, pencils, paper to write on. A pad to carry around to classes (In day pack)
- ▼ Fun book to read
- ▼ Quiet time camp games: Checkers, chess, cards etc.
- ▼ Several plastic clothes hangers
- ▼ Light coat or sweat shirt
- ▼ Bathing suit (everyone takes the swim test)
- ▼ Pajamas or sleeping gear
- ▼ Rain coat or poncho
- ▼ Water shoes or old sneakers to wear to the waterfront for swimming (they will get dirty)
- ▼ Pair of good sneakers for every day wear while in camp site. (Open toe shoes or sandals are not permitted at camp).
- ▼ Pair of stout, well fitting & comfortable, water proofed hiking boots.
- ▼ Socks (more that you think you will need)
- ▼ Underwear for a week (think of your tent mate)
- ▼ Casual shorts and T-shirts for everyday wear. (avoid shirts with obnoxious decoration)
- ▼ One pair of long blue jeans or similar in case of cooler weather.
- ▼ Fishing gear if you would like to fish in your spare time.
- ▼ Merit badge pamphlets. (Sometimes the "trading post" is out.)
- ▼ A couple large trash bags just in case.
- ▼ Don't forget your "do-aheads" for the merit badges which require them.
- ▼ Carving or whittling knife if you will be wood carving. (A toten chip card is required.)
- ▼ Camera and film (optional)
- ▼ Flip flop sandals for shower (optional)
- ▼ Sun screen lotion
- ▼ Sun glasses (optional)
- ▼ Stamps for letter(s) home. Pre-stamped and addressed envelopes work well.

**O.K.; Now, what do I pack all this stuff in??** Summer camp (scout long term camping) requires a bit of a different approach to packing. As we're not going to be hiking the gear any great distance the back pack with frame is neither required nor has enough space in it. A container that permits your scout to get at his gear with ease and keep it neat is required. Protection from moisture and all the little things that live with us at camp is especially useful. Sufficient room in this container to move things around and to put all the stuff we collect at camp is also good. Plastic "under the bed" type storage containers and other such plastic containers work well. They ought to have a snap on type lid as the gear gets moved around with great energy.

**Can I bring my video game and CD player?** Only for the trip to and from camp. Otherwise, no electronic toys, games, radios, CD players, that requires batteries.

**\$pending money:** There is some opportunity to spend money at camp. Scouts will find a trading post in which various snacks, candy and ice cream may be purchased. This trading post is generally open with limited hours afternoons and evenings. Those scouts requiring kits for basketry, leatherwork or wood carving merit badges and pamphlets for these and others will generally find them here. Some souvenirs such as camp t-shirts, patches and the like will be found. Parents should know that not all materials will be available at all times and that some supplies are limited. For this reason, scouts who know that they will need certain merit badge pamphlets, craft kits and the like should consider purchasing them at our local Scout Service Center prior to leaving for camp. This will assure that your scout will have the materials he needs and will limit the amount of cash he will need to have on hand and permits him to avoid the press of many boys trying to buy all their supplies at once.

## **APPENDIX 6**

### **MISSION STATEMENT AND PHILOSOPHY**

*“The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and All who have meditated on the art who he becomes.”*

#### **Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement:**

To serve others by helping to instill values in young people, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime, and to achieve their full potential.

#### **Troop 1 Mission Statement:**

The Scouts of Troop 1 are proud to be recognized by their community as leaders of high moral character who are prepared to make ethical decisions and to assist others in times of need. They are respectful of themselves, others, and their environment. They live by the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America while seeking a balance of fun and achievement to build personal character. The families of Troop 1 are committed to upholding the ideals of the Boy Scouts of America in developing the attitudes and values of the Scouts.

#### **Troop Philosophy:**

- The Troop is run by the Scouts. The Patrol Leaders’ Council is a body of shared leadership
- Adults provide supervision to the Scouts. The parents’ roll is to teach and guide the Scouts.
- Adult leadership is shared by all Scouter staff and parents.
- The Troop accepts any family and will not discriminate based upon reputation, belief, race, or physical condition of the Scout, as long as he abides by the rules and policies of the Troop.
- Values that are emphasized include leadership, family, church, education, and respect.
- Activities are structured to achieve a balance of fun and advancement.
- When a Scout registers with the Troop, he commits to attending  $\frac{3}{4}$  of all Troop events and meetings.
- Since Scouting is a year round program, it is understood that a Scout may be involved in other activities (i.e. band, organized sports, etc.) that cause an occasional conflict or even causes the need for a Scout to go on inactive status for awhile. This is okay as long as you discuss your situation with the Scoutmaster.
- Troop outings are structured to maintain a balance of camping, field trips, physical activities, and day trips.
- Leadership Training for both Scouts and adults is important to the success of the program and the Troop.

## Troop 1 Parent Survival Guide

Troop 1 is a wonderful place where your son can grow, learn, and be a boy and there are countless adults to help him reach the milestones required to reach the coveted prize of Eagle Scout. Parents play a vital role in this process as well and here are some tips, compiled by other parents who have been through the march to Eagle with their sons, that we hope will make your life as a Boy Scout parent easier. While your son has to earn his merit badges and rank advancements, helping him to keep organized will ease the stress for both of you throughout the process.

- When your son joins Troop 1 get a three ring binder. As your son advances in rank or earns merit badges, keep all the rank cards and any merit badge information your son receives in that binder.
- Get involved with the troop – serve as a leader, merit badge counselor, driver, on the troop committee or with a fund-raiser.
- Use the troop website on a regular basis. A lot of information including the calendar of events is posted there.
- We hold Courts of Honor throughout each year. Have your son attend each one, if possible, even if he is not advancing or earning anything. Not only does this show support for his fellow scouts who are advancing or receiving merit badges, but he will benefit from seeing his peers advance. Sometimes this can be very motivating!
- **SEND HIM TO SUMMER CAMP!!** Twice would be even better. Your scout can really crank out the merit badges there. When he gets home, **BE SURE** to discuss with your child what merit badges he took while there and confirm that the Scoutmaster receives confirmation that these have been completed. Sometimes this information is lost in the mail! Scouts should be able to complete as many as 4 merit badges but you need to follow the paper trail to make sure he gets credit. If there are incompletes (which frequently happens), **GET THE PAPERWORK** so you can be sure the scout finishes this merit badge back with the troop.
- Watch your e-mail for information on troop activities such as campouts, climbing trips, ski trips and merit badge universities.
- Have your scout attend as many Eagle projects as he can in the beginning. Not only will this earn him his needed service hours, but it will give him exposure to what Eagle projects look like and the variety of them. This will help serve him later when he has to decide on his project.
- Your scout should attend all merit badge universities he can work into his schedule. Merit Badge Universities are great forums for completing merit badges quickly. Once again, follow up and **BE SURE THE PAPERWORK** is turned in and your scout gets credit.
- Follow your child's merit badge progress. Keep track of what he needs for Eagle, eagle-required merit badges as well as non-eagle required. The merit badge counselors of Troop 1 are very supportive and eager to help the scouts complete their merit badges. Most are willing to meet outside of troop meetings so if your son is missing just a few requirements, he should contact the counselor and schedule a special meeting to get it finished.

- Keep a record of all the camping nights your son is out. This will be necessary for the eagle-required Camping Merit Badge and you and he will soon forget which campouts he attended. A week at summer camp can only be used once so if a scout goes more than one week, he is unable to use the 2nd week toward the camping merit badge.
- Several merit badges require keeping a record, diary or calendar of activity. Help them keep on task with this. You can keep the record in your notebook or file, if that is what your son wants. There are worksheets available to print out from the inter-net to assist. Google the merit badge that you want a worksheet on.
- Have your scout work on his Personal Fitness merit badge while he is in middle school and/or when he is on an athletic team. It is easier to work the requirements in while they are on a regular workout schedule than when they have to remember to go run the mile, do the pull-ups or whatever. This is one of the merit badges that requires keeping a record.
- Rank advancements require leadership so make sure your scout attends the troop meeting when elections are held (twice a year). He cannot be elected to any office if he is not present. If he does not have a leadership role, the Scoutmaster can assign him a leadership project which can be used toward advancement, but it is MUCH easier to be an elected officer.

#### **Once your son has earned the rank of LIFE...**

- Once again, check the status of your scout's merit badges and make sure he is on track to finish the last ones he needs for Eagle. He does not have to be finished with his merit badges to begin working on his project.
- Discuss with your son possible Eagle project ideas. Kick around ideas with your friends and family - anyone who might have a connection to a non-profit in Nashville. From his exposure to Eagle projects when he was a younger scout, your son might know if he would like to do a building project, painting project, landscaping project or another kind. This should be driven by him but you can throw out ideas to help him narrow down his choices.
- The project has a life all its own. It is a long process which should begin with your scout discussing the general idea of his project with Troop 1's Life to Eagle coordinator. Once it has been approved by that leader, your son should begin getting the specifics together, including photos of a "before," if appropriate. Getting the signatures of the appropriate people takes several weeks - yes, WEEKS - so don't schedule ANYTHING until you have them all.
- Your scout should not do anything toward his project (purchasing lumber to build something, begin cleaning out some brush area, or WHATEVER) until he has all the necessary signatures!
- Help your scout keep track of all the hours he puts into the planning and execution of his Eagle Project. From the first discussion of the concept to the stamping of the final thank you letter.

- Take lots of photographs – before, during and after the project. Arrange and label these in a binder for the Eagle board of review.
- Your scout will need a support letter from his parents in addition to 5 other letters of reference. One should be from a religious contact, one from a teacher or coach, one from an employer (if applicable), and 2 others. Give these references time to write their letters and when your scout asks the person if they will agree to write a letter of reference, give them a stamped envelope addressed to the Scoutmaster.
- Your scout has to write a Life Purpose Statement about his goals. The Eagle Application suggests he include information about any experience he has had that demonstrates his leadership.

**GOOD LUCK!!**