

Boy Scout - Troop #53

STANDS ABOVE THE REST



New Scout Orientation

As new scouts we know there will be plenty of questions regarding how things work in Troop #53. We want to make you

feel comfortable and help you transition into our troop easily.
We hope these little bits of information will get you started.
Remember, you can always ask a senior scout for help!

General Information

Advancement in Rank

NEW SCOUT
tenderfoot
Second Class
First Class

Star
Life
Eagle

Scouts advance through the ranks after completing the requirements for that rank. The scout should bring his book with him to meetings and activities and be sure to have an adult leader “sign off” on any activity he has completed. Advancements include various skills, merit badges, leadership positions and troop participation.

Check the scout book pages _____ for more details about the advancement requirements.

Camping

Equipment – See scout handbook page ____ for Camping Essentials. Let your scout pack his equipment, but do review together to be sure that safety and survival equipment are always included. Do not go out and buy new equipment. The troop has items to borrow and you can add to your scout’s equipment for birthdays and holidays.

Safety – The boy scouts require _____ of adults for supervision and safety. While hiking an adult is with the leading group and an adult always stays at the end. Scouts are taught to “buddy up” at all times.

Supervision – Several adults go along on each camping trip to assist with oversight and safety. Scouts are never alone with one adult, two must always be present. The adults each together as a “patrol” and participate

as required by the leader of the trip. Think about offering to go along on some trips. Your scout will be proud.

Timing – The troop generally schedules a camping activity on the 3rd weekend of each month. Check the schedule for specifics and changes to that schedule.

Transportation – Parents are asked to help out with transporting the scouts to and from camping activities.

Canned Food

Our troop provides canned food for the North Park Community Church _____ program. Each scout is asked to bring at least one canned good to each meeting for this purpose.

Court of Honor

The “Court of Honor” is held _____ times per year. It is the time when advancements, merit badges and other awards are made.

Parents are expected to attend and will be asked to join their scout when advancements are awarded.

This is a special time and the whole scout community gets together for light food after the event. You will be asked to bring some light refreshment for these times.

Dues

Monthly dues of \$10 are due at the first of each month. Scouts are expected to bring their own dues and submit them to the responsible party. Parents, please give any money to your scout so he can directly pay his own dues.

Fund Raisers

Car Wash

Mistletoe

REQUIRED family participation event. Mistletoe proceeds go directly to the scouts own account towards summer camp and _____.

Pancake Breakfast

Popcorn

A portion _____ of the proceeds for popcorn sales go directly to the scout's own account for summer camp and _____.

Spaghetti Dinner

Scouts and family participate in this fun fundraiser. Proceeds go directly to our troop. This fundraiser is generally in late February or early March.

Leadership Roles

Scouts must take on leadership roles within the troop as part of their advancement requirements. If your scout is planning to advance be sure he seeks a leadership role. There are many within the troop, only a few are "elected" roles. Your scout should ask the Scout Master or _____ to assign a leadership role if needed.

Meetings

- Full Scout Uniform
- Meetings are from 7:00 – 8:30
- Scouts should bring their book each time, and be prepared with a pen .Parents are not required to attend, however, sometimes their help with be enlisted.

Merit Badges

A TOTAL of 21 merit badges are required for the Eagle Scout Rank. Ten of these badges are specific required badges. Each advancement has a certain number of additional badges that need to be completed. Check the scout book page _____ for these requirements.

Merit Badge Resources

You may purchase a Merit Badge Requirements book at the scout store each year or you can view requirements at various online sources.

There are online “Workbooks” which are very helpful – one resource is <http://www.rainbowcouncilbsa.org/Advancement/Advancement.htm>

Additionally, there are specific booklets found at the scout store that provide more information towards completing a particular merit badge. The troop may own the booklet needed or it might not be necessary, check with the counselor.

Our troop has many adults who are qualified as Merit Badge Counselors. The scout should contact the appropriate counselor and ask if that counselor is available to work with him on the merit badge. The scout and counselor arrange a time to meet to review. Generally, the scout offers to meet at the counselor’s convenience, at their home or before or after a meeting. Parents **MUST** be present to be sure **TWO** adults are always present. See list below.

Merit Badge Counselors List (yearly update) is created each year listing the qualified counselors who are willing to work with your scout to certify proficiency in a certain merit badge. Purchase a List for \$3.00 from the Scout Headquarters. These counselors may be contacted by your scout.

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Scholarship
Small Boat Sailing*



Organization

The scouts are organized into “Patrols”. They are given direction by Patrol Leaders. The Patrol Leaders look for direction and leadership skills to older scouts in leadership roles. When questions arise, direct your scout to his Patrol Leader and more experienced leadership.

Messages are often sent via the Patrol Leader. He is responsible for his patrol.

Parent Participation

Scouting still requires parent participation, just different. Please consider assisting with the various committees, fund raising jobs, merit badge counseling if you have an expertise, driving scouts to various activities, etc.

Parent’s supporting Role

Boy scouts teaches independence and leadership skills. The parents’ job is to support your scout but to let the scout do the work. They are learning independence and you should let them.

The troop will send most communication through your scout. It will be hard, but it is a learning process. Ask what information and messages were relayed after each meeting.

Make sure your scout signs up for service projects and fundraisers. Your help supporting the troop is an important message for your scout also.

Read the Scout Book with your scout. Help your scout plan their progress, check on their progress, **review and set goals together.** You can help by supporting your scout’s interests and keeping him on track.

(Parents, your oversight will be needed here for younger scouts.)

Roster

See attached

Schedule

See attached

Scout book

Your scout book is your best friend. It has loads of interesting information and it contains your record of what you have learned

and achieved. Bring it to all meetings and camp outs and be sure to have an adult leader mark off the things you have completed.

Scout fair

The annual two day Scout Fair is generally the ____ weekend in _____. Tickets are sold and scouts attend generally all day. Help is needed with the troop activity (our troop has an interesting obstacle course). Also, scouts have a chance to earn part of or all of some merit badges on-site.

Service Projects

Our troop participates in several types of “service projects”.

Community - Sometimes a community organization asks for assistance with a particular project (last year we helped with the Holiday Bowl and the Venture scouts helps with parking for _____).

Sponsoring Church - The troop always picks a service project for our sponsoring church.

Eagle Scout Projects - Additionally, Eagle Scouts are required to have a service project to complete their Eagle rank. The troop members are expected to participate in all service projects as time allows.

Sponsorship

The North Park community church

Our troop is sponsored by the North Park Community Church. They allow usage of their facility and have been our partners for ____ years. Each year the troop works on a service project to help the church. Additionally, on Scout Sunday, the ____ Sunday in February, scouts and families attend the church service to show our appreciation.

The North Park Lions Club

The North Park Lions Club is a continuing supporter of our troop. They sponsor our annual spaghetti dinner, providing all food, space, set up, etc.

Summer Camp

Summer camp is often the first time our scouts are away from home for a week. Most have a wonderful time and can hardly wait to return. The scouts can earn most or all of their summer camp fees by participating in the troop fund raisers. Assistance is available for fully active scouts who need assistance.

Merit Badges

- Many merit badges can be earned at scout summer camp.
- Help your scout pick out merit badge goals and be sure he lets the adult leadership know his goals also.

Packing

A list of items for packing will be distributed. Scouts often use much less than parents would hope. But, always, be sure to keep safety and first aid items in the items to go.

UNIFORMS

Class A

Class A Uniform consists of the full scout uniform, green pants, tan shirt, neckerchief, _____, scout socks and hat. Gently worn items are often available through the troop.

Class B

Class B Uniform consists of the navy blue troop T-shirt and hat with scout green pants or other pants. This uniform is used for camping trips. Class B uniforms are provided by the troop to new members.