

# Troop 216 Parent Guide

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# Introduction

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America! By becoming a parent of a Boy Scout, you are setting your son out on the grand adventure of Scouting. This is a tremendously important and rewarding endeavor that you will be able to share with him.

What is it all about? What are you expected to do? What does it cost? We have prepared this booklet to answer these questions.

The following pages describe the organization of a Boy Scout unit and the advancement pattern that each boy will follow. Reading this will help you understand how your boy can progress through the ranks with your help. It will help you understand how you can help and what the various adult volunteers are doing to help the Troop.

## ***What is it all about?***

There are three “Aims of Scouting”:

- Character Development
- Citizenship Training
- Personal Fitness

These three aims are the bedrock of the American Scouting movement. They represent the long term outcome we want for every boy. Troop 216, through a program planned by the scouts themselves, and supported by the adult leadership, tries to give the scout the opportunity to reach each of these aims.

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people, and prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime to achieve their full potential. These values are based on those found in the Boy Scout Law and Oath.

| <b>Scout Law</b>  | <b>Scout Oath</b>   |
|---|---|
| <i>A Scout is:</i> Trustworthy Loyal Helpful<br>Friendly Courteous Kind Obedient Cheerful<br>Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent | 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. |

Since 1910, these principles have been taught in an atmosphere of recreation and fun, which allows young people to develop self-confidence, leadership, and moral character. More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders. Men who earned badges as Scouts sit on the Supreme Court

and in the chambers of Congress. Others hold important offices in our government, business and industry. Many members of Congress were Scouts, as well as most of the astronauts who have walked on the moon. The long list of famous Scouts includes:

|                                      |                                |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| President John F. Kennedy, Boy Scout | Neil A. Armstrong, Eagle Scout |
| President Gerald Ford, Eagle Scout   | Henry Aaron, Eagle Scout       |
| James Stewart, Life Scout            | Bill Gates, Life Scout         |

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth oriented organization in the United States. More than 4 million boys and leaders are currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

Unlike Cub Scouting, which is adult-lead, Boy Scouts is a youth-lead organization. The boys learn how to organize and lead the troop. After training, and with supervision from the adult leaders, the boys run the show.

The boys in the troop will be working through the ranks of Scouting, from Scout to Eagle. As they travel on their trail to Eagle they will not only learn how to lead a team to a goal, but they will actually lead teams of Scouts in a number of situations. Many Eagle Scouts put their accomplishments on their resume and find this as an asset in obtaining acceptance into college or the work force.

Boy Scouting also provides for growth of moral strength and character, teaches citizenship, and enhances the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness. This is all done in the spirit of fun and adventure.

Please take a few minutes to read Chapter 1 of your son's Boy Scout Handbook.

## **Organization**

Troop 216 is a participating member of the Crosswinds District of the Occoneechee Council, Boy Scouts of America (BSA). The troop consists of a chartered organization, a troop committee, Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters, the scouts and their parents.

### ***Chartered Organization***

A religious or community organization, with the help of the BSA, can start a Boy Scout unit in their community. The organization is called the “chartered organization” for their Boy Scout unit. The chartered organization for Troop 216 is the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Michael A. Carey Council 6650. As our chartered organization, the Knights of Columbus provides a representative that is part of the troop committee and also is a voting member of the Occoneechee Council. The representative ensures that the troop has adequate meeting facilities and that the troop is providing a good program for the boys.

For more information about the Knights of Columbus please visit:

[www.stmichaelcary.org/ministry/kofc/ministry.shtml](http://www.stmichaelcary.org/ministry/kofc/ministry.shtml)

### ***Troop Committee***

The Troop Committee (TC) functions as an administration and support organization for the troop. The TC takes care of the non-program issues surrounding the troop, such as troop funds, fund raising activities, membership drives, website management, activity permits and coordination, advancement records, procurement and maintenance of troop equipment. The TC has a very important role in the rank advancement process of the Scouts. TC members sit on the Board of Reviews and make the decision if a Scout is ready for the next stage in their Scouting journey.

The TC is lead by a Committee Chairperson. The Chairperson works to ensure that the many non-program tasks are handled by the adult volunteers. The TC meets monthly. The meetings are open and attendance is encouraged by all parents and other interested adults.

The Troop 216 TC positions are:

Chartered Organization Representative

Chairperson

Vice-Chairperson

Treasurer

Merit Badge

Board of Review

Hospitality

Transportation

Membership

Secretary

Luminaria

Advancements

Publicity

Quartermaster

Webmaster

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these TC positions, please contact the TC Chairperson through the link on the Troop 216 Web page at [www.troop216cary.org](http://www.troop216cary.org).

## ***Scoutmasters***

Every Boy Scout troop will have one Scoutmaster and one or more Assistant Scoutmasters. They are commonly referred to as Scouters. The role of the Scouters in the troop is to ensure a program that is fun and safe and gives the Scouts opportunities to advance through the ranks of Scouting. The Scouters generally will have the closest contact with the Scouts as they will attend most of the meetings, campouts and activities with the Scouts. Along with the TC members, they will work closely with the youth leadership of the troop.

One of the rank advancement requirements is for the Scout to request a Scoutmaster conference. The purpose of the conference is for the Scoutmaster (or an Assistant Scoutmaster) to spend a few minutes with the Scout, prepare him for his upcoming Board of Review, talk about the troop and generally ensure that the Scout is ready to begin their next journey in their trail to Eagle.

The Scoutmaster oversees the entire program, ensuring that the youth leaders plan events and run the troop. Assistant Scoutmasters assist the Scoutmaster, stand in for the Scoutmaster when necessary and do a variety of other tasks for the troop, including working with the newer Scouts to get them up to speed on troop activities, signing off on

rank requirements, and ensuring that the troop has service projects planned during the year.

## ***Boy Scout Councils and Districts***

The national headquarters for Boy Scouts of America is located in Irving, Texas (just outside Dallas). The national headquarters is referred to as the National Council. A council is defined as an administrative body chartered to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory. The National Council charters about 400 local councils across the United States. The program for each local council is directed by a local Executive Board of volunteers (usually community leaders) and administered by a local Scout Executive and local professional staff.

Each local council is divided up into smaller geographic areas called districts. Within each district are Scouting units. Each district has a professional District Executive, a volunteer District Commissioner, and an all-volunteer District Committee. Together, these individuals administer the Scouting program within their district.

Troop 216 is part of the Occonechee Council ([www.occonechee.org](http://www.occonechee.org)), Crosswinds District ([www.crosswinds.cary.nc.us](http://www.crosswinds.cary.nc.us)). The troop participates in a number of activities during the year that are sponsored by the district and council, including the district camporee, the council camporee, and the Scouting for Food drive.

# **Troop 216**

## ***Youth Leadership***

The troop is a group made up of several patrols. Each patrol usually consists of a patrol leader and no less than four Scouts and no more than twelve Scouts (this will vary depending on the circumstances). The boys in a patrol elect their patrol leader who in turn appoints the assistant patrol leader.

The senior patrol leader (SPL) is an elected position. The SPL selects his assistant senior patrol leader. The SPL will appoint several other leadership positions (with the approval of the Scoutmaster) to help make up the youth leadership of the troop. The patrol leaders and the other leadership positions, with the SPL as their head, form the Patrol Leader Council (PLC), which plans the activities and runs the troop meetings.

Elections for SPL and patrol leader are held in January and June of each year.

## ***Troop Meetings***

Troop 216 meets, generally, on the first, second and fourth Tuesday of each month from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Changes to the meeting schedule will be announced as early as possible to allow for proper planning. The entire troop does not meet the third Tuesday of the month as this is when the PLC meets. The PLC meets from 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the upper room of St. Michael's Education building. The PLC meeting is when the Scout leadership plans out the following month's activities

## ***Adult Leaders***

Scouters (adult leaders) provide guidance for the youth leaders of the troop. In addition they sign off on requirements as Scouts work towards their next rank.

Two registered adult leaders, or one adult leader and a Scout parent, both of whom must be at least 21 years of age, are required for all Troop 216 meetings, trips or outings.

## ***Troop Parents***

The role of parents within Troop 216 is to be supportive of the troop's efforts and to encourage the Scouts to learn and excel. Parents should try to:

1. Read their Scout's handbook and understand the program offered and methods of Scouting.
2. Actively follow their Scout's progress (or lack thereof) and offer encouragement and a push when needed.

3. Show support to both the individual Scout and the troop by attending all Courts of Honor (meeting where rank advancement, awards, merit badges, etc. are formally awarded to the Scouts and Scouters and Committee Members)..
4. Participate in the Luminaria fundraiser. Participation in the Luminaria fundraiser is a Troop 216 requirement for all Scouts and parents. The Luminaria fundraiser is the primary fundraiser for Troop 216 and provides most of the budget for troop activities.
5. Be aware of the troop program and annual calendar. The troop calendar can be found at the Troop 216 Web site – [www.troop216cary.org](http://www.troop216cary.org).
6. Volunteer for adult leader positions in the troop including assistant scoutmaster, troop committee member or activity coordinator.
7. Volunteer to be a merit badge counselor.
8. Assist Life rank Scouts on their road to Eagle by being an Eagle advisor.

## Advancement

There are many definitions of advancement, but the Scouting definition might well be, simply, "the art of meeting a challenge." For that is exactly what the Boy Scout advancement program asks the boys to do. The Boy Scout advancement program provides a ladder of skills that a Scout climbs at his own pace. As he acquires these skills he moves up through a series of ranks, for which he is awarded badges. The ranks of scouting are Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. The higher he climbs the more challenging his tasks -- and the more rewarding.

Achievements include:

1. Learning skills that qualify for Scouting's more rugged and exciting outdoor challenges.
2. Developing body and mind, growing self-confidence, and helping younger Scouts climb the advancement ladder.
3. Discovering how it feels to go farther -- in so many ways -- than he ever thought he could.

We don't look at advancement as a goal, but as a natural outcome of a planned, quality troop program.

There are four steps of advancement:

1. The Boy Scout Learns.
2. The Boy Scout is Tested.
3. The Boy Scout is Reviewed.
4. The Boy Scout is Recognized.

### ***Advancement Through the Rank of First Class***

From the time the Scout enters the troop through his advancement to First Class, he is learning basic Scouting skills to enable him to camp, hike, swim, cook, tie knots, administer first aid, and perform other tasks in the outdoors, and to work as a member of a team. With these first steps the Scout begins to build himself physically, mentally, and morally. He will start to live the Scout Oath and Law.

Once the Scout has reached First Class, this shows that the Scout has mastered the fundamentals of Scouting and can begin to start the long process of learning to lead others, refining the learned skills and learning additional skills.

To ensure that a new Scout's first steps on the path to Eagle are on solid ground, Troop 216 has developed a **First Year Program**. The goals of this program are to:

- Orient the new Scout and his parent(s) to the troop

- Establish the new Scout in a Patrol
- Introduce the Patrol method of camping
- Describe the process for earning merit badges and rank advancement
- Encourage rank advancement with a focus on reaching First Class within 1 year

To achieve these goals, the Troop employs the services of Troop Guides, older Scouts with the rank of Star or higher, to mentor new Scouts during their first year with Troop 216. They work directly with the new Scout to achieve the goals of this program. Prior to their first campout with the full Troop, the new patrol(s) along with their Troop Guides will take an introductory camping trip where the new Scouts will be introduced to all aspects of Troop camping, such as trip planning and packing, assembling a tent and dining fly, meal planning and preparation as well as completing some of the early rank advancement requirements.

Overseeing all aspects of this program and interacting directly with the parent(s) of a new Scout is an Assistant Scoutmaster. Parents are encouraged to read chapters 1, 2 and 7 of the Boy Scout Handbook so that they can also be knowledgeable guides to their new Scout.

### ***Advancement from First Class to Eagle***

As he advances from First Class to Eagle, the Scout will be demonstrating leadership skills, performing service projects, earning merit badges, and using the basic skills learned while achieving the rank of First Class. The next ranks he will earn are Star and Life. These ranks are harder to earn than the earlier ranks, but are also more interesting for the older Scouts. Upon completion of all the requirements for Star and Life, the Scout will be eligible to work for Eagle. The original principals, the Scout Oath and Law, now have greater meaning for the Scout and his understanding of them is much deeper. The final steps towards Eagle are filled with leadership experiences.

Once a Scout attains the rank of Life, he will begin the final journey towards Eagle. One of the requirements for Eagle is to complete an Eagle Project. To assist the Scout in this challenge, the troop will provide each Life Scout an Eagle advisor.

### ***Merit Badges***

The goal of the merit badge program is to expand the Scout's areas of interest and to encourage the Scout to meet and work with adults on a chosen subject. Merit badges are earned by a Scout working with a registered merit badge counselor. Before starting any work on a merit badge, the Scout should contact the merit badge coordinator to make sure there is a counselor available for that merit badge. Once a merit badge counselor is available, the Scout should request a *blue merit badge card* from the Scoutmaster. The Scout can then begin work on the merit badge requirements. As the Scout completes the requirements, the counselor signs off on those requirements on the *blue merit badge card*. When the Scout completes the work on the merit badge, the Scout turns in the completed *blue merit badge card* to the Scoutmaster. Merit badges will be presented to the Scout

during the troop's next Court of Honor along with the center section of the *blue merit badge card*. The Scout should keep this section in a safe place as it will be required documentation when they apply for Eagle Scout.

All troop parents are encouraged to become merit badge counselors. Please take a look at the Troop Resource Survey found in Appendix A and if you can help with a merit badge, fill out the survey and return it to any adult leader.

For more information about Boy Scout merit badges, see [www.meritbadge.com](http://www.meritbadge.com). The troop also has a variety of merit badge books that can be borrowed. Finally, the Scout store has merit badge books available for purchase.

### ***Boards of Review***

When a Scout has completed all the requirements for a rank, he appears before a Board of Review. The scout requests a Board of Review by signing up for one at a regular Scout meeting or contacting the Board of Review Coordinator. The Board of Review is composed of youth members of the troop and Troop Committee members for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. The Board of Review is composed of Troop Committee members for the ranks of Star and Life. The Eagle Board of Review is composed of leaders and adults from across the Crosswinds District.

The purpose of the review is not an examination. Rather it is to determine the Scout's attitude and acceptance of Scouting ideals; to ensure that the requirements have been met for advancement; to discuss the Scout's experiences in the troop and the troop's program; and to encourage him to keep working towards advancement. A Board of Review may also be held to counsel a boy about his lack of progress toward advancement.

### ***Court of Honor***

Troop 216 conducts a Court of Honor three times per year. The Court of Honor recognizes all Scout appointments, elections, awards, and advancements since the previous Court of Honor. Adult recognition may be presented prior to the opening of the Troop Court of Honor. It is the responsibility of the PLC to plan and conduct the Troop Court of Honor. The Troop Committee will support the Court of Honor as requested.

The Court of Honor is a public ceremony, and is a chance for the scouts to be publicly recognized for their achievements. Parents and all other interested individuals are encouraged to attend.

## **Rechartering and Fees**

The process of rechartering is the annual collection of registration fees for the Scouts and leaders. The troop also makes a formal visit to its chartering organization to renew their commitment for the coming year. The process of rechartering the troop must be completed by the end of March of each calendar year.

### ***Annual Registration Fees***

How much does Boy Scouting cost? Each Scout, upon joining the troop, is asked for a \$50 registration fee. A portion of this money is for BSA membership, and the remainder helps cover troop costs during the year. The troop also asks for a \$11 registration fee for each adult that signs up to be a committee member or uniformed leader.

As part of the annual rechartering in March, the troop is required to pay the BSA membership fee and BSA insurance fee for each Scout and adult leader. The Troop Committee pays for this annual fee out of troop funds for all Scouts and Scouters each year, however Troop Committee members are asked to pay for these fees themselves.

Boy's Life magazine is an optional fee that parents may wish to purchase for their scout. This fee is also due in March.

### ***Fees for Outings / Activities***

Individual activities may have fees associated with them. Generally, the Troop Committee funds the campground or camporee costs for an activity. For the bigger activities, such as summer camp or skiing, the Troop Committee determines the funding they can provide from the troop budget. The Scout is responsible for funding the difference.

Each Scout will be responsible for their food during these activities. Usually, the patrol will plan their meals and assign a grubmaster. The grubmaster will purchase the food items, determine the cost per Scout and collect that amount from each patrol member participating in the activity.

### ***Fundraising***

Troop 216 has been very successful participating in the Town of Cary Luminaria fundraiser in December. This has been the primary troop fundraiser over the past several years. Each Scout and a parent are **required** to participate in this fundraiser as it is a labor intensive event. The proceeds from this fundraiser help subsidize the Scouts' activities and summer camp fees for the Scouting year.

## ***Friends of Scouting***

Each year, the Occoneechee Council runs its Friends of Scouting (F.O.S.) campaign to raise money for council operations. The council needs funds since it is responsible for a variety of activities including maintaining the council Scout camps, running the council Scout-O-Rama, running the council camporee, as well as handling local BSA administration. A representative of the council attends our Spring Court of Honor to discuss F.O.S. Contributions are voluntary, however over the past several years, F.O.S. has become a critical source of BSA funding.

## ***Scout Shops***

There is an Occoneechee Scout Shop where you can purchase scout uniforms and supplies. The Scout shop can be reached at:

### **Occoneechee Scout Shop**

Council Service Center  
3231 Atlantic Avenue  
Raleigh, NC 27604  
(919) 850-0301  
Fax: (919) 850-0392  
Toll-Free 1-888-421-4744

# Uniform

The Scout uniform helps to achieve the objectives of Scouting. The uniform itself cannot make a good Scout or a good troop, but its use has been proven to improve both the Scout and the troop because it is a visible symbol of Scouting and unity. While the official BSA uniform is the standard for Troop 216, the Troop Committee and/or Scoutmaster have authorized variations for specific activities/occasions.

Each Scout is required to have and wear, within a reasonable amount of time after joining the troop, the official BSA uniform. If a Scout cannot purchase an official BSA uniform, he should discuss this with the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee Chairperson.

*Parents are expected to understand the uniform requirements and to encourage their Scout to be properly dressed for all Scouting events.*

## **Official BSA Uniform for Scouts**

The Official BSA uniform, often called the “Class A uniform”, consists of:

- Official BSA tan short or long-sleeve shirt with all patches and insignia properly placed (see the inside cover of the Scout Handbook for information regarding the placement of patches and insignia). With the possible exception of the top button, all buttons should be fastened. Shirrtail should be tucked into pants.
- Official BSA green short or long pants.
- Troop 216 yellow and red neckerchief with a Scout theme slide. The neckerchief should be neatly rolled and worn under the shirt collar.

Note: The Troop Committee and/or Scoutmaster may designate the wearing of an alternative troop neckerchief (e.g., the blue 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary troop neckerchief) for an event, activity or period of time.

- Official BSA web belt or Scout theme leather belt and buckle set (e.g., Philmont or Jamboree belt and buckle).
- Official BSA green and red socks worn with closed toe shoes or boots.

Optional elements of the official BSA uniform include:

- Official BSA or Scout theme hat worn appropriately (i.e., baseball style caps with bill forward).
- Merit badge sash worn over the right shoulder. The merit badge sash is never worn tucked into the belt.
- Order of the Arrow (OA) sash is worn only when directed by the OA representative and/or Scoutmaster.
- Up to five (5) BSA medals may be worn over the Left shirt pocket. Note: Religious Medals are not BSA medals. They are worn on Scout Sunday, religious events supported by the troop or as directed by the Scoutmaster.

While Scouts will be encouraged to wear the official BSA uniform for all troop meetings, events, activities and ceremonies, it will be worn for all rank advancement functions, on Scout Sunday and during luminary delivery. Rank advancement functions include the Scoutmaster Conference, Board of Review, Court of Honor and Eagle Ceremonies.

A Scout *will not* be admitted to a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review unless in the official BSA uniform. A Scout *may* be prohibited from participation in all functions at a Court of Honor unless in the official BSA uniform. The final decision as to whether a Scout is “in” uniform will be made by the Scoutmaster for Scoutmaster Conferences, Court of Honor and luminary delivery and by the Chairperson of the Board of Review for a Board of Review with or without consultation with the Senior Patrol Leader and/or Troop Committee Chairperson.

### ***Troop Duty Uniform for Scouts***

The troop duty uniform, or “TDU”, consists of:

- Official BSA tan short or long-sleeve shirt with all patches and insignia properly placed. With the possible exception of the top button, all buttons should be fastened. Shirrtail should be tucked into pants.
- Official BSA or any other green short or long pants.
- Official BSA web belt or Scout theme leather belt and buckle set (e.g., Philmont or Jamboree belt and buckle).
- Official BSA green and red socks worn with closed toe shoes or boots.

An optional element of the TDU is:

- Official BSA or Scout theme hat worn appropriately (i.e., baseball style caps with bill forward).

As a substitute for the official BSA uniform, the troop duty uniform may be worn to troop related meetings, while traveling with the troop, during meal times on campouts and any other times designated by the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster and/or Troop Committee.

### ***Troop Activity Uniform for Scouts***

The troop activity uniform, often called the “Class B uniform”, consists of:

- Troop T-shirt or Scout theme T-shirt (e.g., Scout summer camp T-shirt). Shirrtail should be tucked into pants.
- Official BSA or any other green short or long pants.
- Official BSA web belt or Scout theme leather belt and buckle set (e.g., Philmont or Jamboree belt and buckle).
- Official BSA green and red socks worn with closed toe shoes or boots.

An optional element of the troop duty uniform is:

- Official BSA or Scout theme hat worn appropriately (i.e., baseball style caps with bill forward).

The troop activity uniform may be worn to service projects and during activities on campouts and any other times designated by the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster and/or Troop Committee.

## Recommended Equipment

This document has described scouting, provided information about the many aspects of Troop 216 from leadership to fundraising, and has described the Boy Scout uniform. What else is needed by a new scout joining Troop 216?

1. Sleeping bag - a good sleeping bag is a must for every scout. When looking for a sleeping bag, think of the future. Some of our activities are in the mountains where it can get quite chilly in October and March. We backpack several times a year. So, look for a sleeping bag that is rated to 20 - 25 degrees and is light weight but is within your price range. Bags with synthetic fill are recommended.
2. Sleeping pad - foam pad, thermarest brand is popular, needs to be lightweight and portable.
3. Knives - new scouts (and older scouts) are fascinated with knives. Each scout should have a knife, but the scout will not be allowed to use that knife until they receive their Totin' Chip. They will work on this requirement on one of their first campouts. As an additional requirement beyond what BSA requires, Troop 216 requires that the scouts should only be using locking blade knives, with a blade less than 3" long.
4. Mess kit and eating utensils - something on which to eat and something to eat with (plate, bowl, cup, knife, fork and spoon).
5. 2 qt size water bottles or similar quantity hydration pack
6. Head lamp or small flashlight
7. Rain jacket or poncho
8. Individual first aid kit (use the Boy Scout handbook for guidance)
9. Day pack
10. Hiking boots and quality socks
11. Compass

### ***List of Optional Gear***

- 1) Backpack and rain cover (can rent through REI)
- 2) 2 man tent – this is not something that scouts need to get on their own. The troop has a limited supply of two person tents that the scouts can sign out for any activity through the Troop Quartermaster. You will find that many of the older scouts do bring their own tent with them.

### ***Patrol Supply and Food Box (Costs shared by patrol)***

- 1) Large plastic bin to hold contents - labeled with patrol name
- 2) Plastic bin for food storage
- 3) Cook set (2 nesting pots 1.5 and 2 liter, with covers and handle, lightweight)
- 4) Strainer
- 5) Skillet
- 6) Utensils (spatula, ladle, large wooden stirring spoon, tongs)
- 7) Can opener

- 8) Knife
- 9) Biodegradable soap
- 10) Scouring pads / sponges
- 11) Dish rag or towel
- 12) 2 pot holders or oven mitts
- 13) Large plastic trash bags
- 14) Zip lock bags (qt and gallon size)
- 15) Paper towels, aluminum foil
- 16) Toilet paper
- 17) 2 nesting basins (one wash and one rinse)
- 18) Matches and butane lighter
- 19) 50' of 1/4" rope (clothes line ok)
- 20) Duct tape
- 21) 10' x 10' tarp

***Troop Gear Box (Provided by the Troop for each patrol)***

- 1) Stove (two burner camp stove and single burner backpack stoves)
- 2) Lantern
- 3) Propane tank with gooseneck, hose and wrench (for stove and lantern)
- 4) 1 pot
- 5) 1 frying pan
- 6) Dining fly
- 7) 5 gal water can
- 8) Ropes
- 9) Dutch ovens
- 10) Many other small items like: saw, shovel, mallet, booms, etc.,

## Appendix A:

### ***Troop Resource Survey***

Boy Scouts is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop. In making this survey the committee wishes to find a way you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Please return this survey to the Scoutmaster or any adult leader (please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your occupation?
2. What is your favorite hobby?
3. Were you in Scouting? If so, what Scouting rank did you achieve?
4. In what sports do you take an active part?
5. Would you be willing on occasion to assist the troop leaders and committee members?
6. Please circle the areas in which you would be willing to help.

#### **General Activities**

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Bookkeeping
- Typing
- Drawing/art

#### **Special Program Assistance**

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a truck or large van.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to a cottage.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.

- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other (provide description)
- I can help with troop equipment.
- I have access to a personal computer.

7. Please circle any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach.

- Ropework (knots and lashings)
- Outdoor cooking
- First aid
- Star study
- Map and compass use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife and ax handling
- Citizenship
- Camping

8. Circle any merit badges that you would be willing to teach.

- American Business
- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- American Labor
- Animal Science
- Archeology
- Archery
- Architecture
- Art
- Astronomy
- Athletics
- Atomic Energy
- Cooking
- Crime Prevention
- Cycling
- Dentistry
- Disability Awareness
- Dog Care
- Drafting
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Energy
- Indian Lore
- Insect Study
- Journalism
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Leatherwork
- Lifesaving
- Mammal Study
- Medicine
- Metalwork
- Model Design
- Reading
- Reptile/Amphibian Study
- Rifle Shooting
- Rowing
- Safety
- Salesmanship
- Scholarship
- Sculpture
- Shotgun Shooting
- Skating
- Skiing

- Auto Mechanics
- Aviation
- Backpacking
- Basketry
- Bird Study
- Bugling
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Chemistry
- Cinematography
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Climbing
- Coin Collecting
- Collections
- Communications
- Computers
- Engineering
- Entrepreneur
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- Farm Mechanics
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Golf
- Graphics Arts
- Hiking
- Home Repairs
- Horsemanship
- Motorboating
- Music
- Nature
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Painting
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Pets
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Plumbing
- Pottery
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Pulp and Paper
- Radio
- Railroading
- Small Boat Sailing
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Space Exploration
- Sports
- Stamp Collecting
- Surveying
- Swimming
- Textile
- Theater
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Veterinary Medicine
- Water Skiing
- Weather
- Whitewater
- Wilderness Survival
- Wood Carving
- Woodwork

9: Circle any other skills and activities that you would be interested in teaching:

- Backpacking
- Free-style biking
- Rappelling
- Survival

- Basketball
- Golf
- Sailing
- Swimming
- Bowling
- Hockey
- Scuba diving
- Tennis
- Business
- Kayaking
- Shooting sports
- Video/photography
- Cross-country skiing
- Mechanics
- Slow-pitch softball
- Volleyball
- Cycling
- Mountain man
- Snow camping
- Whitewater canoeing
- Downhill skiing
- Orienteering
- Soccer
- Windsurfing
- Fishing
- Rafting
- Spelunking