

TROOP 330 FAQ'S

♦ JOINING: A YOUTH WHO HAS EITHER

- ♦ Earned Arrow Of Light as a Webelos
- ♦ Completed fifth grade or is at least 11 years old

♦ COSTS

- ♦ Bridging Webelos pay \$55 to cover the cost of The Scouts BSA Handbook, Neckerchief, Slide etc.
- ♦ Troop 330 uses the "Three Musketeers" form of fundraising (One for all and all for one) as well as "Scout Accounts". We believe that no scout should miss out on an outing for lack of resources. For further information please review the troops Scout Account policy.
- ♦ Outings normally cost \$30 with some costing more.

♦ FUNDRAISING: Troop 330 Does multiple forms of fundraising

- ♦ Pancake Breakfast, BSA Popcorn, AVAYA Stadium concessions and other fundraisers.
- ♦ The troop also has voluntary annual dues to supplement the fundraising.

♦ GEAR

- ♦ The Troop provides the following patrol gear
Patrol Box, Stoves, Lanterns, Gas, Canopies, Dutch oven etc.
- ♦ The Scout is responsible for his personal gear, tent, sleeping bag, pad, mess kit etc.

♦ PATROLS : Upon joining the troop your scout will be assigned to a patrol. Depending on the number of new scouts he will either be in a NEW SCOUT PATROL or join an existing patrol of younger scouts. The patrol is what makes scouting go! A group of scouts all working towards the same goal. This is where your scout will make life long friendships.

♦ ADVANCEMENT

- ♦ Scouts BSA provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he/she meets each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him/her gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.
- ♦ Your scout will begin his/her journey on the "trail to first class" by participating in outings and being active in the troop. A Scout can work on the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks at the same time. The other ranks of Star, Life and Eagle are completed one at a time and have leadership and time requirements.

♦ UNIFORM

- ♦ Scouts are expected to be in uniform for Scoutmaster conferences, boards of review, courts of honor and 2nd Wednesday of the month. The rest of the time they are expected to wear the uniform shirt, neckerchief and belt.



OUTINGS

- ♦ The troop annual activity calendar plan covers September - August
- ♦ There is an outing every month (typically on the third weekend)
- ♦ The Scouts plan their annual calendar during the summer months, it is then presented to the troop committee for approval.
- ♦ The troop goes to at least one week long summer camp.
- ♦ Every four years we do a self hosted summer camp (Canada in 2001, 2005, 2009, 2013, 2017, 2021).
- ♦ Parents are welcome on outings, we ask that you get trained as an Assistant Scoutmaster if you plan on going on all the outings.
- ♦ **ADULT PARTICIPATION:** Scouting is not just for youth, it provides adults with the opportunity to learn new skills, network with other parents and enjoy time with their scouts while supporting the troops program. We only ask that you take the training for your position.
- ♦ **CHOOSING A TROOP TO JOIN:** If your scout remains active in a troop he/she is going to spend one hour a week, one weekend a month, one week a year for the next 7 years in the troop he/she joins. Let your scout choose a troop that fits his/her needs.

Please contact the Scoutmaster or any other adult leader if you have more questions.

Orientation to Boy Scouts

The world of Scouting can seem strange and confusing to new parents, even those who have been involved in Cub Scouting or who were Scouts themselves. This document is meant to provide you with the information you need to enjoy the program and help your son succeed.

The Scouts BSA Uniform

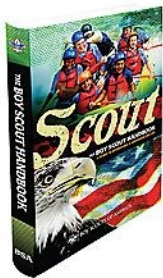
- The uniform shirt pictured to the right is a traditional Scout Item. Scouts have been wearing Scout uniforms for over a hundred years. You don't see anyone but Scouts wearing Scout uniforms.
- Each Scout shirt is a bit different. There is a standard starting place - a blank shirt that you can buy at any scout shop - but then each scout's shirt starts to look different. There are different sizes, different patches. They all have the same basic shape, but beyond that there is endless variety.
- Scout shirts are generally decorated on just one side - the outside, the part you show off.



The Scouting Program

The Scouting Program itself is a lot like the Scout shirt.

- The program is a traditional program. Scouts today enjoy many of the same activities that Scouts enjoyed when Baden Powell first created the program over a century ago. The scout oath, the Scout Law have not changed much over time. The scouting program has three aims that shape the program: **character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness.**
- Scouts and Scouting adults each have unique experiences. Everybody's time in Scouting is different. Also, just like patches, Scouts and Scouting adults come in an almost endless variety of colors and shapes and personalities and skills and intelligence and even political persuasions. They aren't all "red." There's lots of "blue." And lots of purple and green polka dots and stripes. But they are all Scouts, because they all strive toward the three aims.
- Scouting is like a Scout shirt because it has a "showy" side and a plain side. The showy side of the program is what attracts scouts - the fun and outdoor adventure. That is fun stuff, the colorful stuff, the stuff you look at and point and say, "That's cool - I want to do that." But as adults of Troop 330 we are concerned by the other side. On that other side, our eyes are not distracted by the colors and designs, by the showy stuff. We look at what the scout shirt - the Scouts BSA program - is made of. We can feel the fabric. We see the three points clearly - character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. We are glad that the scouts are drawn to the colorful stuff on the outside, **but what really matters to us is on the inside.**



What's In it for Your Scout ?

The Scouts BSA Handbook has pretty much everything your scout will need to know to become a skilled Boy Scout.

Our kids have an incredible number of activities they can pursue - all kinds of sports, music lessons, school activities. These are all great, but none of them have, in one place, the fun and challenge that Scouting offers.

Our kids also have an incredible number of distractions - video games, cell phones, instant messaging, numerous channels of television. We offer your scout the

chance to swap for a few hours the Adventures possible in a scout led troop. The one hour a week, one weekend a month and at least one week every year of outings that **"they"** choose.



What's In it for You?

Ask yourself "What would I like my child to grow up to be?"

Maybe you think in terms of his Career: a doctor, a sports star, a teacher, the president of the United States.

Maybe you think in terms of what you want him to have: lots of money, a nice wife and beautiful children, happiness.

Those are all wonderful hopes for your kids. But have you ever thought about the kind of person you want him to be?

Picture your child 30 years from now. When people see him/her, they say things like: "There goes Andy— he's really been a good friend."; "There's James - you can always count on him"; "There's

Jill - you'll never find a better person."

Which of the following words would you like to describe your son/daughter when he/she grows up:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent.

You've probably heard the above list before. It is the Boy Scout Law. So when you ask yourself "Why should I get involved with Scouts?" think about what you'd like your child to be when he/she grows up - and those 12 words.