

Troop 52

Bylaws



May 2013 Edition

TROOP 52 NOTE: The bylaws that follow were approved by the Boy Scouts of America Troop 52 Committee on May 7, 2013. The policies and statements shall be reviewed annually by a committee appointed by the Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster.

I. INTRODUCTION

These bylaws are intended for the internal use of Troop 52. They are not intended to replace Boy Scouts of America national, Heart of America Council or Pelathe District rules, regulations and policies. Troop training requirements for adults are the same as the Boy Scouts of America standards.

A. SPONSORSHIP

Troop 52 was chartered in 1918. Our Chartered Organization is the First United Methodist Church at 946 Vermont in Lawrence, Kansas. The Scouts of Troop 52 enjoy the support of the pastor, staff and members of the congregation of the church. The church makes facilities available at no cost, including the regular meeting location of the Celebration Center on the West Campus on West Sixth Street, also known as U.S. Highway 40.

In a show of support and service to our Chartered Organization, Troop 52 regularly supports First United Methodist Church activities by providing Scouts and adult leaders. Those events include Scout Sunday, the annual rummage sale and community Thanksgiving dinner.

The Charter Organization Representative is normally a member of First United Methodist Church.

Parents, grandparents and guardians are the sponsors of their Scout. As such, they are asked to support the Scout through all means available and individually appropriate. Simple encouragement, the giving of knowledge, time, talent or resources makes the Scouting experiences enjoyable and memorable for all of our Scouts.

B. YOUR YOUTH IN THE TROOP

Scouting encourages the development of leadership, character and team skills through a program of boy-led activities. There are a variety of components of this development process, of which monthly camping, weekly meetings, extended summer camps, merit badges and community service all serve an important function.

Upon registering and paying dues, your son will be assigned to a patrol. The Patrol Leader heads this group of boys, typically a group of six to eight Scouts of similar age and experience. The Patrol Leader is elected by the members of the patrol and is responsible for the patrol's participation in activities. Each member of the patrol carries his share of the workload. Each new Scout is quickly given assigned duties based on his age and abilities.

Meeting times are each Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The meeting location is at the Celebration Center, also known as the West Campus of First United Methodist Church, located on West Sixth Street, also known as US Highway 40.

The Troop meets 12 months a year except when there is no school scheduled, when there are holidays or if the weather cancels school or is too inclement for Scouts and adults to travel. In the event that the weather becomes severe, Scouts, parents, grandparents, guardians and adult leaders will spread the word through all means possible, including email and social media.

In addition to these dates, the Troop traditionally takes off the Tuesday immediately following summer camp.

Scouts are expected to be in attendance before the flag ceremony to assist with setting up tables and chairs and at closing circle to help with returning the items to their appropriate location. If a Scout is going to be late or absent, notify his Patrol Leader, the Senior Patrol Leader or the Scoutmaster.

Habitual absences or tardiness reflect on a Scout's Spirit for advancement. Scouts are expected to attend 75 percent of the meetings if they are in a leadership position to be considered in good standing and fulfilling the duties of the post.

Defining what is an active Scout involves more than just attendance at regular meetings and Troop 52 activities, according to Boy Scouts of America policies. Units may adopt additional requirements for Scouts, but also must take into consideration other activities and involvement, such as school and religious organizations, in their demonstration of Scout Spirit. Medical conditions that may affect a Scout's participation must also be considered. Further guidance can be found in the current edition of the Guide to Advancement published by the Boy Scouts of America. The latest edition was published in 2011.

The Troop leaders, in consultation with the Scoutmaster and members of the committee, will develop a yearlong calendar of activities, including scheduled camping activities, fundraisers and community service projects. The schedule is to be posted on various Troop web sites and social media, as well as being made available to parents, grandparents and guardians in advance of known activities.

C. CAMPING

Troop 52 camps every month on the second or third weekend regardless of weather, unless postponed for safety. We believe that camping is one of the most important elements of the

Scouting program to help the Scout build a sense of confidence and self-reliance. It develops love of nature, teamwork, individual skills and spirituality.

The camping events are planned 12 months at a time to allow for arranging logistics and necessary fundraising. The Patrol Leader Council will refine the monthly camping events and scheduled activities in consultation with Scoutmaster.

The patrol plans and prepares its menus, buys its food and cooks as a patrol. In the event entire patrols do not camp they will be combined for the event to enhance the experience for the Scouts. Special meal requirements will be accommodated.

Scouts are highly encouraged to attend as many camping events as possible. In addition to the gaining of outdoor experience, camping activities are required for many of the rank advancements and cannot be replicated in any other setting.

Experience has shown that Scouts who are active in the camping program are more likely to advance through the ranks and receive more out of the Scouting program and follow with their peers on the path to Eagle.

Each patrol is responsible for the equipment it uses, either that which they provide (the 10 Essentials) or used from the Troop. Some of this is permanently signed out to the patrol. Other equipment is checked out from the Troop Quartermaster. Scouts are expected to report any damaged or lost equipment to the Troop Quartermaster, Scoutmaster and other adult leaders to be repaired or replaced.

The Patrol sets up tents, gathers wood, builds its fire or sets up gas stoves and cooks its own meals. Scouts will sleep and eat with members of their Patrol. This builds patrol spirit.

Adults are strongly discouraged from sleeping with their sons on campouts unless special circumstances are arranged prior to the event. Adults sleep with adults or by themselves.

A parent, grandparent or guardian must sign a permission/medical release slip for each activity. Funds must be provided, as well, if required. This must occur before the Troop leaves on the activity. Permission slips and costs are provided in advance for each activity.

Scouts are expected to be picked up by a parent, grandparent or authorized person following all activities at the church or other designated location. Scouts should call their parents, grandparents or guardians from the activity site before departure to have their ride home ready or waiting for them upon arrival. Two-deep leadership is required for all Scouts remaining at the church or other locations waiting for rides home.

No Scout will ever be denied attending an activity for lack of funds. Parents, grandparents or guardians may contact the Committee Chairman or the Scoutmaster if financial assistance is needed. Payment arrangements can be made to help mitigate the impact of larger expenses, such as summer camp or high adventure activities.

D. BE PREPARED

Prior to each activity, a Scout's personal equipment may be inspected. Scouts arriving unprepared may not be allowed to participate in the activity. (Gloves, raingear, hats, boots, and a proper sleeping bag are items of concern depending upon the weather.) Scouts and adults should have their 10 Essentials with them for every camping event in order to fully participate in activities. There will be times when the 10 Essentials also will be required for weekly meetings to participate in planned exercises. A list of these items is found in the Scout Handbook. Scouts who lack these 10 Essentials or have difficulty obtaining them should contact their Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster or member of the Troop 52 Committee for assistance. Remember, a Scout is always prepared.

Scouts and adult leaders will be advised of any special equipment or outfitting needs that may be unique to a given activity, such as winter weather gear or water-related events such as day at the lake, biking, hiking or climbing.

Scouts and adults will make special preparations for summer camp, including the packing of a locked camp box for items that will be needed during the course of the week.

II. ORGANIZATION

The Troop is organized according to Boy Scout of America guidelines. The Committee headed by a Chairman, a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. A member of the Church is the Charter Organization Representative. There is also a Unit Commissioner, generally selected from outside the Troop, who provides assistance to the Troop.

The Scouts are organized as outlined in the Scoutmaster's Manual with a Patrol Leaders' Council overseeing the youth program. The current organizational chart has four patrols, three comprised of new Scouts and those of the Life rank and below. A fourth patrol is of the senior boys of the Troop, typically those who have previously held the Senior Patrol Leader post.

The Scout positions of responsibility are: one Senior Patrol Leader, one to two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, 3 to 5 Patrol Leaders with Assistant Patrol Leaders, Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, Webmaster, Musician or Bugler, Troop Guide, Patrol Guides, Troop Instructors and the Order of the Arrow Troop Representative. The Scoutmaster may appoint Eagle Scouts 16 and older to serve as Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

A. TROOP ADULT POSITIONS

Training requirements for the positions listed below are found in the Scoutmaster's Manual and the Troop Committee Manual and are periodically published by and offered by the Pelathe District.

1. THE TROOP COMMITTEE

The Troop Committee is a group of registered adult Scouters who do the following:

1. Establish Troop policies.
2. Provide adult leadership and meeting places. This includes selecting the Scoutmaster.
3. Provide administrative support to the Troop.
4. Provide financial management support to the Troop.
5. Support the Scoutmaster in the implementation of the Troop program.
6. All other requirements as dictated by the Boy Scouts of America.

The Committee is headed by the Chairman who is elected by the Committee. There are also a Secretary and Treasurer who are appointed by the Chairman with approval of the Committee. The Chairman is elected every three years in November. The Charter Organization Representative will approve the results of the election before ratification of the vote. The Chairman offers appointed positions to those qualified and interested.

The Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month after the District Roundtable. The time is normally 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and held at the West Campus facility. The meetings are businesslike affairs handled in the public meeting format with the submission of reports and reading of minutes. Actions are approved by following parliamentary rules of order.

The Committee represents parents, grandparents and guardians. Parents, grandparents or guardians may raise issues with the Committee members. Parents, grandparents or guardians are welcome to attend and observe the meetings. Upon recognition from the Chairman and

approved by the Committee, they may speak on a topic under discussion or bring an issue before the Committee.

Parents, grandparents or guardians may request a meeting with the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman to discuss any issue that affects their son, whether it be his pace of advancement, special needs for participation, safety or other decisions that are made affecting the Scout's involvement with the Troop.

If necessary, the issue or concern may be asked to be placed on the Committee agenda for discussion, if appropriate and would not violate a Scout's privacy rights.

Only Committee members may vote on matters of Troop policy. A quorum is required to vote on financial expenditures. The Chairman may disburse funds for emergency reasons after consulting with at least two other committee members or the Scoutmaster. Emergency disbursements will be reported at the next meeting.

The Troop's accounts shall be audited each year and when the Treasurer changes. A member of the Committee selected at random by the Chairman and approved by the Committee shall conduct the audit.

2. ADULT TROOP LEADER POSITIONS

A. Chairman

- || Elected by Committee for a three year term in November of the appropriate year.
- || Directs and organizes monthly meetings.
- || Recruits and appoints Committee members.
- || Selects Committee personnel for specific tasks with the advice of the Committee.
- || Serves on Key 3 to interview Scoutmaster Candidates, makes recommendations to the Committee concerning Scoutmaster selection.

- ‖ Prepares and presents Charter/re-Charter annually.
- ‖ Responsible for maintenance of Scout Room.
- ‖ Represents Troop at Charter Organization functions.
- ‖ Insures that the Troop's trailer is maintained.

B. Secretary

- ‖ Appointed by Chairman, confirmed by Committee.
- ‖ Takes minutes and publishes minutes of meetings,
- ‖ Responsible for updating Troop directory and information pamphlet.
- ‖ Maintains Troop's Website or works with the Committee Chairman to delegate this responsibility.
- ‖ Assists in official correspondence.
- ‖ Works with Troop Scribe and Historian.

C. Treasurer

- ‖ Appointed by Chairman and confirmed by Committee.
- ‖ Administers Troop financial records.
- ‖ Deposits and disburses Troop funds.
- ‖ Maintains Troop checkbook.
- ‖ Responsible for sending out vouchers for Troop activities and annual re-chartering to include collecting annual dues.

D. Advancement Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Maintains Scouts' records of advancement.
- ‖ Dispenses and receives merit badge cards.
- ‖ Coordinates Troop Boards of Reviews.
- ‖ Prepares records and awards for Courts of Honor.
- ‖ Assists Chairman, Scoutmaster and SPL at Courts of Honor.

E. Quartermaster Adviser and Equipment Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Maintains records of inventory of Troop property.
- ‖ Responsible for maintenance, repair and replacement of Troop property.
- ‖ Advises Troop Quartermaster.
- ‖ Chairs Maintenance Committee/coordinates with Chairman to maintain Scout Room, storage shed and troop trailer.

F. Fundraising Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Plans and directs fund raising projects for the Troop.
- ‖ Coordinates with Popcorn Kernel annual sales period

G. Summer Camp Scoutmaster

- ‖ Normally an Assistant Scoutmaster selected by the Scoutmaster and approved by the Committee.
- ‖ Acts as Troop primary adult leader at summer camp if Scoutmaster does not attend.
- ‖ Coordinates the Troop summer camp program with the Scoutmaster and PLC.
- ‖ Determines and plans for merit badges and activities, Scouts will pursue at camp.
- ‖ Acts as primary liaison between Troop, Council and summer camp staff.

H. Activities Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Coordinates with the Scoutmaster and PLC to implement the Troop's programs.
- ‖ Maintains and updates the Troop program calendar, provides copies as needed.
- ‖ Researches resources and activities available for the Troop.
- ‖ Establishes costs of activities and informs PLC and Scoutmaster.
- ‖ Coordinates calendars with District and Council.

- ‖ Coordinates transportation to activities.
- ‖ Completes appropriate tour permits if required.
- ‖ Prepares permission slips for activities, or delegates responsibility to other adult leader.

I. Public Relations Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Publish Troop information as required.
- ‖ Provides material regarding troop activities to the District and Council publicity persons for publication.
- ‖ This may be an additional duty of the Secretary depending upon availability of adult volunteers.
- ‖ Maintains website if Secretary cannot.

J. High Adventure Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Normally the adviser of Venture Crew.
- ‖ Plans and coordinates high adventure outings.
- ‖ Coordinates calendars and activities between Troop and Venture Crew.

K. Training Chair

- ‖ Appointed.
- ‖ Maintains adult and youth training records.
- ‖ Coordinates with the District and Council for training events.
- ‖ Publishes and disseminates training opportunities.

L. Scoutmaster

- ‖ Selected by the Key 3 after approval by majority vote of the Committee.
- ‖ Responsible for daily operations and overall supervision of the Troop and its activities.
- ‖ Selects and approves all Assistant Scoutmasters.

- || Serves for at least two years. Service thereafter must be approved by vote of the Committee.
- || Refer to the Scoutmaster's Manual and Committee Manuals for specific requirements.
- || Conducts Junior Leader Training on regular basis for new Scouts and all those needing.
- || Represents the Troop at regular Scouting activities, including monthly District round table.

M. Assistant Scoutmasters

- || Appointed by the Scoutmaster.
- || May be a Patrol Adviser.
- || Other duties as described in the Scoutmaster's Manual and as the Scoutmaster requires.

N. Chaplain

- || Appointed.
- || Assists Chaplain's Aide in carrying out worship program.

O. Troop Order of the Arrow Adviser

- || Appointed by Scoutmaster.
- || Assists Order of the Arrow Troop Representative.
- || Coordinates with District and Council OA representatives.

3. REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

All holders of pointed positions may be removed from office for good cause upon recommendation of the Chairman and a majority vote of the Committee. Any holder of an elected office to include the Committee chair and the Scoutmaster may be removed following this procedure:

A. Any Committee member may ask for a vote of no confidence and upon a proper second, said vote will be held at the next Committee meeting or a specially scheduled meeting.

B. The Troop's Charter Organization Representative shall be notified and given the opportunity to be present at the next meeting.

C. At the next meeting, the motion will be reheard and after debate, a vote shall be held by the committee.

D. A majority vote of all Committee members listed on the Charter that attend 50 percent of all Committee meetings during the current calendar year is required to remove an elected Troop adult officer or Scoutmaster.

Any Scouter may resign his position at any time for good cause, personal reasons or in lieu of removal.

B. YOUTH POSITIONS AND ELECTIONS

All Youth leader positions with a few exceptions as described in the Scoutmaster's Manual and Junior Leader Handbook are generally filled through Troop elections. Elections are traditionally held every six months, once in the spring and again in the fall to give Scouts an opportunity to fulfill leadership requirements for rank advancement. Progress toward ranks and the required service time needed is maintained by the Advancement Chair.

The current Senior Patrol Leader with the supervision of the Scoutmaster runs the election. No other adult shall comment or take part in youth Troop elections unless asked to by the Scoutmaster. A quorum of youth on the Charter must be present for elections and the elections must be announced at least two meetings prior to being conducted.

1. Elected Office Requirements

A. Senior Patrol Leader

- || First Class or above.
- || In good standing with the Troop.
- || Serve at least one term as a Patrol Leader.

B. Troop Guide

- || Life Scout.
- || In good standing with the Troop.

C. Patrol Leader

- || Member of the Troop at least six months prior to election.
- || In good standing with the Troop.

D. Historian, Scribe, Webmaster and Librarian

- || Any rank.
- || In good standing with the Troop.

E. Quartermaster

- || Second Class and above, unless otherwise approved by Scoutmaster.
- || In good standing with the Troop.

F. Chaplain's Aide

- || Open to any Scout who is in good standing with the Troop.

2. Appointed Positions Requirements

A. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

- || The Scout must hold the rank of First Class and above.

- || The Scout is in good standing with the troop.
- || Scouts in this position are selected by the Senior Patrol Leader.
- || The Scouts must have served one term as Patrol Leader.

B. Troop Musician/Bugler

- || Possess musical talent with an instrument.
- || Scouts are selected by SPL and Scoutmaster after audition.

C. Patrol Guides

- || Scout must be of First Class and above.
- || Scout must be in good standing with the Troop.
- || Selected by Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, and Scoutmaster.

D. Assistant Patrol Leader

- || There is no rank requirement for this post.
- || Scouts must be in good standing with the troop.
- || Selected by Patrol Leader.

E. Instructor

- || Must be a Life Scout rank and above.
- || Scout must be in good standing with the Troop.
- || Selected by Scoutmaster.

F. Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

- || Eagle Scout
- || The Scout is in good standing with the Troop.
- || Selected by the Scoutmaster.
- || The Scout meets the age requirements.

G. Order of the Arrow Troop Representative

- || Star Scout and above
- || Active in Order of the Arrow
- || Preference is given to those with Brotherhood rank in OA.
- || The Scout is in good standing with the Troop.
- || Selected by Scoutmaster.

C. REMOVAL

All decisions to remove youth from elected and appointed positions are the prerogative of the Patrol Leader Council, the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster. The Committee will only be involved when invited by the Scoutmaster or it is clearly apparent that an injustice has been done or the good order of the Troop is in peril.

Failure to fulfill the duties described for each position listed in these bylaws and in the Boy Scout Handbook, as well as failure to attend 75 percent of regular Troop meetings, including the Patrol Leader Council, can constitute grounds for removal from a position.

III. GENERAL RULES

A. TRANSPORTATION

The Troop depends upon adults to transport Scouts to activities. The Activity Chair is responsible for coordinating adequate transportation for all members of the Troop to and from activities. Normally at least one parent, grandparent or guardian of a boy on an activity will drive to an event. However, parents, grandparents or guardians transporting Scouts other than their own son to an event will be expected to comply with all Boy Scout of America requirements.

B. INFORMATION DISTRIBUTION

Information is distributed in several ways, the Troop Information Sheet, the website, social media, email, the 12-month calendar and activity specific flyers.

Fiscal and planning information is presented each month at the Committee meeting. This entails a review of the budget and overall planning/decision making in support of the Troop program. It is stressed that any parent, grandparent or guardian can attend these meetings. A member of the Committee registered in the current charter year can vote. You need not be registered to attend.

Decisions made by the Committee or Patrol Leader Council will be disseminated to the other adults and Scouts in a timely manner, either verbally, electronically or in written form.

C. ADULT REGISTRATION

Parents, grandparents and guardians are not required to register as Boy Scout of America volunteers as a condition of their Scout being in the Troop. However, parents, grandparents, siblings or guardians cannot attend any type of camping if they are not registered with BSA. The only exception is a planned family event with the Troop.

The limitation on non-registered parent, grandparents or guardian involvement is a matter of liability and insurance issues for the safety and benefit of Scout families, Scouts and the Troop.

To participate with the Troop on campouts, the following requirements are:

1. Register as an adult volunteer.
2. Become Youth Protection trained and maintain current status
3. Participate on a regular basis in Troop activities and meetings.

4. Acquire Boy Scout Adult Leader specific training within one year of joining.
5. Adhere to Troop rules and the Boy Scout Method.
6. Siblings who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America or the Girl Scouts may participate in Troop campouts and outings.

D. CHAIN OF COMMAND

There is a specific chain of command detailed by Boy Scouts of America for Scout Troops. Troop 52 follows this model.

Scouts are to go through their Patrol Leaders first for assistance to resolving issues. The next step is the Senior Patrol Leader, then the Assistant Scoutmasters or Scoutmaster.

Assistant Scoutmasters are to raise concerns to the Scoutmaster who will as needed, consult with the Committee Chair to resolve prior to taking an issue or questions to the Pelathe District or Heart of America Council. This applies for routine matters through more serious concerns or violations of policies.

Committee members bring their concerns to the Committee Chair prior to taking an issue or questions to the Pelathe District or Heart of America Council. This applies for routine matters through more serious concerns or violations of policies.

Parents, grandparents and guardians are encouraged to bring questions, issues or concerns either to the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chair prior to taking an issue outside of the Troop and consulting with the Pelathe District or Heart of America Council. This applies for routine matters through more serious concerns or violations of policies.

E. ADULT RESPONSIBILITIES ON CAMPOUTS, ACTIVITIES AND MEETINGS

BSA policy requires two-deep adult coverage in all activities where youth and adults are present. The number of adults required to attend a camping event will be determined by the number of Scouts who are attending, difficulty of the activities and necessity to have enough drivers to transport Scouts.

The Troop allows activities that are entirely run by youth with no adults present, such as patrol hikes or meetings. One-on-one conference with a youth is prohibited. There has to be another adult present, or within sight or sound.

Troop youth staff, leaders and the older boys are trained and capable. Most Scouts need little assistance or intervention. The skills and self-reliance developed by doing it yourself are the foundations of good campers and great Scouts.

Adults should resist the temptation to assist Scouts in their activities unless they notice an issue of safety or a violation of a Troop or BSA policy is occurring. Parents, grandparents and guardians are reminded that they are adult leaders first and parents (or grandparents and guardians) second. It is preferable to allow the correction of your son by the chain of command. Parents, grandparents or guardians who insist on interfering in the chain of command or prevent their sons from actively participating in events because the parent, grandparent or guardian is too closely involved will be asked to stay home.

When with Scouts, adults will camp as they do. For example there will be no sleeping in cars or campers unless there is a good reason. Listening to radios or watching television is discouraged. Adults may have cell phones, radios and mini-TVs for inclement weather and emergency information.

Troop rules apply to adults as they do to boys. Smoking for adults is allowed, be discreet. The consumption of alcoholic beverages and any illicit drugs is prohibited.

IV. TROOP EQUIPMENT

The Troop has acquired a great deal of material for use by the boys and the Troop in general. The trailer is for general Troop use. Other items such as tents, stoves and cooking utensils are provided to the patrols for use on outings.

Direct coordination between the patrols and the Quartermaster is required to insure that each patrol is properly outfitted. No dirty equipment goes back in the Quartermaster room, troop storage shed or the trailer. Dirty equipment is taken home and cleaned if cannot be cleaned in the field.

Individuals may sign-out equipment with approval of the Quartermaster or the Scoutmaster. The Quartermaster will maintain a sign out/in log for this purpose.

A. TENTS

On campouts, adults may use personal tents. All youth will sleep in Troop tents. Proper care of Troop tents is essential. The following is required for proper tent maintenance:

- || Before folding, inside of tents are swept out. Normally tents should never be folded and packed until dry.
- || If tents must be folded up wet, tents will be hung in the Troop drying room immediately after arrival at the Scout Room.
- || Tents will then be folded at the next Scout meeting.

B. PHYSICAL FACILITIES

The rooms the Troop use are rented through the Church. They will be maintained in as clean a condition as possible. Before meetings and after, the service patrol is responsible for cleanup and setup in the main room, the bathroom and hallways. Patrols are responsible for the setting up and taking down of tables, chairs and other equipment needed for meetings.

The same conditions apply on campouts. Boy Scouting endorses Zero Impact camping or Leave No Trace, and Troop 52 is proud of its reputation. Following all campouts, the campground will be policed for litter and left cleaner than we found it.

V. PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

While every effort is made to minimize the costs to parents, grandparents and guardians, it is still true that there will be expenses. A quality Scouting experience will have its costs to maintain the proper gear to achieve the most out of the experience. The following is a list of required and recommended personal equipment.

A. NECESSARY BASIC EQUIPMENT

- || One short sleeve Scout uniform shirt
- || One pair Scout uniform trousers or shorts
- || One pair of good hiking boots or shoes
- || Boy Scout Uniform belt and buckle
- || Troop neckerchief and slide
- || Patches for uniform
- || Olive drab shoulder loops
- || Sleeping bag and pad
- || Rain poncho or rain suit
- || Boy Scout handbook
- || Medium size duffel bag or carry all

|| A good daypack that can carry water and the Ten Essentials

The Troop provides a neckerchief when your boy joins. It will be upgraded to a neckerchief with colored piping on the edges to signify that your Scout has earned the First Class rank. It will be further upgraded to red, white and blue piping when the Scout reaches the Eagle rank. The Troop also provides all badges of rank, awards and merit badges.

B. RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT

- || A second uniform shirt
- || A second pair of uniform trousers or shorts
- || Water or snow-proof boots
- || One winter or three season sleeping bag
- || Troop 52 T-shirt
- || Camp chair
- || Fleece jacket or pullover

As time goes by, the Scout will discover things that can make the Scouting adventure and campouts easier and more fun. Many of these make great Christmas and birthday gifts. The Troop has a limited lending locker for uniform items. Stores offer significant discounts to Scouts. Cabela's, Backwoods, Sunflower and Dick's Sporting Goods are some of these stores.

VI. UNIFORMS

Scouting attempts to instill a sense of pride in personal appearance as well as belonging to one of the most extensive youth organizations in the world. The Scout uniform plays an important role in this method.

Through the proper wearing of the uniform, a Scout acknowledges his association with a first-class organization of like-minded peers. The uniform is a means to show off the Scout's personal accomplishments. Troop 52 greatly stresses the proper wear of the field uniform. It is the responsibility of the parents, grandparents and guardians to provide their Scout with a properly fitting uniform.

When in uniform, the shirt is worn tucked in and only official patches and badges can be worn. General standards are set out below.

A. CLASS A UNIFORM

Shirt with all appropriate badges and patches, Scout pants or shorts or clean jeans with no holes or comparable green pants or shorts, such as cargo shorts. Camp Naish shorts, Philmont shorts and shorts or pants bearing a BSA camp logo are appropriate. A belt is required (preferably the Scout belt and buckle).

If shorts are worn, socks must be worn, preferably Scout socks.

The Troop neckerchief is worn with a slide. Order of the Arrow or Mic-O-Say coups will be worn.

Absolutely no sagging or dirty pants, gym shorts or sweat pants are allowed when wearing the Class A uniform.

B. CLASS B UNIFORM

Scout pants or shorts or blue jeans or shorts/shorts and pants with BSA camp logo, Troop 52 T-shirt or any Scout related T-shirt or polo shirt, belt and socks. Order of the Arrow and Mic-O-Say coups will be worn.

C. DRESS CLASS A UNIFORM

Class A with merit badge sash or Order of the Arrow sash. If OA sash is worn, merit sash will be worn folded over the belt.

The Scout will wear all awards he is entitled to. This uniform is worn at all Courts of Honor and Eagle Scout Boards of Review.

As a general rule, the Class A uniform is worn at all Tuesday Troop meetings, when traveling to and from activities and before Boards of Review. The Class B is worn at campouts, summer camp and when directed.

Recognizing the heat of Kansas summers, the Class A is worn to all Tuesday meetings, Labor Day through Memorial Day. After Memorial Day through Labor Day, the Class B uniform will be worn.

However, the wearing of the Class A may be specified by leadership to be worn on indicated occasions, such as travel, formal Scout functions or other events where Scouts will be visible in the community and a Class A is appropriate attire.

VII. RULES OF BEHAVIOR

A. SCOUT BEHAVIOR

Each Scout is expected to act in accordance with promises made to the Scout Oath and Laws. Each Scout expects activity free from inappropriate and obnoxious behavior, which detracts from Scouting. The development of good character, leadership, and positive activities are of primary interest. Boys generally show good behavior habits. However, occasions may develop requiring disciplinary measures.

Gross misbehavior by a boy while involved in a Troop activity may result in immediate dismissal from the activity.

Severe or repeated gross behavior may result in expulsion from the Troop by the Troop Committee.

If required, the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and members of the Committee will meet with the parents, grandparents and guardian to review the boy's behavior and seek a remedy.

Hazing of Scouts is not allowed under Boy Scouts of America, a policy that will be strictly enforced by the Troop. Any incident is to be reported to the Scoutmaster immediately.

B. ITEMS BANNED FROM TROOP ACTIVITIES

Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, prescription drugs not in physical possession by an adult leader (unless approved by Scoutmaster), fireworks, aerosol cans, sheath knives, whips of any kind, martial arts weapons, slingshots, firearms (unless an approved activity), bow and arrows (unless approved activity), liquid fuel stoves (except when used for training, high adventure or leave no trace camping), televisions, squirt guns, water balloons (unless approved for specific events), hatchets (unless approved), radios/CD/DVD players, cell phones, handheld radios, candles (except for training or high adventure), adult magazines, and electronic games. All folding knives must not have blades exceeding 3 inches in length.

Scouts must have earned their Totin' Chip before they are allowed to use pocket knives and other blades. Misuse of items will result in the Scout being disciplined by his Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster, including loss of Totin' Chip rights until the behavior has been corrected.

Scouts who have earned their Totin' Chip are also permitted, with proper supervision, to use axes, hatchets and saws during camping or other activities where their use is required. Care is to be given to the proper use of the cutting tools, including adequate safety distances, cleaning of the items and proper storage in the trailer or storage shed after use.

C. CAMPING BEHAVIOR

Do not use, borrow or otherwise disturb another person's property without their permission. No teasing, name-calling, crude acts, pulling pranks, and or similar acts at the expense of another Scout or person. Vulgar language is not tolerated. No soda pop is allowed for meals on outings unless approved by the Scoutmaster. No food in tents.

D. TROOP MEETING BEHAVIOR

Scouts are expected to show proper behavior and respect during meetings and minimize disruptions during Troop meetings.

For the first offense a Scout will receive a polite warning. On the second offense the Scout will be removed from the meeting and asked to sit with adults for 15 minutes. On the third offense, Scout must meet with two adults regarding his behavior. If conduct is severe enough, parents, grandparents or guardians will be notified immediately and asked to remove the Scout from the meeting.

No selling or use of gum, candy or soda pop during meetings is permitted.

Scouts are to place their electronic devices in a designated location at the start of regular meetings. Scouts will be allowed to retrieve the devices only in an emergency or at the conclusion of the meeting.

Scouts are not to spend meeting time doing school homework.

Scouts will remain in designated areas of the Church unless otherwise directed by an adult leader to enter a particular space. No use of the church telephones will be allowed without permission.

E. CONSEQUENCES FOR MISBEHAVIOR

In the event a Scout violates one or more of the above aforementioned rules, the boy's Patrol Leader, the Senior Patrol Leader and the adult leader present will speak to the boy and determine what action, if any, is necessary. This can range from a warning to dismissal from the activity. In severe cases, it can lead to a short suspension from the Troop.

The Scoutmaster will take such action after talking to the parents, grandparents or guardians. A second offense of a recurring nature or new offense will result in the Scoutmaster counseling the boy and contacting his parents, grandparents or guardian with an appropriate discipline recommendation. A third offense may result in the Scoutmaster recommending to the Troop Committee more serious sanctions of long-term suspension or expulsion from the Troop.

Serious misbehavior such as physical, mental or sexual abuse or threats of such, use of alcohol or illegal drugs will be brought directly to the Committee for resolution. Such behavior will result in immediate expulsion. All counseling and discipline measures will be documented in the Scout's personal file.

If a Scout or an adult leader is convicted of a serious misdemeanor or a felony by juvenile/adult court, the Committee will consider expulsion after consulting with the boy and his parents, grandparents or guardians.

Any juvenile or adult conviction for illegal drug use or sale will result in expulsion by the Committee. Any juvenile or adult conviction involving violence, weapons or sexual offences will result in expulsion by the Committee.

The Committee will notify all appropriate authorities in compliance with BSA guidelines and applicable state laws regarding any suspected instance of physical or sexual abuse of a Scout.

VIII. ADVANCEMENT

A. THE PROGRAM

The Boy Scouts of America has a very specific program. It is designed to encourage Scouts to participate through learning experiences. The plan provides specific recognition of achievement by boys. There are four steps a Scout must do to advance.

1. Learning by Doing. The Scout practices the skill, participates in an activity and completes the assignment.
2. Being Tested. The Scout can present himself before another Scout for testing if that Scout is at least one rank above the one being tested, or he may appear before an adult leader. A parent, grandparent, guardian or a family member cannot do this unless approved in advance by the Scoutmaster.
3. Participation in a Scoutmaster Conference. When a Scout has completed all requirements for advancement in rank, he meets with the Scoutmaster for a conference. This conference is designed to:
 - || Involve the Scout in his review process.
 - || Have the Scout and Scoutmaster work together in setting goals for the future.

The Scoutmaster conference is not designed to determine if the boy should advance in rank. That decision remains with the Board of Review. However, the Scoutmaster determines if the Scout is ready for the Board. The Scoutmaster may delegate responsibility to conduct the conference to another adult if necessary. The Scoutmaster is the only one who approves the service project and Scout Spirit requirements to advance. This also includes advancement to Eagle.

4. **Appearing Before the Board of Review.** As a final step toward advancement, the Scout appears before a Board of Review, which is a panel made up of at least three experienced adult leaders, but never one of the Scout's parents, grandparents or guardians. The Board has three objectives:

- || To determine if the boy has had a positive and effective experience in the Troop.
- || To make certain that all advancement standards have been met.
- || To encourage further progress

This is not a retest of Scout skills but a confirmation that the Scout has successfully completed the requirements and is ready for the next challenge. The Board of Review members may counsel the Scout on areas to concentrate while working on the next rank.

For Scouts advancing to the ranks of Tenderfoot through Life, Boards of Review are available during any regular Tuesday night Troop meeting or activity. Boards of review must be completed before 8:15 p.m., if not earlier, during the meeting. Boards of Review and the Scoutmaster conference must be arranged in advance if they are going to be conducted outside regular meeting times, such as summer camp, so that proper recording of progress is completed with the Advancement Chairman.

For Eagle, the Board is scheduled through the Advancement Chair; the Board is usually composed of experienced Scouters from outside the Troop. It is the responsibility of the

Scout to know his advancement needs and request a Board of Review at the appropriate time. The uniform is Class A for all boards except Eagle, which is Dress Class A.

B. GENERAL ADVANCEMENT PHILOSOPHY

There are three important requirements for any advancement, particularly to the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle.

1. Showing leadership,
2. Showing Scout Spirit and,
3. Participating actively in the Troop functions, including attendance at 75 percent of all meetings, camping events and community service activities.

Scouts are required to record their achievements for each rank in their Scout Handbook and present them to the Advancement Chair on a regular basis to help chart the Scout's progress. Achievements must be verified and signed in the Scout Handbook by a Scout in a position of leadership, such as the Scout's Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or the Assistant Senior Patrol leader. If necessary, a Scout who has previously held one of these positions may sign off on achievements if other leaders aren't immediately available.

Parents, grandparents or guardians are not permitted to sign off on the achievements of their Scouts.

Scouts who plan to work on a merit badge must obtain the signature of the Scoutmaster before beginning any work on the merit badge. The Scoutmaster will discuss who the Scout has chosen as the merit badge counselor and the expected timeframe for completing the badge. Scouts are expected to find their own counselor to teach the merit badge either in the Troop or elsewhere, such as other Troops in the district or council, or through attendance at a merit badge college.

Parents, grandparents or guardians may serve as merit badge counselors for their Scouts but they are encouraged to do so in a group setting, but it is not required. Prior approval from the Scoutmaster is required.

Merit badges are important part of the Boy Scout program tradition and provide Scouts with an opportunity to explore new areas of study and frequently serve as a springboard for additional learning or even career choices. However, while an important and significant individual accomplishment, merit badges are individual in nature and are not a substitute for the Scout being an active participant in the Troop 52 meeting, camping and community service activities. Scouts develop a greater sense of teamwork, leadership and accomplishment when working as a patrol or troop to complete a task.

Advancement in rank is not automatic. It begins with a Scoutmaster conference to discuss the progress that a Scout has made since completion of the last rank. It is a chance for the Scoutmaster to get to know the Scout a little better and discuss any highlights or concerns the Scout has about his role in the Troop and the organization in general.

That is followed by a Board of Review with three adult leaders, none of which are a parent, grandparent or guardian of the Scout. If the Board of Review believes that a Scout is not ready to advance, the Board will give the Scout specific and constructive suggestions designed to strengthen perceived areas of weakness in satisfying rank requirements.

Advancement is a sign of the learning the Scout has accomplished. During the first year, it is possible for Scouts who are willing to work and participate to advance to First Class. It has been proven that Scouts who advance in this manner will continue to advance through subsequent years in the Troop. An adult adviser is assigned to assist and encourage the first year Scouts on the trail to Eagle.

Adhering to the outline in the Boy Scout Handbook makes all rank advancement easy to follow and make progress. Adults and the boy leaders teach during Troop meetings and on campouts the required skills for Tenderfoot through First Class. The ranks of Star, Life and Eagle have different requirements, including mandatory leadership positions and community service hours.

It is important for parents, grandparents and guardians to review their Scout's progress through his Scouting experience. If they have concerns or questions, they should not hesitate to ask one of the leaders.

Scouts have to attend Troop functions to advance. Scouts usually will not advance if they do not attend meetings and campouts. Summer camp is also vital to advancement, particularly first year Scouts. Summer camp is also where a Scout can earn a lot of merit badges at the same time, including several that are required for Eagle rank.

In addition, it has been shown that few Scouts have earned Eagle in the Troop who did not attend a National Council High Adventure Program. Troop 52 encourages High Adventure Scouting for all older Scouts in the Troop and builds these life-changing opportunities into the long-range planning calendar. These are viewed frequently as capstone events that signify that a Scout is nearing the end of the Trail to Eagle.

IX. FUNDING

A. ESTIMATED INITIAL COSTS OF JOINING TROOP 52

Annual dues are \$55 and included a subscription to Boys Life magazine. A family does not have to purchase a second Boy's Life for a second or more family member in the Troop, resulting in a reduction in the second or more family member's dues. Adult memberships are \$15 annually.

Essential items such as uniform shirts, pants, patches, camping gear and other necessary equipment can vary in prices, but parents, grandparents and guardians should expect the total and ongoing expenses of \$100 to \$200 to full outfit a Scout.

Uniforms may be purchased at the Council Scout Shop at 103rd and Holmes in Kansas City, Mo., or the Jayhawk Scout Shop in Topeka. Items can be purchased on line through the National and local Council.

Order of the Arrow dues are \$10 and can be paid through the Troop when renewing annual membership.

General notes on gear:

- || Sleeping bags and pads vary in price. A ground pad is strongly recommended for comfort (it is a necessity in the winter). But a simple foam pad is sufficient for most campouts.
- || Canteens or water bottles are mandatory, particularly at Summer Camp.
- || Second year Scouts attending wilderness survival or camping merit badge need a backpack. Prices vary greatly. Older Scouts and experienced adults should be consulted before buying one. Older Scouts do need quality backpacks and gear for an enjoyable experience at Philmont. Seabase and Northern Tier are less equipment oriented.
- || If cost is a hardship for the family, contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair. All requests for assistance are confidential. The Troop does have limited amounts of uniform items in the lending locker. The Scout uniform is practically indestructible; other families may have sizes their Scout has outgrown.

Funds raised through annual dues are used to support the Troop program, including the cost of purchasing awards and recognition for the Scouts and maintain items in the Troop

trailer. Camping activities generally have a fee associated with participation to cover food and activities.

Commitments are made based on the number of people who say they are going. If a Scout or adult signs up, he has to pay for the commitment. The only exception is if the individual cancels before numbers are obligated or food is bought. Payments for activities have to be paid for in advance.

B. SCHOLARSHIPS/CAMPERSHIPS/FUNDRAISING

Financial aid is available for youth from the Troop for Troop activities and Summer Camp. Aid for youth is also available through the Heart of America Council for Summer Camp and High Adventure Programs. The Bromelsick Trust provides some assistance for Summer Camp and first time Eagle Scouts attending High Adventure Camps. There are no scholarships or camper ships offered for adults through the Troop.

Contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair for more information.

Scouts can earn money for activities through Troop fundraisers such as popcorn sales. Generally fundraisers are applied to Summer Camp and High Adventure treks. Money earned by Scouts can be applied to any activity involving Boy Scouting.

C. PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

In the case of excessive past due accounts for dues, activity fees or the money not turned in for fund raisers such as the annual popcorn drive, the Committee may ask the family of the Scout and the Scout to leave the Troop. This is a last measure that may be used after all attempts to collect by the Troop are exhausted. Serious examples of failure to pay may be turned over to collection agencies.

X. PARENT/GRANDPARENT/GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

When you and your Scout join Troop 52, you are asked to contribute to the program of the Troop. Every parent, grandparent or guardian is expected to provide, on occasion, the following support:

- || Drive to and from weekend campouts attended by your son.
- || Pick up your son no later than 8.30 p.m. on Troop meeting nights.
- || Be aware of your son's progress in rank advancement and provide encouragement to continue advancing. This includes attending Court of Honor ceremonies where Scouts are recognized for their progress and Family Night at summer camp.
- || Get your son to activities on time/pick up on time.
- || Support Troop fundraisers.
- || Be aware of your son's financial responsibilities (campouts, summer camp, dues, etc.).
- || Support the Scoutmaster and the Committee.

XI. HONOR SOCIETIES AND SELECTION

There are two honor societies in the Heart of America Council, Order of the Arrow and the Tribe of Mic-O-Say. Scouters and Scouts are eligible to belong to both.

Order of the Arrow is the BSA's national honor camping society. The Troop conducts elections for youth membership in early spring, generally late February or early March.

Eligibility is prescribed by national guidelines. Your son has to be First Class, attend the requisite number of camping days and be in good standing with the Troop.

The election of new members to the Order of the Arrow is not designed to identify those eligible Scouts who stand out among the others and are recognized by their peers for

demonstrating the principles of Scouting and demonstrate Scout Spirit. To earn election eligible Scouts must receive votes from half of the Scouts voting in the election.

Scouts may be eligible for election to OA for multiple years.

The Troop also selects adult members each year for Order of the Arrow. Once selected, Scout and adult members can progress to Brotherhood and work toward the ultimate designation of Vigil.

Mic-O-Say is exclusively at Camp H. Roe Bartle. Boys are selected by the Scoutmaster and approved by the Committee before the Troop goes to Bartle. Selection is confidential and the requirements are confidential.

The ranks of Mic-o-Say are Foxman, Brave, Hardway Warrior and then subsequent paint recognition. Adults are also selected by the Scoutmaster and approved by the Committee. Adults are eligible for Honorary Warrior and Honored Woman. Adults can also make paint.

Once selected to Mic-O-Say members are expected to attend Bartle events throughout the year to remain in good standing.

XII. HIGH ADVENTURE TRIPS

The Boy Scouts of America has several national high adventure bases. The big three are Philmont, New Mexico; Sea Base in the Florida Keys; and Northern Tier in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota and Canada. There are also out of council high adventure bases that may be attended by the Troop, such as the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve located in Mount Hope, West Virginia, and a new swamp adventure in the bayous of Louisiana. The Heart of America Council has opened a high adventure base at Camp Bartle.

The Troop tries to send a contingent on a high adventure trip when there is sufficient interest by the boys. The PLC votes on where to go. Although not affiliated with Venture Crew 2691, many of the Troop's older boys are multiple registered with the Crew. Between the Troop and the Crew, we try to offer a high adventure trip every year. Boys have to be 14 or 13 and have finished the eighth grade to be eligible to go. The trips require physical and mental stamina and are not for the weak of spirit. There is also an element of risk and danger in all high adventure outings. If you go, you have to be in good physical shape and be properly outfitted. Consult the High Adventure Chair if you are interested.

XIII. SUMMER CAMP

We go to summer camp every year without fail. It has been the Troop's practice in recent years to spend a week at the Theodore Naish Scout Reservation at Bonner Spring, Kansas, though in previous years the Troop has also attended the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation at Osceola, Missouri.

Occasionally, we will go out of council to such camps as Alexander in Colorado, and other camps are always available for consideration, based on cost and logistics. Scouts are encouraged to discuss other summer camp options in the year preceding the planned trip to allow for fundraising, obtaining a draw date and for coordinating logistics, such as travel and adult support.

All first year Scouts are highly encouraged to attend summer camp. We have found that this is a productive week for the boys as they learn to step out on their own and experience a variety of opportunities.

The goal is to have the boys work toward completing and achieving their First Class Rank by the end of camp, but certainly no later than the end of their first year with Troop 52. Our

older boys frequently serve on summer camp staff, as well as participate in high adventure opportunities, such as the Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico.

Adults are needed to go to summer camp. A good rule is four fulltime adults and enough part-time adults to ensure there are at least eight adults in camp at any time to make summer camp a success. Troop 52 has been fortunate to have the flexibility to rotate several adult leaders through camp to accommodate work schedules.

Families are encouraged to attend Family Night, traditionally held in the middle of the week. The duties of adult leaders at summer camp are:

- || Accepting a designated responsibility from the Camp Scoutmaster.
- || Helping boys with merit badge work.
- || Helping boys with rank advancement.
- || Providing necessary transportation to camp and during the week.
- || Serve as liaison for the Troop, with Scoutmaster, at meetings and gatherings.
- || Counseling.
- || Being observant for homesickness.
- || Refereeing disputes.
- || Acting as health and safety officers.
- || Earning the trust and confidence of boys (summer camp is a great way for new adult Scout leaders to learn about the boys.)
- || Having a blast.

Camp Naish is a 7-day program in June that begins on Sunday and runs through the following Saturday. Camp Bartle is a 10-day program that begins at various start times during the summer months.

Most of the programming for summer camp is covered by the general fee for housing and food. However, Scouts should be aware that some merit badges and activities, such as shooting sports, may have an additional fee associated with participation and may require additional expense.

Scouts may use a variety of funding sources to pay for summer camp tuition, including money earned from the sale of popcorn, selling chili feed tickets and scholarships offered through various foundations. Please see the Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster regarding financial concerns. No Scout will be denied an opportunity to attend summer camp for financial concerns. Payment plans can also be arranged ahead of summer camp through the Committee Treasurer.

Uniformed Adult Leadership of Troop 52

Chartered Organization Representative: C. Wayne Deaver

Committee Chairman: Kent Peterson

Scoutmaster: John Milburn

Unit Commissioner - Ed Church

Secretary - Mark Daly

Treasurer - Dan Cary

Fund raising Chair - Kevin Lashley

Advancement Chair - Becky Spence

Activities Chair - Ivy Briggs

Order of the Arrow Adviser - Marlon Schneck

Training Chair - Richard Bireta

High Adventure Chair - Glen Sharp

Chaplain - Open

Quartermaster - Richard Messer
Asst. Scoutmaster - Kevin Lashley
Asst. Scoutmaster - R. Jace Newman
Asst. Scoutmaster - Marlon Schneck
Asst. Scoutmaster - Chris Anderson
Asst. Scoutmaster - Bryan Spence
Committee Member - Glen Sharp
Committee Member - Ryan Devlin
Committee Member - Audre Ash
Committee Member - Rowley Tedlock
Committee Member - Cindy Glogau
Committee Member - Jennifer Haight
Committee Member - Justin Deaver
Committee Member - Herb Tuttle
Committee Member - Victor Tuttle
Committee Member - Marie Wilson
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Unit Scouter Reserve - Justin Hulshof

For more information, contact the Troop 52 Scoutmaster, John Milburn at 785-749-1082,
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Additional Scouting resources

Troop 52: www.kansastroop52.org

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/467116276675837/>

Boy Scouts of America: www.scouting.org

Heart of America Council: www.hoac-bsa.org

Pelathe District: www.bsa-pelathe.org

Merit Badges: www.meritbadge.org

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.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Motto

Be prepared!

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily!



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