

Troop 52



Handbook

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Troop 52 – Informational Handbook

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Organization Information

The First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, Kansas, charters Troop 52. Troop 52 is in the Pelathe District of the Heart of America Council in Kansas City, Missouri. We are located at the church's West Campus located at 867 Highway 40 (Southwest corner of Hwy 40 & K10).

The Heart of America Council Office is located at 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. The Council can be reached by phone at 1-800-776-1110 or 1-816-942-9333. There is a Scout Shop at this location that sells uniforms and other items of interests to scouts.

Our current District Executive that serves Pelathe District is Jacob Allen. He may be reached at 1-800-776-1110 or 1-816-569-4948.

The current Scoutmaster is Mr. Jace Newman and our current Committee Chair is Mr. Kent Peterson.

Goals

Troop 52 has been in existence since 1918. We are an active troop; we camp each summer and we have campouts throughout the year. Goals of the Boy Scouts of America: Personal Growth, Advancement, and Leadership Development. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts have many opportunities to learn skills of leadership, of the outdoors, and of life. Each scouting activity hopes to develop the boys' character, citizenship and mental and physical fitness.

We accomplish these goals through the boy leadership and parental involvement. These two terms might seem contradictory, but they are not. They are complimentary. In Boy Scouts the program is boy-centered. Boys plan all activities with adult guidance. Allowing the boys to plan the activities and the meetings takes some getting used to and patience. It takes practice to learn leadership. Chapter Two of the Scout Handbook explains the patrol method and boy leadership.

Meetings

We meet year round at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday night at the First United Methodist Church – West Campus located at 867 Highway 40 (southwest corner of Hwy 40 & K-10). Parents and visitors are always welcome to observe our meetings. We understand that boys are often involved in school, church and/or sport activities, yet, attendance at Troop Meetings is important for boys. Please try to make the troop meeting a priority, but we understand if you have other conflicts with sports or family activities. Those that hold leadership responsibilities are under stricter guidelines on attendance due to their leadership position.

How Boy Scouts Differs From Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout program is lead by adults and involves the entire family. The Boy Scout program is boy lead and relies heavily on camping. Most Troop activities do not lend themselves to full family participation. Advancement is different in Boy Scouts, too. A boy has almost total control over his own advancement that he will do mostly on an individual basis with older Scouts and different adult leaders. Parental involvement is important in Boy Scouts, but it is different than in Cub Scouts.

The Boy Scout Handbook

Every boy must have *The Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition* for 2010. It explains everything a boy needs to know about scouting. Bring the Handbook to every meeting! It is available for purchase at George's Hobby Shop on 23rd Street or at the Scout Shop in Kansas City. There is also a Scout Shop in Topeka that serves the Jayhawk Council and has basic Boy Scout items.

Uniforms

All Scouts in Troop 52 are expected to wear an official Boy Scouts of America shirt at the very minimum. Sometimes the Troop differentiates between a Class A Uniform and Class B Uniform. Class A Uniforms are described on page 12 of the Handbook. It is worn at all formal functions and at any other time. Class B Uniforms are described on page 13. It can be worn at most times, but not to formal functions.

The **shirt** needs the following insignia:

- Green shoulder loops
- Badge of Rank (provided by the troop)
- Troop Numbers (khaki and green)
- Patrol patch (optional)
- Arrow of Light under center of left pocket (if earned)
- Heart of America Council patch
- World Scout Crest (8 cm above left pocket)

The Scout Handbook has full-sized sewing templates on the inside front and back covers. It does not show the 80 year bar (sew on the left sleeve between the Council patch and the Troop numbers) and the Quality Unit patch (sew on the right sleeve four inches below the shoulder seam just below the patrol patch.)

Scouts are expected to wear a Class A Uniform to all Courts of Honor, Boards of Review, and Meetings. From Memorial Day through Labor Day boys may wear a Class B uniform to the Troop Meetings, due to possible outdoor activities in the warm weather. Boys will need their Class A Uniform at summer camp.

While Troop 52 does not require the complete uniform, it is always appropriate attire: belt, socks, shorts or trousers. We prefer Blue Jean with the Class A attire during the regular meetings, and bring out the official scout pants/shorts at ceremonies and courts of honor. We discourage the use of sweats and basketball shorts worn with the uniform. Shorts should be of suitable design to compliment the uniform and allow for a belt.

Expenses

Each boy currently pays \$55.00 annually to belong to Troop 52. A subscription to *Boy's Life* (not optional) is included in the dues. Other expenses would include money for a weeklong summer camp (around \$200) and a share of the food costs for weekend camping trips. There is an activity fee charged for skiing, canoe trips, and some other high adventure activities. Financial assistance is available. See the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee Chair for more information.

Fundraising

Troop 52 participates in the Heart of America Council's Fall Popcorn Sale. Each boy earns a credit toward camp from his sales. We also participate in other activities that earn the Troop money and the Scout service hours (i.e., United Methodist Women's Rummage Sale, Chili Dinners, Pancake Breakfast, and Swap Meet Parking). We can always use additional parental help with our fundraising!

Summer Camp and Campouts

We are a camping troop. The Troop owns tents and most cooking utensils. Boys need to provide their personal camping gear. A good checklist for what is needed located in *The Boy Scout Handbook*. The Boy Scouts' Motto is *Be Prepared!*

Summer camp is important to a boy's advancement in scouts. Troop 52 primarily attends Camp Naish in Bonner Springs, KS. Other summer camp recommendations from the PLC will be considered on a rotational basis. The Troop has attended Camp Alexander, Lake George CO, as well as Camp Bartle, Osceola MO in recent years. There is always a family visitation night where families are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share with the Troop and other families. Boys seem to appreciate that mid-week visit by the family.

Weekend campouts usually are close to home. Camping costs are partly for the food, which is usually a average of \$10, and partly for any fees charged by the camping site. The menu is planned purchased, and cooked by the patrols. The costs will vary depending upon the patrol's tastes and experience in camping. Once a boy commits to going on the campout, he is responsible for food payment whether he goes or not.

It is important for you to know that when the scouts are told to be at the Camping/Activity meeting location at a certain time for a campout or activity, that it is not like dropping the boy off for a sport's practice. You as the parent or guardian will possibly need to fill out additional paperwork for the youth to attend. Boys are

expected to have their complete camping gear contained in a suitable manor so that it may be loaded and unloaded in an efficient manor with no loose articles such as: clothing items, sleeping gear, and eating utensils. Please make sure that your sleeping gear is in a durable waterproof stuff sack for transporting in open bed pick-up trucks.

Courts of Honor

Troop 52 usually has two Courts of Honor a year. These are formal ceremonies that recognize each Scout's leadership, advancement and other significant accomplishments in front of his family (strongly encouraged attendance). The Class A uniform is required.

Religious Award

Most religious denominations offer a God and Country award for the Scout to earn. You are encouraged to contact your church to find out about earning this award. The church usually gives it after completion of a course. Troop 52 recognizes the importance of religion in a boy's life and encourages each scout to earn his God and Country Award.

Totin' Chip

A Scout must earn his Totin' Chip to use a cutting instrument at Troop 52 activities; this includes personal knives. The Cub Scout Whittling Card is not the equivalent of a Totin' Chip.

Order of the Arrow

This is a national camping honor society. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members, following approval by the Scoutmaster or Varsity team Coach. To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps. Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition. Selected adult Scouters must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and provide a positive role model for the youth members of the lodge. This is a boy run organization. *The Boy Scout Handbook* has information that describes the Order of the Arrow.

Mic-O-Say (MoS)

This is a camping society associated with Camp Bartle and Scouts are elected by the Troop Committee. Scouts who are interested in this camping society need to visit with the Scoutmaster and/or Mic-0-Say advisor to indicate their interest.

Parental Involvement

YOU are very important to your son's success in Troop 52. You do not have to be a uniformed leader to be involved in Troop 52. We need all adults, both male and female, to be involved. There are a number of ways YOU can help Troop 52 and your son.

- Provide transportation of boys and equipment to campsites
- Assist with fundraising.
- Be a merit badge counselor. There are over 120 merit badges a boy can earn. Volunteer to offer guidance, supervision, instruction and support in your area of expertise and interest. See the Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairman for more information on becoming a merit badge counselor.
- Camp out with us. We are required to have two deep adult leadership at all times (requires BSA adult training).
- Be part of our committee. The Troop committee is responsible for three main facets to the troop; one, being safety 2) being financial support towards equipment and programs (troop administration) and 3) securing proper facilities for the troop to meet at.
- Be a uniformed leader. Sign up as an Assistant Scoutmaster and work with the Scoutmaster in all program areas affecting the boys (requires BSA adult Leadership training).

Uniformed Adult Leadership of Troop 52

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Chartered Organization Representative: C. Wayne Deaver

Committee Chairman: Kent Peterson

Scoutmaster: Jace Newman

Unit Commissioner - Ed Church

Secretary – Cyndy Glogau

Treasurer - Dan Cary

Fund raising Chair - Bryan & Becky Spence

Advancement Chairperson -Becky Spence

Activities Chair – Glen Sharp

Publicity Chair – Open – recruitment in progress

OA Advisor – Marlon Schneck

Training Chair - N. Marie Wilson

Mic-O-Say Advisor -Tammy Barta

High Adventure Chair - Glen Sharp

Chaplain - Susan Cary

Quartermaster – Open – recruitment in progress

Scoutmaster – Jace Newman

Asst. Scoutmaster -Marlon Schneck

Asst. Scoutmaster -Rowley Tedlock

Asst. Scoutmaster -Bryan Spence

Asst. Scoutmaster -Victor Tuttle

Asst. Scoutmaster -Peter Tuttle

Asst. Scoutmaster -Will Sharp

Asst. Scoutmaster - Justin Deaver

Asst. Scoutmaster – Timothy Barta

Asst. Scoutmaster – Caleb Hall

If you have any questions or would like to schedule a visit, please contact the Troop Scoutmaster, R. Jace Newman at 785-748-0909 or the Troop Committee Chair, Kent Peterson, at 843-1299.