

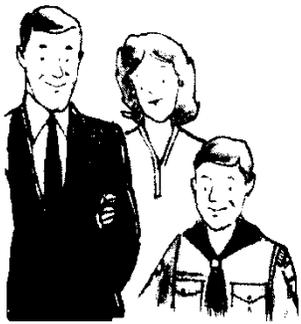
# TROOP 542

# FACT BOOK



**INFORMATION FOR SCOUT FAMILIES**

**January 2020**



*"Teach boys not how to get a living, but how to live."*

*– Robert Baden Powell*

These words, from Scouting's founder, speak to the heart of the Scouting program. Although many correlate Scouting to knots, first aid and hiking, those are only the methods of Scouting. We teach skills so youth can grow into mature, positive role models and members of society.

This booklet has been prepared to help the families in Troop 542 understand how the program works, and how they can help their son succeed. We're glad to welcome your son to one of the world's greatest youth organizations. Save this booklet and use it to help us provide him with the best experience possible.

Yours in Scouting,  
Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, Troop 542

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**Visit our web site to learn more:**

[www.Troop542.com](http://www.Troop542.com)

Note: This fact book is designed to provide basic information for new and current Troop families. Additional information is available in various documentation or by speaking directly to the Scoutmaster and his Assistants.

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# GENERAL INFORMATION

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## THE MISSION AND VISION OF SCOUTING

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**BSA Mission Statement:** *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.*

**BSA Vision Statement:** *The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.*

### So What Does That Mean?



When some people think of Scouting, they think of hot dogs, tents, and campfires. When we think of an Eagle Scout, however, we think of someone who is honest, helpful, and kind. Sure, we want to have fun, but the essence of Scouting is expressed by our motto, "Be Prepared," our slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily," our Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code.

The best definition of Scouting is found in the three points of the Boy Scout Oath that are symbolized by the three fingers of the Scout sign. Each point of this oath defines one of the fundamental duties of a Scout.

### DUTY TO GOD

Scouting is not a religious organization. Scouts are, however, encouraged to understand and live up to their own convictions, and to respect the beliefs of others. All major religious groups offer awards for Scouts. You can find out about this from your clergyman or Troop leadership can help direct you towards information.

Troop 542 also has supplemental information defining "Duty to God" for our families: [https://www.troop542.com/duty\\_to\\_god/](https://www.troop542.com/duty_to_god/)

### DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE

The Scout Law embodies the kinds of things we should do to fulfill our duty to others. Be trustworthy, loyal, and helpful for example. As Scouts grow and master the basic skills of Scouting, they are expected to put this knowledge back into the troop by serving as a junior leader. The higher awards also contain service project requirements.

### DUTY TO MYSELF

We promise to keep ourselves in good shape physically, mentally, and morally. Many of our activities have a physical orientation. Much of the work we do to earn badges helps us to develop mentally. Some of the badges, and a lot of other parts of our program, encourage moral development.

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## WHERE AND HOW TO JOIN

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Troop 542 meets at Supplee Presbyterian Church in Maple Glen on Mondays from 7:30 to 9:00 PM from Sept. through June.

Whether you are a Cub Scout crossing over into Scouts BSA or completely new to the Scouting program, joining is simple and we have a team of friendly volunteers to help. An application link can be found on our website, but we encourage boys to visit a meeting with their parent(s) first. Our annual registration fee for current BSA members (Cub Scouts & Scouts BSA) is \$55. The fee for boys new to the BSA program is \$100 for those joining between January 1 – August 31. This fee for new youth joining after September 1 also covers the following year registration.

A health history form is needed for all Scouting activities. Parts A & B are needed for all day events and Parts A, B & C are needed for all overnight events.

When you register you will receive:

- Membership in the BSA
- A Subscription to Boy's Life
- Your Boy Scout Handbook
- Your neckerchief & slide

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## TROOP ORGANIZATION

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### Boy Leadership

The Boy Scout program depends heavily upon leadership provided by the boys themselves. The troop is divided into patrols with one Scout serving as patrol leader. Patrol leaders in Troop 542 are usually high school students. They must have several years of Scouting experience, and good attendance records. On camping trips, patrols set up their site, plan their menu, buy their food and cook their own meals. Older Scouts coordinate activities and run the troop meetings.

6<sup>th</sup> grade Scouts joining the troop are placed in a patrol of their own (older new Scouts may choose their patrol). Every effort is made to keep groups of friends together. At present we have 9 patrols. New Scouts join either the Shark or Squirrel patrols made up of all first-year boys. These patrols are led by experienced Scouts (called Guides). The Cobra, Cougar, Lightning, Pine Tree, Raven and Python patrols have Scouts in grades 6 to 10. The Eagle patrol is for the oldest Scouts in 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grades. Patrol assignment changes can be requested to suit the desires of the boys.

Some of our Assistant Scoutmasters are 100% devoted to working with new boys.

### Adult Leadership

Our Senior Leadership Team consists of the Scoutmaster and a few of our most experienced Assistant Scoutmasters to guide the direction of the Troop and work directly with our most senior Scout-age leaders. Other Assistant Scoutmasters have various specific roles to guide and mentor our junior leadership. We also have a very large and active group of parents on the troop committee, led by our Committee Chair.

All registered leaders have completed training for their positions, must pass a background check and complete Youth Protection Training. BSA also follows

strict 2-deep leadership rules to protect our youth and leaders.

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## OUR SPONSOR

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Our troop is sponsored by Supplee Presbyterian Church. They provide us with a place to meet free of charge. While we enjoy a great relationship with the church leadership, we are a civic group using the building, not a program of the church. The 12<sup>th</sup> Scout Law is "A Scout is Reverent." Each scout is encouraged to put this into practice by being faithful to his own religious duties whatever they may be.

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## CONTACT INFORMATION

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We have a great team of adults on our membership team that would love to answer questions and help you decide if Troop 542 is right for your family. Stop by a meeting, fill out our website contact form, or send an email to the Scoutmaster, Mark Krueger, ([Scoutmaster@troop542.com](mailto:Scoutmaster@troop542.com)) or Committee Chair, George Harris ([CommitteeChair@Troop542.com](mailto:CommitteeChair@Troop542.com)).

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## "THE EAGLE" NEWSLETTER

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We send *The Eagle* to our scouts and members each quarter via email. It contains an easy-to-read schedule of the Troop's upcoming events, facts about future trips (what to pack and wear, cost, dates, etc.), and messages from the Scoutmaster or other leaders. Please take time to read *The Eagle* when it arrives and use it to update your family calendar so you won't miss any important Troop 542 events. As Troop 542 moves toward a greener solution to communication, *The Eagle* is sent via email only. If you missed a copy, contact us.

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## UNIFORMS

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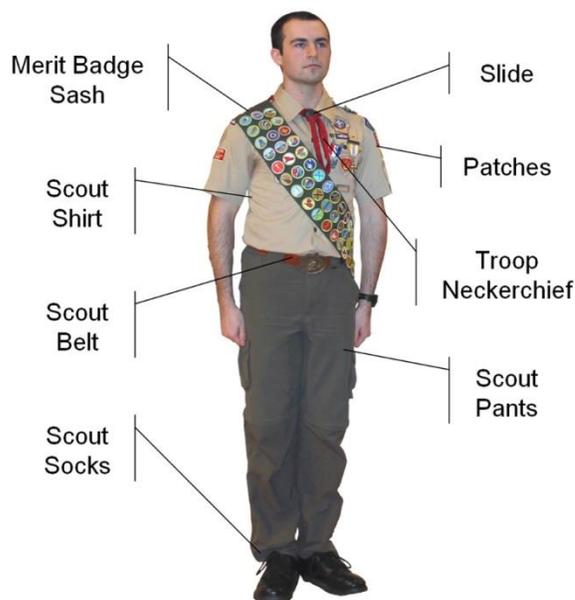
Uniforms are part of Scouting and the boys are required to wear them at meetings and some activities. Troop 542 operates a uniform exchange for our families to help defray costs and supply most patches necessary. Stop by a meeting for more information.

The best place to buy a uniform is at a local Scout Shop. These are located in Wayne and Doylestown.

### What You Need:

Our formal, or "Class A" uniform consists of pants (or shorts), shirt (with appropriate patches), belt, socks, neckerchief, and sometimes a merit badge sash. For casual occasions, outdoor activities and in warmer spring months, we wear "Class B" consisting of Scout pants, belt, socks, and troop t-shirt.

- SCOUT SHIRT - Either short or long sleeves are fine. A pair of green shoulder loops is worn on the shirt.
- SCOUT PANTS - Most of us wear long Scout pants in cool weather and short pants in the summer. Zip off pants are available.
- SCOUT SOCKS - Official Scout socks are required if the Scout is wearing short pants and are desirable with long pants as well.
- SCOUT BELT - Any official BSA belt is appropriate.
- PATCHES - You need a troop numeral (542), a Council strip, and a patrol patch (find out which patrol your son is joining before buying this patch). These patches are available from the uniform exchange. Earned badges are presented by the troop at courts of honor. Collectible patches are given out at special events or can be purchased at Scout camps. The Scout handbook shows where the patches should be placed.
- NECKERCHIEF - A neckerchief and slide will be presented to your son by the troop at the time of his joining. Additional are available for purchase.
- MERIT BADGE SASH - Scouts need this sash once they have six merit badges.
- TROOP TEE SHIRT - Troop Tees are available for a reasonable cost.



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# HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

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## ACTIVE PARTICIPATION

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### **Troop Committee**

Running the troop is a lot of work, and we have a great group of parents and supportive adults (including former scouts) serving on the Troop Committee to enable our troop to function. The committee typically meets on the first Sunday of each month at the church. There's always a need on the committee for more help. If you are interested, please talk with the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair. We will offer training and/or shadowing opportunities.

### **Come on Outings**

Although our June River Trip is our only outing that is billed as "Parent and Son," a parent is always encouraged to attend camping trips and activities. On weekend outings we can always use extra help, and we need as much help as we can get during our week at summer camp.

### **Provide Transportation**

When we go camping, we need to bring the boys, their gear, and lots of troop equipment. Some of us have vans or trucks, but most cars can only carry two or three boys. Every family should expect to drive one way or the other for about half the trips their son attends.

### **Teach a Merit Badge**

Every Monday night, scouts work on learning the skills to complete a merit badge. Teachers include parents and leaders with experience (vocation or hobby) on various topics. We strongly encourage merit badge teachers to co-lead classes. Teachers commit to attending Monday night meetings for one full quarter.

### **Help on a Board of Review**

In order to advance to the next rank, each scout must complete a board of review. These reviews are a chance for the scout to receive encouragement from adults in the troop and to ensure all requirements have been met to earn the next rank. No scouting background is needed to be a part of these boards and we encourage all parents to help. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the scouting program and the advancement process.

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ALL ACTIVE ADULTS MUST COMPLETE  
A BACKGROUND CHECK AND  
YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING  
PRIOR TO PARTICIPATION.

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## SUPPORT FROM HOME

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Although we encourage any parent to become an active troop member, we understand that family and job obligations may not make that possible. Below are some other ways that parents can support their sons.

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### **Service Patrol**

When we arrive at the church each Monday, the church hall is set up for nursery school and other church functions. These furnishings need to be moved for our meeting and put back when we're done. This responsibility is divided among the patrols with a designated "service patrol" each week. This duty rotates based on the alphabetical order of the patrol names. The assignments are always published in our troop newsletter *The Eagle* and our website. Remind your son to come early and join him to assist when his patrol is on duty. Service patrol members are expected to arrive at 7:00 PM to help get ready on the week they are assigned. They should plan to stay until 9:15 PM to help put everything back. We need adults to help organize this effort each week.

### **Help with Fundraising**

Some of the annual dues you pay go to the BSA organization, not to our troop. These pay for professional Scouting positions that give administrative support to the program. The money paid for activities is for the direct cost of that activity. We also need money for troop equipment, the badges we give out at parent's nights, administrative support (such as technology, training material, etc.) and other incidental expenses. Encourage your son to join in fundraising efforts and help promote them to family and friends (such as the trail run, popcorn sale, or hoagie coupon sales).

### **Encourage Participation**

A boy only really gains the benefits of the program if he plays an active role in his patrol. This implies regular attendance at meetings and weekend activities. Help your son to be active. Encourage him to keep the dates of our activities open.

### **Communication**

We use multiple forms of communication for messages about the program. *The Eagle* newsletter, troop website, a weekly phone chain (each patrol leader contacts their patrol members), and a text messaging service are some of the regular methods. Parents can help by staying up to date on current troop activities and encouraging their boys to do the same.

### **Scoutbook**

Troop 542 uses the Boy Scouts of America's technology support program, Scoutbook, for many parts of our program. Activity sign-up/registration, advancement tracking, email and text message communication, leadership tracking, and much more. All Scouts and parents must have the ability to log in and use Scoutbook in order for these systems to function. We have a technology support team of skilled leaders in place to help with this process. All Scout families must have at least one parent connected to Scoutbook.

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# ACTIVITIES & COSTS

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## WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

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Troop 542 has an activity every month. Our schedule often includes the following (however final decisions are made by the Scout-led leadership team):

- One day event in January
- CAMPING IN CABINS (Weekends in February, November and December)
- TRIP TO PLACES OF INTEREST, SUCH AS WASHINGTON D.C. (A Weekend in March)
- CAMPING IN TENTS (Weekends in April, May, and October)
- RIVER TRIP (A weekend rafting or canoeing in June)
- HIGH ADVENTURE, SUCH AS THE FLORIDA SEA BASE OR PHILMONT SCOUT RANCH (A Week or two in July for older Scouts)
- SUMMER CAMP (A weeklong)
- BACKPACKING ON THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL (A Weekend in September)
- ECOLOGY AND SERVICE PROJECTS (Regular opportunities throughout the year)
- FAMILY NIGHTS TO PRESENT AWARDS (Four evenings during the year)

## COSTS

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Cost of activities is approximately as follows; camping trips - \$25-45, river trip - \$65-85, March trip - \$150-200, week at summer camp - \$400-450, one-day activities - \$12.00 (lunch and a patch). All activity fees cover lodging (if overnight), food, admission and transportation (if applicable). Scouts rarely need additional funds during a trip.

Our annual registration fees for all youth is \$100. This covers BSA national fees, Boys Life magazine subscription, and Troop 542 annual program.

We don't want anyone to miss the opportunity to be in Scouting because of financial need. We have funds to provide "Scouterships" for boys who show a need.

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# ADVANCEMENT

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## PROGRESS AWARDS

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Eagle. The Eagle award is the top progress award and the highest award scouting has to offer.

Advancement in Scouting centers on badges called progress awards or "Badges of Rank." These progress awards are the familiar: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and

The requirements for all progress awards follow the same basic pattern.

- **PARTICIPATION** - You are required to be active in the troop and patrol. This means regular attendance at troop meetings and troop activities. It also means helping your patrol in patrol corners and on camping trips. For the lower ranks, younger scouts must participate in a specific number of activities. For higher ranks, the older boys must be "active" for a specified time period. (i.e. 50-67% of trips and 75% of meetings)
- **SPIRIT** - You must live up to the ideals of scouting as expressed in the Scout Oath, Law, Slogan, Motto, and the Outdoor Code.
- **SKILLS** - All progress awards require you to learn skills. For the lower ranks, the things you need to learn are spelled out in the requirements for that rank. For the higher ranks you learn by earning merit badges.
- **LEADERSHIP** - For the ranks of Star and above, you are required to serve actively and successfully in a leadership position within the troop.
- **SERVICE** - For Tenderfoot through Life ranks you must give a certain number of hours in service to others. For Eagle, you organize a leadership service project (a few details on the next page).

- **SCOUTMASTER'S CONFERENCE** - As one of the requirements for rank advancement, you must have a one-on-one conference with the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. This conference is a key time for the leaders to get to know the scout better and encourage him on his path in Scouting. This is not a time to "pass" skills or confirm requirements are complete.
- **PROGRESS REVIEW** - When you think you have completed all requirements for a progress award, it's time for a progress review. These are often referred to as a "board of review". (See progress review section on next page.)

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## FIRST YEAR ADVANCEMENT

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Troop 542 offers an advancement program for first year scouts. Older scouts (Instructors) teach skills at our Monday meetings geared toward having first year scouts earn their First-Class badge within about 15 months of joining. Since most boys join in March, we begin with the Scout badge in the spring. Then in the fall they complete Tenderfoot. Second Class is earned in the winter quarter, and First Class is completed by June. Although scouts work hard to accomplish this advancement schedule, all ranks must be earned and not everyone will follow this schedule. Parents are strongly encouraged to be engaged and knowledgeable as to their son's advancement.

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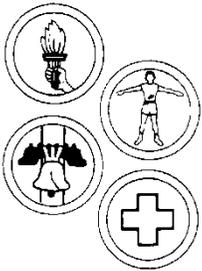
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## MERIT BADGES

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Merit badges give scouts a chance to learn about a broad range of skills. The Star, Life, and Eagle awards require the scout to earn merit badges, although all scouts can achieve them.



About 130 merit badges are offered. Some cover scout skills like "Camping" and "Cooking"; others cover skills that are oriented toward producing better citizens, like "Safety" and "Citizenship in the Community"; some are for self-

development, like "Public Speaking" or "Personal Management"; some are for fun, like "Skiing" or "Model Building"; and many are designed to help scouts learn about careers, like "Dentistry", "Electronics", or "Journalism".

Our troop leaders do not pass scouts on most merit badges. Boys must go to specific merit badge counselors (experts in the field who donate their time and live in the area) for these badges. Often, when we teach a class on a merit badge at our meetings, the counselor will come to review the boys on a Monday night. Merit badges may also be earned at summer camp, where the counselors are on the camp staff.

Although scouts do not need merit badges until they have reached the rank of First Class, many like to get started sooner. Most boys can find a few that coincide with their own interests well enough that they have already done many of the requirements. In this case, why not go get the badge? Parents can help with this. Requirements for merit badges are found online at:

<https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-advancement-and-awards/merit-badges/>

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## ATTENDANCE

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We understand and appreciate that our scouts are well-rounded boys and involved in many activities. Sometimes a scout must miss activities or meetings for a period of time because of other commitments. In these cases, he can take a leave of absence from scouting, and that period of time will not be counted toward the participation requirement for his next rank.

Although we encourage our Scouts in all areas of interest, a Scout cannot lead others if not present. Junior leaders should make every attempt to NOT be on leave during certain times of year.

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## PROGRESS REVIEWS

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A progress review (often referred to as a Board of Review) is a meeting between a scout and some of the troop's adults (leaders and parents) to be certain that all the requirements for a progress award were met.

### When should it be scheduled?

When a Scout realizes that he will complete the requirements for a progress award (Scout through Life) he should schedule the review. Reviews are conducted by adults on the Troop Committee. Our Troop Scribe (Scout junior leader) can help Scouts arrange for this. Off-quarter reviews can be arranged if needed. The review process for the Eagle badge is conducted on an individual basis.

### How should a Scout arrive?

- In Class A uniform (merit badge & OA sash, if applicable)
- Bring Scout handbook

### What questions will be asked?

- SCOUT SPIRIT - How well do you know and follow the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan etc.?
- PARTICIPATION - How is your attendance at meetings and on outings?
- SKILLS - All skill requirements must have been completed before the review. (There are specific requirements for ranks up to First Class. Skills take the form of merit badges for higher ranks.)
- SERVICE HOURS -- Bring accurate records of the hours worked (Scoutbook record).
- LEADERSHIP (Star and higher) -- Be prepared to explain what you do in your leadership position, and how it helps the troop. Review your job description before arrival.

## JOURNEY TO THE EAGLE SCOUT RANK

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The Eagle Award is Scouting's highest honor. If you are a Life Scout ready to become Eagle, here are some basic steps you must follow (a detailed packet is obtained at a Life to Eagle meeting with parents and scouts or via our website):

All scouts are offered the opportunity to work with an Eagle Coach (trained Assistant Scoutmaster) for guidance throughout the process. Scouts are encouraged to take full advantage of working with their Eagle Coach.

- Complete all requirements as listed in your handbook, including earning merit badges, serving successfully in a leadership position, planning and carrying out a service project (see below).
- Download and complete an Eagle application then pass a district Eagle Board of Review.
- After approval at the national headquarters, the Eagle award will be presented at a special court of honor. Because of the three review phases, plan on at least three months from the time you submit the application until the award can be presented.

## EAGLE SCOUT LEADERSHIP SERVICE PROJECT

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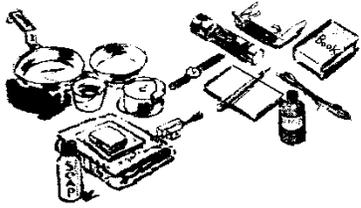
An Eagle Scout project requires considerable effort. The scope of what you must do goes well beyond what can be included in this pamphlet. However, the basic project phases are as follows:

1. Meet with your Eagle Coach to review a possible concept
2. Work with your Eagle Coach to develop a proposal and seek review and approvals
3. Develop a plan
4. The project work and then write up a final report

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# CAMPING & PACKING LISTS

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## PERSONAL CAMPING EQUIPMENT TIPS

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A few items of personal equipment, like sleeping bags and boots, are needed to participate in our activities. Official Boy Scout equipment is not required and sometimes does not fit the needs of all scouts. An orientation meeting is held annually to familiarize new scouts and their parents with equipment needs. The following information may be useful if you need to buy equipment before we have such a meeting.

### SLEEPING BAG

This is the most important piece of equipment a scout has. It should be lightweight because we often carry our gear (under 5 lbs.). It is also important for it to be warm (20-30 °F). Features to consider are:

- Nylon liner with synthetic filling. These are light and warm and hold heat even when they get damp. Down filling is lighter and more compact; however, it does not hold heat when damp and is often much more expensive.
- "Mummy" style. -- These weigh less and are more compact than comparable rectangular bags.
- A hood that closes around your head.
- A zipper that can open at both ends to let in a little air.
- A small tube of insulation parallel to the zipper. This keeps the zipper from becoming a cold spot.

### RAIN GEAR

Scouts should "Be Prepared" for all weather conditions. Although a lightweight poncho may suffice for some instances, we recommend a sturdy but lightweight rain jacket for more versatility.

### WATER BOTTLE

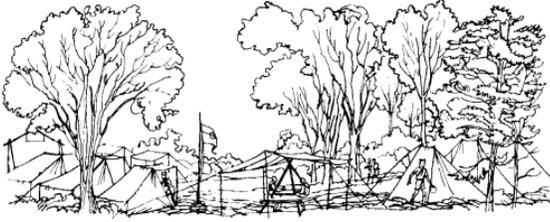
A one-quart sized bottle is best (hard plastic will hold up better than soft). On most backpacking trips, you will be required to carry at least 2 quarts of water. Some scouts choose to bring a water bladder system for day hiking.



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## WEEKEND CAMPING TRIP PACKING LIST

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### CLOTHING:

- 2 Pr pants/shorts
- Thermal underwear (winter)
- 2 Shirts
- 2 Changes underwear
- 3 Pr socks
- Gloves (winter)
- Sweatshirt
- Hat (winter)
- Jacket
- Sunglasses (optional)
- Extra shoes
- Swimsuit (activity dependent)
- Rain gear

### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

- Sleeping bag
- Water bottle or hydration bladder
- Small pillow
- Camera (optional)
- Flashlight
- Scout handbook
- Bug spray (optional, no aerosols)
- Pocket knife (optional, blade should be less than 3", no sheath knives)

### TOILETRIES:

- Soap
- Comb
- Towel
- Toothpaste
- Toothbrush

### RECREATIONAL SUGGESTIONS:

- Board game
- Sports equipment
- Fishing rod
- Craft project
- Ball & glove
- Book
- Musical instrument (no pianos)

## BACKPACKING EQUIPMENT TIPS & PACKING LIST

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### BACKPACK

Hiking backpacks are necessary for backpacking trips (the troop has a few loaners for first time hikers), and many scouts use them to carry their gear on all our camping trips. Younger scouts have no need to invest in a backpack immediately. Features to look for are:

- The pack must fit the scout! Hiking long distances with all your gear on your back is not easy. If the pack doesn't fit, you will be miserable. Shopping at a reputable outfitter will allow scouts to try on various packs with knowledgeable staff nearby.
- The pack must have a padded hip strap. This must fit the boy! The hip strap is intended to carry the load. Shoulder straps serve only to hold the pack upright.
- The pack should have support or padding against the scout's back and keep any framework from rubbing painfully against him.
- The pack should be the right size - big enough to hold the required equipment, without being too big to fit the scout (typically 4500-6000 cubic inches). It is nice to have several separate compartments so that gear can stay organized.

### HOW TO PACK A BACKPACK:

- Use a light-weight backpack with hip strap that fits you (see BACKPACK section above).
- Stuff the sleeping bag tightly in its stuff bag and secure it in the pack (if on the outside, use sturdy straps, not rope).

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- Pack all items inside the pack. Things hanging on the sides will catch on tree branches and obstructions. Put things you need, like the water, where you can get to them easily.
- You will hike with a partner with whom you will share a two-man tent, butane stove, and food for the weekend (such as freeze-dried meals). Save room for your share, which will weigh about 5 pounds.
- Your entire pack including sleeping bag, water, and the 5 pounds of shared equipment, should not exceed 1/4 of your own weight. If you weigh 80 lb., you should not carry more than a 20 lb. load.

## PERSONAL COOKING GEAR

These items are only really used on backpacking outings, and new scouts will not need them right away.

- Mess Kit - This is a small nested set of cookware. It should have a pot with lid and cup (at minimum; some may include a fry pan as well).
- Vittles Kit - Although a full vittles kit would include a non-disposal knife, fork and spoon, many scouts choose to bring a plastic spork instead. This is a lighter weight and sufficient option.
- Knife - All scouts must complete a knife safety course (Tote-n-Chip) prior to carrying and using knives. A small folding pocketknife (blade of 3 inches or less), with a locking mechanism for safety, is sufficient for any task on a backpacking trip.

## WHAT TO WEAR:

- Shorts, Long pants, or Zip Off pants
- Layers of clothing (sweatshirt, light jacket)
- Two pairs of socks (liner socks under hiking socks)
- Hiking Boots (sturdy shoes may be acceptable)

## THINGS YOU SHOULD BRING:

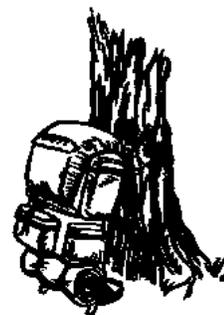
- Extra socks
- Extra layers of clothing
- Two quarts of water
- Mess kit
- Vittles kit
- Rain gear
- Sleeping bag

## THINGS YOU MAY NOT BRING:

- Sheath knives, sling shots, etc.
- Extra food (2 candy bars are allowed)
- Anything non-essential
- Deodorant

## THINGS THAT THE TROOP PROVIDES:

- Tent
- Butane Stove
- Food



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# CAMPING & PACKING LISTS

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## SUMMER CAMP PACKING LIST

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(Complete details are given at a pre-camp meeting each year, but here are some basics)

### What to Wear:

Complete Class A Scout uniform including; shirt, pants (either long or short), socks, neckerchief & slide, belt. Wear your merit badge sash if you have one.

### What to Bring:

- Medical permission form signed by both your parent and your doctor
- Sleeping bag
- Spare key to footlocker or written copy of combination (for Scoutmaster)
- A footlocker packed with gear

### What to Pack (in footlocker):

#### CLOTHING

- Pants
- Shorts
- Shirts
- Rain Gear
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sweatshirt (temps can drop to 50's)
- Swimsuit (or 2)
- Boots
- OA Sash (for members)
- Class B uniform shirt

#### PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

- Flashlight
- Handbook
- Small Pillow
- Spending Money (minimal)
- Water Bottle/Hydration bladder
- Insect Repellent (no aerosols)
- Pocket Knife (with tote-n-chip card)
- Camera (optional)
- Compass (optional)
- Anything required for merit badges

#### TOILET ITEMS

- Soap
- 2 Towels
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Toothbrush
- Medications (bring necessary forms)

#### RECREATIONAL IDEAS

- Board Game
- Playing cards
- Fishing rod
- Ball & glove
- Sports equipment
- Musical instrument
- Books

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# CAMPING & PACKING LISTS

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## SCOUT FOOD BUYING INFORMATION

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Meals on camping trips are prepared by each patrol. A few weeks before every camping trip, the patrols are given instructions and time at our meetings for planning. They plan their menu, figure out what they need, check their patrol boxes to see what they have, and create a detailed shopping list.



If you are selected to buy the food, you should have the list that your patrol prepared. You should also have money that was given to you by our treasurer. You should need to buy only what's on the list. You, and anyone helping you, should be aware of the following rules:

1. Four meals are typically being prepared; 3 Saturday and 1 Sunday.
2. All meals should be cooked.
3. Two meals must be cooked over an open fire or on charcoal (charcoal provided by troop).
4. The menu should be well balanced and follow national MyPlate recommendations (outlined in troop menu planning packet available online).
5. Sunday's breakfast should be hearty. COLD CEREAL & DONUTS IS NOT OK. Since we won't eat lunch in camp, the scouts may have a long gap between meals.
6. "A Scout Is Thrifty." Watch your budget. Get food for the meals first. Buy snacks only if you have money left over. Use things up. For example, one box of Bisquick can make pancakes at breakfast and biscuits at dinner. Left over potatoes from dinner can be hashed browns in the morning.
7. Your patrol's food box was checked as part of the planning process. Use what is available from past trips (such as plates, napkins, spices, etc.). Only restock as needed.