

TROOP 1 HANDBOOK



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INTRODUCTION TO SCOUTING BSA TROOP 1

Welcome to the Scouts BSA and Troop 1, Lewes, DE! You and your scout are both beginning a grand adventure into the Scouting program. This is an important and rewarding journey for you and your child to share. Troop 1 belongs to the Sussex District, of the Del-Mar-Va Council of the Scouting BSA. The c of Lewes holds the troop's charter. While Troop 1 primarily serves the Cape Henlopen area, we welcome new Scouts from anywhere. **No previous scouting experience required nor expected! All are welcome!**

Our philosophy is **"Fun with Purpose."** Scouting is an adventure, building leaders through challenges and experience. Our program of monthly campouts, weekly meetings, community service projects and other special outings integrates fun and adventure yielding a program that advances our scouts through Scouting BSA's Scout to Eagle model.

The program challenges our scouts to be active. The troop's program incorporates the traditional Scouting methods with regular, age appropriate, high adventure activities including hiking, biking, kayaking, canoeing and backpacking.

Per the traditional scouting method scouts are assigned to Patrols (Patrol Method). As patrols, Scouts plan and execute **their own** program. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is responsible for planning troop activities and executing/leading the activities it plans. The PLC consist of patrol leaders and a Senior Patrol Leader all elected by the scouts, and other youth leaders appointed by the senior patrol leader or patrol leaders.

Troop 1's Scouting program is designed to facilitate a scout's advancement. Scouts who consistently participate in troop meetings and outings will advance through Scouting BSA's ranks. Our program provides all Scouts opportunities to advance, to learn the skills and to develop the self-confidence they will need to achieve **their** goals. Along the way we also have a lot of FUN!

What is it all about? What is expected of you? What does it cost?

This booklet will answer many of your questions. The pages that follow outline Troop 1's organization and the advancement path that Scouts follow. You will also learn how adult volunteers assist the troop and the many ways you can volunteer to assist the Troop and your scout.

Scouting is for parents too! Active, committed leaders and parents are essential to the success of Troop 1. You don't need to have any special abilities to make a huge difference in a young person's life. All who volunteer to assist our scouts are amazed at the insight, commitment and energy these young people possess. Volunteer, you'll be glad you did!

If you find you have questions that are not answered in the pages that follow, please do not hesitate to call or email our Scoutmaster John Murray (302-344-1055) and/or jomurrayjr@gmail.com or our Committee Chairman Dean Campbell, Esquire at (302) 841-5043 or at e-mail lawdeano@gmail.com.

HOW DOES SCOUTING BSA DIFFER FROM CUB SCOUTING:

- The Cub Scouting Program is Family oriented with adults planning all the activities.
- Adults lead and supervise all Cub Scout activities and advancement.
- Camping is limited to family camping events with the exception being one or two Webelos events,
- Adults determine the rate and timing of advancement with little or no input from the scouts.

HOW IS SCOUTING RUN IN TROOP 1:

- The program is Scout planned and scout executed.
- Scouts camp and function in patrol groups, lead by other youth the scouts have elected.

The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is the youth, elected by the scouts, to lead the troop. Patrol leaders are scouts elected by the individual patrols to lead the various patrols. Other troop wide youth leaders (as opposed to leaders for individual patrol) include assistant senior patrol leaders, quartermaster, scribe, historian, bugler, librarian, chaplain's aide, instructors and troop guides, den chief. These positions are appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader. Assistant Patrol leaders are appointed by individual patrol leaders.

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- Scouts plan all activities, adults only mentor when necessary.
Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is tasked with planning the troops activities for the month as well as program and activities for the next scouting year. The PLC meets monthly and consists of the senior patrol leader, patrol leaders, and other appointed troop leaders. The troop's programs and activities focus on learning and practicing scouting skills, outdoor activity (read that camping and hiking) preparation for campouts, advancement, games and fun. The PLC runs the troop – if a scout has a suggestion or concern, it is taken to the PLC for consideration and/or action.
- Scouts are encouraged to develop leadership skills.

Learning leadership skills is one of the most important aspects of being a Scout. As your Scout progresses, there will be opportunities to participate in numerous leadership programs. The troop holds an in-house Junior Leader Training program for each new group of youth leaders. As scouts mature and progress they become eligible to attend a weeklong session of Scouts BSA's National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program.

REGULAR TROOP MEETINGS:

The troop holds regular meetings starting the Thursday after Labor Day in September through the first week of June. The troop typically meets weekly on Thursday nights from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.¹ St. Peter's Church is located at 211 Mulberry Street, P.O. Box 464, Lewes, DE. The troop will not meet on Thursdays when the Cape Henlopen School District is closed (in service days are considered open days). Troop meetings are held on half days. Regular meetings are not held during the remainder of June, July and August,

All Scouts should "Be Prepared" for meetings. Scouts are required to wear their filed uniforms, bring a pen/pencil/paper and their Scout Handbook to every meeting. **The Scout Handbook is part of the uniform.** Some meetings may be designated "Troop Shirt Nights," which means that a scout may wear a Troop 1 T-shirt rather than the formal field uniform shirt. No Scout is permitted to leave the meeting prior to the closing of the meeting unless the scout is accompanied by a parent or guardian.

¹ During the Covid-19 Pandemic, the meeting place was changed to accommodate the pandemic restrictions.

SCOUT UNIFORM:

The Scout uniform is an important part of being a Scout. It shows that scouts belong to a group. Team members wear uniforms when playing organized sports and when performing in school band and/or chorus. Uniforms should be worn at weekly Scout meetings, at courts of honor, on Scout Sunday, when attending Council or District events and on other designated occasions. At summer camp wearing the field uniform is required at dinner. In Troop 1, we generally do not wear uniforms on weekend campouts, except when traveling to and from the outing.

Once per month the SPL (Senior Patrol Leader) will conduct a random uniform inspection at a troop meeting. There is no warning and scouts are given points for each part of the uniform. Being ready for these inspections reflects the scout motto: **"Be Prepared"**.

Field Uniform – A.K.A "CLASS A" – (Worn at Regular Weekly Meetings/ Troop Activities/Traveling/Ceremonies in Camp)

The field uniform consists of:

- Official Short or Long Sleeved BSA khaki Shirt, with all patches and insignias appropriately placed (*patch and insignia positions are listed on the front and back inside covers of the Scout Handbook*)
- Official BSA Olive Shorts or Long Pants, neat green cargo pants or clean blue jeans with NO holes
- Official BSA web belt and socks
- Troop Hat
- Troop Neckerchief and Slide
- Close toed shoes or boots appropriate for occasion/activity
- Scout Handbook, the Scout Handbook is part of the scout uniform. If a scout does not have the handbook, the scout's uniform is incomplete

Field Uniform for Courts of Honor/Special Events or Official Photographs:

- Field uniform as described above plus
- Merit Badge Sash, OA Sash, Current Rank Badge and Medals

Activities Uniform – Class B - (Hikes/Summer Camp/"Active" Games & Events):

- Troop T-shirt or other BSA T-shirt
- Official BSA Olive Shorts or Long Pants or neat green cargo pants or clean blue jeans with NO holes
- Official web belt and socks
- Troop Hat
- Close toed shoes or boots appropriate for occasion/activity

Parents please remind your Scouts to be responsible for their uniforms. It is the scout's responsibility to make sure the uniform is clean, complete and up-to-date. Encourage your scout to keep the uniform and all its attendant accessories in a place they can be found and to be sure the uniform worn is complete.

We emphasize the importance of the uniform (i.e shirt tails tucked in, no obnoxious shorts, etc.) Troop 1 reserves the right to remove a Scout from an activity if the uniform is grossly out-of-order.

SCOUT HANDBOOK:

Scouts must have their own copy of the current edition of the Scout Handbook. Scouts should bring their handbooks to all meetings and campouts. The scout's name should be written on the edge of the pages of the Handbook. The *Scout Handbook* contains all the basic information that a scout needs for scouting. Scout handbooks can be purchased at the Council Scout store in Wilmington, the Henson, Rodney and Ackridge Scout Reservation trading posts, the Dover Army-Navy store or through the BSA catalogue.

FEES:

Each Scout is required to pay a national Scouts BSA registration fee for the Scouting year (January 1-December 31) plus annual insurance fee. If your scout would like to receive the Boy's Life magazine (a magazine Targeted to scouts) there is a \$12 annual subscription fee. Each scout should pay a total of \$25 for the national registration and insurance (re-charter fees) or \$37.00 if the scout wishes to receive Boy's Life Magazine in addition to national Registration. The above amounts are subject to change by BSA.

Those attending outings pay the costs for the trip (Normally \$20.00 to \$50.00 per camping trip).

Financial assistance is available at both the Unit level and the District level as may be needed. All financial assistance is kept and remains confidential. See the Committee Chair for more details.

TROOP FUNDING AND FUNDRAISING:

Troop 1 organizes fund raising activities each year to finance troop activities, equipment and operations. Troop 1's scouts may participate in the Scouts BSA/Sussex District Popcorn Drive, as well as hold other types of fundraisers. In the past Troop 1 held chicken BBQ's, bake sales, and distributed telephone books for the Rehoboth Lions Club. The proceeds raised by these events are paid into the troop operating fund for expenses (new scout neckerchiefs, rank/merit badge patches/cards, and replacement or new equipment purchases).

High Adventure fundraisers may be designated to a boy's individual Troop 1 "High Adventure Scout Account." During these fundraisers a percentage set by the troop committee of the funds an individual scout raises will be credited to that scout's individual high adventure account. These monies can **ONLY** be used for high adventure experiences (Philmont, Sea Base, Northern Tier, The Summit, Jamborees or other high adventure activities). Monies in a scout's individual high adventure account will transfer to the Troop 1 General fund should the scout leave Troop1.

Per the tenth canon of the scout law, a scout is **THRIFTY**. Every scout makes this promise and as such every scout is expected to earn and pay his or her own way. Parents, please encourage your scouts to participate actively in fundraisers. If you feel compelled to LOAN you scout money for Troop 1 activities, please also provide them opportunities to EARN what they need by "working off" the loan around the house.

SERVICE:

An important part of Scouting is serving others. Troop 1 engages in various service projects. Service is required for rank advancement and is a fun character-building activity with troopmates. Scouts will also be asked by more advanced scouts, typically high school age, to help with Eagle projects. Assisting with Eagle projects provides unique opportunities to have fun, work closely and learn with the most experienced scouts in the troop. Service to others can be one of the most rewarding experiences for scouts.

THE "OUTINGS" IN TROOP 1 SCOUTING:

Outings are the primary element of Troop 1's activities. Troop 1 camps monthly and periodically plans high adventure trips. Scouts are eligible and encouraged to partake in monthly camp outs as soon as they join the troop. If you joined Troop 1, at the February Blue and Gold crossover be prepared to participate in Troop 1's March, April, and May campouts.

Regular Camping Trips: Troop 1 camps one weekend each month from September to May. These trips include a variety of age appropriate activities, Del-Mar-Va. Council, SBSA District or regional events, Historic Trails and other fun, educational activities.

Summer Camping: While there typically are no officially scheduled events, Troop 1 usually will get together at least once per month during the June, July and August. Weeklong summer Camp is a Highlight of the Scouting year usually scheduled at the end of July or start of August. It is fun, challenging, and memorable as well as a very important part of a scout's first year. At Summer Camp a scout can complete many advancement requirements that can't be completed at troop meetings. Almost all troop members attend summer camp. Information regarding summer camp and summer activities/outings is provided throughout the year.

Special Outings: From time to time the Troop may schedule special outings. These events include annual Merit Badge Colleges, Troop Service Projects and other age appropriate activities.

Troop 1's Outings are for scouts registered Scouts to Troop 1 and registered Troop 1 adult Leaders. Scouts sleep 2 or three to a tent with their Patrol mates. Leaders and Parents/Guardians camp as a group in an area separate but sufficiently close to the scouts to assure appropriate supervision. The Troop occasionally takes joint outings with other scout troops, Cub Scout Packs, and Venture Crews. All Troop 1 outings comply with Scouts BSA standards and safety requirements.

In compliance with National Scouting BSA policy, there is **no alcohol, use of tobacco or other nicotine delivery systems nor use or possession of illegal drugs or other illicit substances** at ANY Troop 1 meeting, outing or other Troop 1 sanctioned event. At least two adult leaders will be present at all outings. **ALL** Leaders must complete the official Scouting BSA "***Youth Protection***" training and receive their certificate of course completion prior to attending any Troop 1 or other Scouts BSA function.

CAMPING GEAR:

Troop 1 camps at least monthly. The Troop maintains a supply of camping equipment (tents, dining flies and cooking gear) for each patrol. Troop equipment is only for use during Troop and/or Patrol activities.

Each Scout will need to provide personal camping gear (backpacks, sleeping bags, sleep mats and clothing appropriate for the season climate and activities). Please review the check list provided at the end of this booklet. Equally important is **WHAT NOT TO BRING**. Electronic devices including but not limited to electronic games, CD players, MP3 players, iPods, Cell Phones, are not permitted at Troop 1 activities.

PROHIBITED ITEMS: Fireworks, firearms, bows/arrows, cross bows, sheath knives, aerosols, or flammable liquids/gases are prohibited. Propane and other flammable liquids are used for cooking and illumination during campouts. These materials are provided by the troop and will only be used under adult supervision.

Electronics (video games, cell phones, etc.) are not permitted on camping trips and at other Scouting activities. They will be confiscated.

CAMP REGISTRATION AND CONSENT :

- Parents/scouts can register and pay for scout outings at www.troop1lewes.org. The registration process requires parents to agree to the terms of the consent. Please read it carefully. There is also a photo release included in the consent and release terms and conditions. PLEASE READ THE CONSENT AND RELEASE CAREFULLY BEFORE ELECTRONICALLY SIGNING. Camping fees are also paid on-line in the registration process.

A SCOUTS FIRST YEAR:

Upon enrollment a scout is assigned to a patrol. A patrol is a group of 4 to 8 scouts who work together learning and practicing basic scouting skills. Scouts will remain in this patrol at least through the first year. A more experienced scout, called a "Troop Guide," will mentor the patrol. Assisted by other experienced scouts the guide teaches new scouts, specific skills and introduces them to the scouting program. Adult leaders typically do not directly teach newer scouts. It is the more experienced scout who teach direct newer scouts.

From the time a scout enrolls through that year's summer camp, and up to reaching the rank of First Class, new scouts focus on basic Scouting skills. Skills are taught during Thursday night meetings and campouts. The first week or 2 will focus on completing enrollment requirements and the requirements for the rank of Scout. Troop members who completed these requirements earn the right to wear the Scout Badge on his or her uniform. Scouts who attend the majority of meetings and campouts, typically earn the Tenderfoot rank before leaving for summer camp. A scout's first summer camp concentrates on satisfying the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. Scouts who arrive at summer camp holding Tenderfoot are a step ahead of scouts who arrive just starting these ranks.

A scout who is active in the troop, attending the majority of meetings and campouts should reach the rank of First Class before the end of the scout's first full year in the troop. When a scout reaches the rank of First Class the scout possesses necessary the basic scouting skills, and as such is eligible to participate in numerous other scout activities.

While Troop Guides, Patrol Leaders and more experienced scouts will all help, scouts are responsible for their own advancement. Reading up on required skill in the Scout Handbook before they are taught helps scouts learn skills and advance faster. All requirements for rank advancement are listed in the Scout

Handbook. Additionally, there is a place for a Troop Leader to sign off on satisfaction of each requirement, and/or attendance at each camping trip and service project. Once a scout completes all the requirements for a rank, the scout must request that a scoutmaster grant the scout a scoutmaster conference. At the scoutmaster conference the scoutmaster or one of the assistant scoutmasters will review the scout's completion of rank requirements and interview the scout about personal while pursuing that rank.

Upon successful completion of the scoutmaster conference, the scout must submit a written request to the troop advancement coordinator requesting a board of review. The advancement coordinator will coordinate the board of review where the scout will meet with at least 3 adults to discuss the scout's future plans in scouting, what the scout has learned, skills the scout needs to develop and how the scout plans to develop and what the scout has learned during the advancement process.

Troop 1 holds periodic Courts of Honor. Courts of Honor publicly recognize scouts' rank advancement, merit badges earned, and other special achievements. Courts of Honor are semi-formal events, as such all scouts must appear in full field (class A) uniform. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

When a scout advances in rank or completes a merit badge, the scout receives the embroidered badge and an advancement card for the rank and/or the blue card for Merit badges. **Keep these cards in a safe place where they can be found!** The cards serve as official proof that the scout has achieved the indicated rank or earned the merit badge. In the unlikely event of a records keeping error the scout may need to produce these cards to prove that the scout indeed achieved a rank or earned a merit badge in question.

WHAT CAN A SCOUT EXPECT FROM SCOUTS BSA:

- Experiencing age appropriate challenges that build confidence and lead to personal growth
- Participating in a structured program designed to facilitate advancement yet in which the scout determines the rate of advancement
- Learning skills and developing an attitude that will foster success for a lifetime
- Making new friends
- HAVING BACKPACK LOADS OF FUN

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF A TROOP 1 SCOUT:

- To always do one's best to live by the cannons of the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code
- To Cooperate with fellow scouts, youth leaders and adult leaders
- Willingness to consistently help his patrol, work as part of the patrol team
- Actively participate in Troop activities and outings
- Exercise self-control and always show respect for others
- Respect for other peoples' property
- Show personal responsibility for the scout's advancement
- Never tolerate bad behavior, hazing, and/or bullying by himself or others
- HAVE FUN and ENJOY SCOUTING!

ADVANCEMENT:

Upon joining Scouts BSA a Scout begins working toward the SCOUT rank. Usually after a few meetings a scout demonstrates the required basic Scouting knowledge and the rank is awarded. A Scout who received

the Arrow of Light as a Webelos Cub Scout will have already mastered many of the requirements for the Scout Rank. After satisfying the requirements for Scout rank the scout begins pursuing the requirements for (awarded in the following order) the TENDERFOOT, SECOND CLASS AND FIRST CLASS ranks. While these ranks must be awarded in order, the requirements for the listed ranks can be pursued simultaneously (i.e. a Scout working toward Tenderfoot may also work to satisfy requirements for Second and/or First Class).

Satisfaction of requirements for every rank in scouting is recorded via a scoutmaster's initials and date in the scout's Scout Handbook. As such, scouts should bring their hand books to all meetings and outings. The Scout Handbook is a part of the scout's uniform just as is the scout's uniform shirt, neckerchief, pants, belt etc. The Scout Handbook lists requirements for each rank.



At Tenderfoot the Scout will have learned basic first aid, physical fitness, several useful knots, rudimentary camping skills, and to do their best to live by the Scout Oath & Law.



At Second Class the Scout will have learned compass skills, use of a knife/ax/saw, basic outdoor cooking, to identify animals in the wild, personal safety, additional first aid skills and swim rescue techniques.



At First Class the Scout will have learned to navigate at night, advanced compass skills, intermediate camping & outdoors cooking skills, knowledge of native plants, advanced knots and lashing, swimming, and intermediate first aid skills. The Troop encourages scouts to complete First Class before the end of their first full year as Scouts. To achieve this a Scout must be active, in the Troop having participated in 10 separate Troop/Patrol activities (including at least 3 overnight camping outings).



At Star scouts concentrate on merit badges and leadership. Star rank requires completion of 6 merit badges (4 required for Eagle and 2 others), a leadership position within the Troop, service projects hours and attending the majority of Troop meetings, outings and service projects.



At Life, 11 merit badges is required (3 more for Eagle and 2 others). Life scouts are experienced, take leadership roles and actively participate in meetings, outings and service projects.



Becoming an **Eagle** is Scouting's ultimate achievement. To achieve Eagle rank, during the scout's time with the troop the scout must earn during total of 21 merit badges (total of 12 from a list of Eagle required merit badges plus 9 others). Eagle also requires the scout to serve as planner, coordinator and general manager for major community service project plus serve as a youth leader with the Troop. All Eagle requirements must be completed prior to the scout's 18th birthday.

Scout's are responsible for their own advancement. Nevertheless, parental encouragement, guidance and motivation is helpful, particularly as scouts transition from pack to troop and take increasing personal responsibility. The advancement requirements for ranks are outlined in the Scout Handbook. For each requirement there is space for a Troop leader to initial and date noting the completion of each requirement. Once a scout completes the activity-based requirements for a rank, the scout is required to request a Conference with a scoutmaster or assistant scoutmaster. Upon successful completion of that conference the scout must present a written (or email) request to the Troop advancement coordinator

for a board of review. The board of review is a meeting with 3 adults who interview the scout about the scout's experiences in scouting generally and specifically the scout's experiences related to satisfying the requirements for the rank sought.

The Advancement Coordinator maintains the advancement records of entire troop. However, each Scout is responsible for maintaining records of his or her advancement. Each Scout should keep a loose-leaf binder, with (trading) card pockets and keep all rank achievement cards, merit badge blue cards, cards from awards, record of service hours, nights camping, and miles hiked in this binder. Once a Scout has completed requirements for a rank, the scout should photocopy the completed rank requirements page(s) from the Scout Handbook and place the photocopies in the binder. This way should the scout's handbook be damaged or lost, there is a record showing the completed requirements with the dates and initials of adult leaders who approved them.

The Advancement Coordinator also keeps the records of the troop's achievements. Records of completed merit badges, participating in service work, camping overnight, hiking, etc. for all scouts are kept and accessible on the Troop 1 website, www.troop1lewes.org. Each scout has access to the scout's records from the time the scout registers with the troop through the time the scout leaves the troop. Log in credentials for each scout who registers with Troop 1 and each scout's parents or guardians will be emailed to the scout's family shortly after registration. Upon receiving their login credentials the scout and his or her parents and/or guardians can access via the troop's website all the data the troop has related to that scout.

MERIT BADGES:

Upon earning the Scout rank, a scout may begin pursuing merit badges. To earn a merit badge the scout must first receive approval from the Scoutmaster to pursue the chosen badge. If the scoutmaster approves, the scoutmaster will give the Scout a signed Application for Merit Badge (a.k.a.) a "blue card." The scout then adds his personal information to the blue card and is given the name(s) of counselor(s) for that merit badge and the counselor's contact information. The Scout must then contact the counselor too begin the work of completing the Badge's requirement. The Counselor serves as mentor, adviser and/or teacher as is appropriate for the skills required to earn the badge. The counselor initials and dates the blue card as each requirement is completed. Once all the requirements are met the counselor signs the blue card as complete. The counselor should keep one section of the blue card for his/ her records and return the remaining two sections to the scout. The scout then provides the 2 remaining sections of the completed, **SIGNED** blue card to the Advancement Coordinator to record the scout's earning the badge on the Troop website. The Advancement Coordinator will also record the scout's earning the badge with Delmarva counsel, procure the actual badge eventually returning one section of the Blue card to the scout at the next court of honor where the merit badge is awarded. As stated above, the blue card section returned to the scout should immediately be placed in the scout's binder.

Scouts may pursue merit badges independently, at troop meetings, in groups outside meetings, at summer camp and/or at merit badge colleges. Meetings with merit badge counselors, should never be one on one. Per SBSA youth protection requirements, whenever a scout meets with an adult for any scouting activity another scout or adult must be present. The Advancement Coordinator maintains the list of merit badge counselors. A parent cannot serve as merit badge counselor for his or her child unless another scout who is not the counselor's child is also pursuing the same merit badge with that counselor as part of the "class."

COURTS OF HONOR:

At least 3 times each year Troop 1 conducts Courts of Honor. At a Court of Honor scouts are recognized for their rank advancement, merit badges earned, and receipt of other special honors. Courts of Honor are special troop events. **All scouts are expected to attend all Courts of Honor. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend as well.** Absent special circumstances, courts of honor are held on Thursday evenings, in lieu of a regular Troop meeting.

Troop 1 anxiously anticipates awarding every scout the Eagle Scout Award the highest rank in Scouting

PARENT/GUARDIAN INVOLVEMENT:

As in Cub Scouts, in Scouts BSA active support and participation from a majority of Troop 1 parents is vital. However, the parents' role differs in Scouts BSA from their role in Cub Scouting. In Cub Scouts ideally all parents are present at all pack activities directly supervising their Cub Scouts. In Scouts BSA adults ideally take a "hands off" or mentoring leadership approach. The scouts plan and execute the program themselves per the information provided by the Scout Handbook supplemented by leadership training courses. The adults only intervene when asked to, or to assure safety. With this model in mind, adult volunteers are needed to serve as assistant scoutmasters, troop committee members, as panel members for boards of review, merit badge counselors, drivers to and from activities and workers/advisers at troop activities. Any help offered maintains the quality of Troop 1's program and is of course greatly appreciated. Adults who volunteer find it tremendously rewarding, and after working with these fine team oriented young people, see a brighter future for our world than might otherwise be apparent. As stated above, adult volunteers are crucial to the success of Troop 1's scouting program. One parent or guardian for each scout is expected to actively assist Troop 1 in some capacity. Adults who volunteer to the person find the more time they devote to scouting the more rewarding the experience is for the adult. An adult's contribution can be made in any of the following ways:

- Committee Member- at least one (1) year
- Assistant Scout Master – at least but not limited to three (3) years
- Merit Badge Counselor – at least but not limited to four (4) years
- Board of Review Panel Member-at least twice per year roughly 1 hour per.

It is important that parents and guardians read the Scout Handbook and gain knowledge of the program. Knowing the program allows Parents and guardians to help scouts prioritize academics, home/family responsibilities, scout obligations, participation in sports, and other activities. Question your scout about scheduling and encourage your Scout to effectively budget time and set appropriate priorities. Facilitate your scout's time management assuring on time arrival to weekly meetings dressed in complete uniform including the Scout Handbook. Actively support your scout's participation in meetings, campouts, summer camp and other activities. Almost immediately you will see your scout growing, exhibiting confidence and leadership skills.

Adult Scout Leaders:

The Scoutmaster is the adult leader who is the chief administrator and mentor to the scouts. The scoutmaster works directly with the Senior Patrol Leader to assure the youth leaders are adequately trained to fulfill their functions as troop leaders. The Scoutmaster also leads and supports the assistant scoutmasters in fulfilling their roles. The Scoutmaster is the only adult leader interfacing directly with all of the troop's various "departments," i.e. the scouts, the youth leaders,

the assistant scoutmasters, the troop committee, the charter organization representative and the charter organization, St. Peters Episcopal Church. To serve as scoutmaster a person must be at least 21 years of age, be appointed by the troop committee and approved by charter organization. Troop 1's Scoutmaster is John Murray (302-344-1055) and/or jomurrayjr@gmail.com.

The Assistant Scoutmasters support the Scoutmaster by overseeing/mentoring specific areas of the troop program or administering specific operational tasks. An assistant scoutmaster may be assigned to work with the new scouts to facilitate advancement to the rank of First Class, support a high adventure program for advanced scouts, or oversee training in a discreet skill areas. Assistant scoutmasters from time to time serve as "scoutmaster-in-charge," meaning serve as primary adult leader for events and/or camping trips.

All adult leaders and any adult who interfaces with any youth in any capacity must complete and maintain annual certification per Scouts BSA's "Youth Protection" training. Additionally, Troop 1 encourages Adult leaders enroll in other BSA training as soon as possible and maintain current Red Cross Basic First Aid and CPR certifications.

Troop Committee:

The Troop Committee is the troop's steering body. The committee is comprised of no fewer than three and no more than twelve adults. The committee is responsible for the welfare of the scouts, the effectiveness of the troop program and the troop's compliance with Scouts BSA's training and safety requirements. The Troop Committee meets at St. Peter's Church on the second Monday of each month from August through June. Anyone, parents, guardians adult leaders and/or scouts may attend committee meetings. On the rare occasion that the Troop Committee meets in executive session, only committee members and those the committee determines to be essential to the business discussed in executive session may attend. (see Troop 1 Bylaws). The Troop Committee:

- Recruits and assures the training of quality adult leaders.
- Assures there are adequate meeting facilities.
- Directs the Scoutmasters on policies relating to Scouts BSA and the charter organization.
- Supports the adult leaders in their execution of the program.
- Is responsible for troop finances, including both fund raising and accounts payable.
- Oversees aquisition and maintenance of troop property.
- Ensures the troop outdoor program complies with Scouts BSA requirements (minimum 10 days and nights per year).
- Coordinates boards of review and oversees advancement to assure no scouts stagnate
- Assures there are adequate and acceptable programs for any scouts with special needs.

The Troop Committee Chair is Dean A. Campbell, Esquire (302)841-5043.

SCOUT DISCIPLINE

The Scout Master and Assistant Scout Masters do their best to keep scouts in line and living and working following the Scout Law. Serious infractions of discipline are referred to the Committee where a special committee will be created to address the incident. Some of the typical fractions are incidents of bullying, inappropriate language, and occasionally rough housing. None of this behavior is tolerated and will be referred to the Committee for investigation and discipline if appropriate. The Committee has the authority to discipline the scout with penalties ranging from verbal reprimand to expulsion from Troop #1. Parents will be informed at all levels

**LIKE ALL SCOUTS FOR ONE HUNDRED PLUS YEARS TROOP 1 SCOUTS PLEDGE TO
GUIDE THEIR THOUGHTS AND ACTIONS ACCORDING TO THE CANNONS OF THE
SCOUT OATH, SCOUT LAW, SCOUT MOTTO AND SCOUT SLOGAN.**

THE 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.**

THE SCOUT LAW

**A Scout is;
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty,
Brave, Clean and Reverent.**

THE SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared

THE SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily

THE OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to –

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation minded.

TROOP 1

RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENT LISTS

1. Regular Scout Troop Meetings:

- a. Official SBSA Handbook/ pen
- b. Official Field Uniform:
 - 1. Official BSA uniform shirt with appropriate patches
 - 2. Troop 1 Neckerchief and Woggle
 - 3. Official BSA pants or shorts / olive pants or shorts / clean jeans with NO holes
 - 4. Official Scout belt and Hat

2. Camping Trips:

- a. Official BSA Handbook
- b. Watch
- c. Official Field Uniform
- d. Personal Emergency Kit:
 - 1. Matches in a waterproof case
 - 2. Compass
 - 3. Whistle
 - 4. Chap-stick
- e. Personal First Aid Kit (Check list page 127 BSA Handbook)
- f. Rain Gear (poncho or rain suit)
- g. Water Bottle
- h. Mess Kit (Plate, Cup, Bowl, Silverware)
- i. Flashlight/ with extra batteries
- j. Seasonal Clothing
- k. Hiking Boots/ Socks (wool socks & liners preferable for hiking like polypro)
- l. Sleeping Bag (Good Quality 20 degree or lower bag, may want liner for cold weather trips)
- m. Pocket Knife (MUST HAVE Totin' Chip to use)
- n. Day Pack (Book bag)
- o. Pen/ Pencil/ Small notebook
- p. Toothbrush/Toothpaste/ Small roll of toilet paper
- q. Other personal care items (Comb, deodorant, chap-stick, washcloth, soap, etc.)
- r. Sunscreen (minimum SPF15)/ Bug repellent
- s. Something to carry gear in (Backpack or Duffel bag)
- t. TWO (2) large plastic garbage bags
- u. Optional Items:
 - Sleeping pad/mat (closed cell foam)
 - Camera
 - Camp Chair
 - Gloves (Necessary for cold weather camping/ work projects)
 - Rope
 - Hat (Necessary for cold weather camping)

3. Additional Information in the BSA Handbook

- a. Hiking Basic Essentials, pages 264-267
- b. Warm weather Clothing Checklist, page 272
- c. Cold weather Clothing Checklist, page 273
- d. Choosing a Backpack, page 297

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