

Welcome to Troop 002!



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WeBeLoS to Boy Scouts

Get ready to have fun!!!



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Scout Ranks

- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class

Advancement
based on scouting
skills

- Star
- Life
- Eagle

Advancement
based on
leadership and
Merit Badges

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Expected Advancement Timetable

- Earn 1st 4 ranks (up to 1st Class) in 1st year or so
- Progress is at an individual pace
- 1st year of Summer Camp – Will potentially earn 3 Merit Badges (Swimming, 1st Aid and one of choice) and learn great “Mountain Man” skills

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Knowledge – “Scout” Rank

- First rank in Boy Scouts
- WeBeLoS cover most of these requirements before joining



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The Process of Rank Advancement

- Work on and complete the requirements for each rank beginning with Scout and all the way up to Eagle
- Scout Master Conference: A talk with the SM once requirements for the rank are met; The Scout schedules with the SM
- Board of Review: A talk with some Troop adults; Required for Tenderfoot and above; Scout schedules with Advancement Chair via website



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Cub Scouts vs. Boy Scouts

- Boys become more independent
- Advancement is individual, not by group
- More Troop and less Patrol
- More “doing” than “talking”
- Boy lead: “Ask your PL” or “Ask your SPL”
- The boys do almost everything!



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What can we expect from being
part of a Boy Scout troop?



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Troop Leadership & Structure

Troop – made up of various patrols (similar to the Cub Scout Pack)

Patrols – made up of scouts of the same school grade (similar to the Webelos Den)

Patrols can vary for different trips and events – the boys mix throughout the troop for various activities



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Troop Leadership & Structure: Boy Led

- Senior Patrol Leader: Plans troop meetings and works with the Adult Committee to implement plans made by the Patrol Leader's Council; runs the PLC meetings and Troop meetings;
- Patrol Leader: Manages Patrol Corners with his patrol; participates in PLC meetings
- Other roles: ASPL, APL, Quartermaster, Librarian, Chaplain's Aide, Bugler, Historian, Scribe

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What else do the boys do?

- Boys run as much of the Troop as possible, including calendar planning for trips
- Boys serve in Leadership positions in 6 month increments
- Boys set up their camp – tents and cooking
- Boys cook their meals and clean up (!)
- Boys pack their gear
- Boys talk to adult leaders
- Boys do their own work

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What do we adults do?

- More directing than leading
- We are NOT Den Leaders (MUCH less work!)
- Jobs:
 - Advisors/Assistant Scoutmasters
 - Merit Badge Counselors
 - Instructors
 - Committee members
 - Event organizers
- “Put your hands in your pockets”



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General Time Commitments

- Monday night meetings, 7:00 – 8:30 PM (year round, except a few select Mondays)
- One camp-out per month
- One week summer camp
- Regular service projects
- Fundraising opportunities
- Miscellaneous events

You and your scout choose –
You don't have to do everything!!!

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Troop Meetings

- Sometimes instructive, sometimes business, sometimes just fun
- Opening flags, announcements, patrol corners, troop activity, closing ceremony
- No more than 1 1/2 hours
- Be patient. The path to Eagle is a multi-year journey and the boys have a lot of important growing to do!

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What does my Scout need right away?

- Full Uniform:
 - Official shirt with all patches
 - Official pants
 - Official belt
 - Official socks
 - Class B t-shirt (Troop t-shirt or other Scout shirt that is not the formal shirt)
 - Scout Handbook w/Canvas Cover

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What does my Scout need right away?

- Sleeping Bag (lightweight, 20 degrees rating if possible)
- Tent (w/rain fly) – can share w/others, so it can wait if necessary
- Refillable water bottle
- Flashlight
- Mess kit (re-usable Rubbermaid-type container with spoon/fork, or similar)

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Gear – Sleeping Mat

- \$10 Walmart special
- \$60 Therma rest for adults



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Miscellaneous Gear – Later, not right away

- Backpack (one that will grow with your son)
- Orienteering compass (not military)
- Trunk for summer camp (\$18 @ Walmart)
- Full List on the Troop 002 website



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Camping FUN!

- This is what many boys join Scouting for!
- Let the boys pack for themselves from the 1st time out! – LESS IS MORE!
- If your scout is the cook, let him work out what to shop for and bring (there is a budget that he will stick to!)



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Camping Trips

- Boys share tents
- Boys don't sleep with parents
- Everyone contributes to the work load
- Boys do all their own cooking and cleaning
- They have a GREAT time!

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Campout Planning

- Planning for trip is done at troop meeting just prior to the Friday departure
- Duty roster is created
- Tent assignments (including whose tent) are worked out by the Scouts between them!
- Menu planning
- Supply purchasing is completed just prior to trip

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Planning and executing campouts

- Duty Rosters are planned and executed
 - Senior Patrol Leader – organizes those attending, creates the duty roster, is the ultimate organizer of the trip
 - Cook, Assistant Cook – works w/group to plan meals, shops for food, organizes cooking gear, cooks and cleans up for meals
 - Clean-up/Service Patrol

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Troop 002 Specifics

- Chartered by LP HOA, which has supported one of the most successful packs in the District for many years
- Core group of Troop parents were also very active in Pack 002 and in previous Boy Scout Troops
- Goal to be the best troop around for communicating with Scouts and parents



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Troop 002 Specifics

- Chartered with 13 Scouts from 3 troops:
 - 2 Tenth Graders who have attained Eagle Rank
 - 6 Seventh Graders at ranks varying from Scout to almost Star
 - 5 Sixth Graders at ranks from Scout to almost 1st Class
- Key adult positions are filled by committed, experienced parents –
 - Scoutmaster – Mike Shambaugh
 - 3 Assistant Scoutmasters – Rusty Dimmett, Bill Toeppe, Allen Massey
 - Many, many others with a heart for building a strong program
 - Room for more volunteers!



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Troop 002 Philosophy & Attitude

- Good attitude is everything in character development
- Focus on service to the community & others
- Foster an environment of personal growth and self-sufficiency for the boys
- Provide opportunities for fun, friendship, achievement and learning in a safe and challenging environment

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Just a few of our upcoming activities....

- Coffee Can Camping — EVERYTHING your scout needs for the weekend must fit into a coffee can!
- BSA 2010 Scout Jamboree – May – Bert Adams – camping w/ 5,000 scouts!
- Allatoona Aquatics Base – June – A day at the lake to learn a new skill on the water
- Summer Camp – Woodruff Scout Reservation – July for a week!
- Sea Base in 2011!

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Just a few service opportunities

- Cub Scout Day Camp – let your son be the expert this year! A great experience!
- Placement of American Flags in Legacy Park on key holidays
- Neighborhood/community cleanups and projects
- Scouting for Food – BSA's huge event in March! The boys will be hands-on in a way as never before!

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How is all of this fun funded?

- Unlike in Cub Scouts, fundraising proceeds generally go directly to your scout's efforts! If he sells popcorn or other things, the \$ goes directly into his scout account with the troop for use in his scouting trips and dues
- We intend to provide as many opportunities to fundraise as possible without being intrusive!

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What's the next step?

- Pick a troop (we hope it will be Troop 002!)
- If it is Troop 002, please let us know so we'll be prepared when your son crosses over at the Blue and Gold Banquet
- **GET READY FOR THE FUN AND ADVENTURE!**



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We hope you will join us, too!

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Expectations – Discipline

- Boy Scout Sign (“Sign’s Up”)
- Older scouts are the bosses
- 10:00 in tent, 10:30 lights out
- A campfire is a one way street (stuff goes in, it doesn’t come out of the fire!)
- Class A shirt to and from every event
- No horseplay (no sticks)
- Prohibited items (electronics, no knife until it is earned)
- Respect property

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