



Orientation Guide

This Orientation Guide provides useful information about Troop 62 of the Hunterdon Arrowhead District, Central New Jersey Council, Boy Scouts of America

**IF
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SCOUTING!**

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When a scout has questions, he should first call his Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader, then the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (see p. 9).

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REQUIREMENTS for JOINING BSA

1. Be a boy who:
 - has completed 5th grade, or
 - is 11 years of age in the 5th grade, or
 - is 10 ½ years of age and has earned the Arrow of Light award, or
 - is more than 11 years old but not yet 18
2. Submit a completed Boy Scout application and health history signed by your parent or guardian

At this point you are not yet a Boy Scout.

You are a “New Scout” registered with BSA.

REQUIREMENTS TO BECOME A SCOUT

Scoutmaster will work with and test the New Scouts for the rank of Scout.

1. **Repeat** the Pledge of Allegiance to your assigned adult Leader without assistance or use of a book.
2. **Demonstrate** the Scout salute, sign, and handclasp to your assigned adult Leader without assistance or use of a book.
3. **Demonstrate** to your Scoutmaster how to tie a square knot without using any reference or example.
4. **Describe** the Scout Badge to the Scoutmaster without assistance or use of your Handbook.
5. **With your parent or guardian, complete** the exercises in the pamphlet *How to Protect Your Children* from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse, found in the front of your Scout Handbook.
6. **Discuss** with the Scoutmaster that you understand and agree to live by:

The Scout Oath
The Scout Law
The Scout Motto

The Scout Slogan
The Outdoor Code

7. **Participate** in a Scoutmaster Conference with the Troop Scoutmaster.

After recognition of the rank, the Scout is allowed to wear the “Scout” badge on his uniform.



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Boy Scout Troop 62

1986-88 Assistant Scoutmaster

1988 – present: Scoutmaster

Scout Training

Merit Badge Counselor

1986 Volunteer / Professional Development Task Force Focus Group

1986 Fast Start Program

1986/2004 Scoutmaster Fundamentals (completed goals 1987)

2011 Scoutmaster's Key

/96/98/2000/01/02/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/11 Safe Swim Defense

1994/96/98/2000/02/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/11 Safety Afloat

1995 Wood Badge Training NIV72 (completed Ticket 1997)

1995 Order of the Arrow (Ordeal Member) Sanhican Lodge #2

1996/98/2000/02/03/04/05/06/07/08/09/10/11 Youth Protection

1997/2000 BSA Life Guard

2010/11 Climb on Safely BSA

2008/11 Trek on Safely BSA

2009/10 Weather Hazards BSA

Other

1995 Day / Skills / Cabin / Tent Rolling Hills Girl Scout Council

1997/2011 CPR (BLS) American Heart Association

1996/98 to present - Troop 461 Girl Scout Camping Advisor

Lifetime member Girl Scouts of America

1996 Scoutmaster Award of Merit

2008 District Award of Merit

1999 Scoutmaster of the Year, Central New Jersey Council, BSA

2000 American Red Cross Canoe Fundamentals

2000/2001/2002/2011 American Red Cross CPR and First Aid

2001/2002/2003 Patriots Path Council University of Scouting Faculty

2011 First Aid American Heart Association



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- 2 years Webelos Leader and Assistant Cubmaster
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- Fast Start Program
- Scoutmaster Fundamentals
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- Safety Afloat
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INTRODUCTION

The goal of Troop 62 is to provide young men with a full program in the Scouting experience. The values we strive to instill are based upon those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

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	Obedient
Loyal	Cheerful
Helpful	Thrifty
Friendly	Brave
Courteous	Clean
Kind	Reverent

A further explanation of the Oath and Law can be found in the Scout Handbook.



SLOGAN AND MOTTO

“Do a Good Turn Daily” and ***“Be Prepared”*** are the Scout slogan and motto. Scouts in Troop 62 are expected to do a good turn daily every day, not just when they are camping, but when they are at home and school. A ***Good Turn*** is an unsolicited action by the Scout where a useful service is performed for family, friend, or neighbor. ***Be Prepared*** – the Scout motto – is encouraged in all we do, be it preparing for a hike, packing for a camping trip, preparing for a school field trip, or helping to get ready for a family vacation; its value never ceases to be realized. Teamed with camping and the fellowship of their peers, the Scout Law, Oath, Slogan, and Motto enhance and promote each Scout’s character and self-confidence.

Purpose of the Boy Scouts

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America is to provide for boys an effective program designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop their personal fitness, thus helping in the development of American citizens who:

- Are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit.
- Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.
- Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts.
- Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems.
- Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.
- Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.
- Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and the forums of the world.

Scouting Goals

- **Character Building** – This can be defined as what a boy is, his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.
- **Citizenship Development** – Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, and to the government that presides over that society.
- **Mental, Moral, and Physical Fitness Development** - Fitness includes the body (well tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

Scouting Methods

Ideals – The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve.

Patrols – The patrol method gives Scouts experience in group living, participation, and citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they can easily relate to each other.

Outdoors – Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to depend on each other. Outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose.

Advancement – Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through advancement. Using the Scout Handbook, the Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he overcomes each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in advancement help a boy develop self-reliance and ability to help others.

Personal Growth – As Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. The religious emblems program is also a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development – Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and personal leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform – The uniform makes the Scout Troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is also practical attire for Scout activities, providing a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

Membership & Registration

Scouts – Membership is limited to boys between the ages of 11 and 18 years with the exception that a boy may enter the troop if he has completed the fifth grade, is 11 years old, or has earned the Arrow of Light.

Each Scout will need to fill out the Boy Scouts of America *application form*, pay the *registration fees* and *troop dues*. In addition, before participating in a campout, a Scout must submit a *permission form* signed by a parent or guardian.

Adults, Troop Committee – Membership in the Troop Committee is open to any interested adult over the age of 21 that is approved by the Chartering Organization. The chairman of the Troop Committee is appointed by the Chartering Organization. Parents of Scouts are encouraged to participate in the Troop Committee. They must register as a Scouter. Each Scouter qualifies for one vote on the committee. Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are encouraged to attend meetings but may not vote.

Parental Involvement – Parents are encouraged to get involved with the troop and we have a place for everyone. Besides Assistant Scoutmaster and Committee positions, we need parents to help with driving to campouts, be Merit Badge Counselors, and assist with other tasks. For more information, contact the Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster.

Registration – All Scouts are required to pay the BSA annual registration fee and insurance as well as dues established by the Troop Committee. A subscription to Boy's Life Magazine is included with the registration. Total fees are **\$38.00** for the scouting year.

Medical Restrictions – Restrictions, including allergic reactions to plants, foods, or animals, and required medications / dosages must be made known to adult leaders. There is a separate form to submit for Troop 62 files.

Youth Protection Guidelines – Boy Scouts of America requires “two-deep” leadership, where at least two adults, at least one over 21 years of age, are present at every Boy Scout activity, one of whom has been trained by the Boy Scouts of America in Youth Protection. Educating leaders, educating Scouts, separate accommodations for Scouts and adults (unless with his own parent or guardian), proper preparation for activities, and reference checking of all adult leaders and counselors are major parts of the Youth Protection Guidelines.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Troop Organization

Scouts – The troop is organized so that **the scouts are the functional leaders**. The **Senior Patrol Leader** (SPL) operates the troop in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America and within the guidelines established by the Troop Committee and with the oversight of the Scoutmaster and his assistants. The SPL is assisted by the **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** (ASPL) and **Patrol Leaders** (PLs). They meet monthly at a Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC).



The Scouts are organized into patrols, with a **Patrol Leader** and an **Assistant Patrol Leader** (APL) leading each patrol. The goal is to have approximately eight scouts in each patrol.



A group of new Scouts entering the Troop is usually organized into a New Scout Patrol. The goal is for this patrol to work at advancing their members to the rank of **First Class** after about one year of active participation. The outdoor program is designed to develop their outdoor skills and advancement. Boys joining the troop individually will usually be placed with a New Scout Patrol or with a Regular Patrol as appropriate based on age/rank.

Regular patrols are generally made up of Scouts who are of First Class rank or actively working on achieving that rank, which makes them eligible for more rigorous activities that make use of the skills learned through First Class.

Scoutmaster – The Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters supervise and oversee the daily operations of the Troop. This includes membership, meetings, campouts, special events and activities, equipment, discipline, and advancement. The Scoutmaster reports to the Troop Committee.

Assistant Scoutmasters / Coach Counselors – The Assistant Scoutmasters counsel, advise, and encourage the boys while monitoring their progress. The

Troop Organization (continued)

Assistant Scoutmasters act in unison with the Scoutmaster and report directly to him.

Merit Badge Counselors – Merit badge counselors can be Scoutmasters, Committee members, parents, or any interested adult at least 18 years old. They must be proficient in the subject by vocation or hobby and need to be registered with the Boy Scouts of America (no fee). As with adult leaders, registration provides that every adult's references will be checked before working with boys.

Troop Committee – The Troop Committee's general responsibilities include:

- ✓ Providing and supporting competent adult leadership for the Troop
- ✓ Providing adequate meeting facilities
- ✓ Carrying out the policies of Boy Scouts of America
- ✓ Helping with the acquisition and maintenance of Troop equipment
- ✓ Supporting the advancement program
- ✓ Helping the Troop recruit new boys
- ✓ Supporting the outdoor program
- ✓ Keeping the boys and their parents informed

The Troop Committee is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan.

Chartering Organization – The Flemington Presbyterian Church, as our chartering organization, is the owner and operator of our official unit of the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 62.

Troop Leadership – The elected positions in the troop are the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leaders. The Senior Patrol Leader must be at least **Star** rank and must attend 60% or more of the meetings and campouts in the six months prior to election. (Example: 24 meetings and 6 campouts = 30 activities, of which at least 18 meetings or campouts must have been attended.) The Patrol Leaders should be at least **First Class** rank and have 60% attendance, except for New Scout Patrols, where the leadership is generally on a rotation basis the first year. The Scoutmaster may waive the requirement for the Patrol Leaders at his discretion.

Elections will be held approximately every six months at a regular Wednesday night Scout meeting, spring and fall. Opportunity will be given for each candidate to make a campaign speech on the night of the election. All scouts are eligible to vote. A simple majority is required to elect; a runoff of the top two candidates will be held if the initial vote does not elect an SPL. Scouts can serve only two consecutive terms as SPL.

The newly elected Senior Patrol Leader will appoint one or two Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. Other troop leadership positions (Scribe, Historian, Chaplain, Quartermaster, etc.) are elected. The Scoutmaster may appoint Troop Guides or Den Chiefs, depending on interest in the position, rank advancement need, and troop needs.

Each patrol will elect their patrol leader the week after the SPL election, in the same manner as the SPL election. Scouts can serve only two consecutive terms as Patrol Leader. Each patrol may elect an Assistant Patrol Leader, Scribe, and Quartermaster.

Troop Policies & Procedures

Troop Meetings – The Troop meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month from 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. at the Flemington Presbyterian Church, with the following exceptions (consult the troop calendar for actual meeting dates):

√ Any day School is closed	√ Summer	√ Christmas Holidays
√ Spring Break	√ Holidays	√ Day before Thanksgiving

The SPL, or ASPL in his absence, will be in charge of the meeting. All events and announcements should be scheduled into the agenda through him.

The general meeting format includes time for a meeting of the entire Troop before separating into smaller groups for program work such as planning upcoming events, working on skills, games, or competitions. Troop meetings always close with a Troop fellowship circle and a Scoutmaster's Minute of inspiration. Parents and Scouts are asked to be prompt in their arrival and departure. Parents must not leave unless two other adults are present. Adult leaders must remain until the last boy is picked up. The troop is responsible for cleaning up the building prior to leaving, in exchange for the privilege of using the facilities.

Parents and adult visitors are always welcome to attend Troop meetings. Adults without specific responsibilities during the meeting are expected to be seated at the rear of the meeting room and to maintain proper and respectful behavior.

Scoutmaster Conferences are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

A **Board of Review** is scheduled for the meeting after the monthly campout. During the general meeting, the Board of Review meets with each Scout who has passed his Scoutmaster's Conference and is prepared to advance to the next rank.

A **Court of Honor** is scheduled approximately every four months to present badges of advancement and achievement.

PLC Meetings – Patrol Leaders Conferences are held each month for the purpose of planning the meeting agendas for the following month as well as any long range planning that is appropriate. The SPL, or in his absence, the ASPL, will chair this meeting. The Patrol Leaders, Scribe, and Assistant Patrol Leaders attend this meeting along with any other interested Scouts who may come and contribute their ideas.

Troop Committee Meetings – The Troop Committee meetings will be held at 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month during the troop meeting. The Troop Committee Chairman is the moderator of this meeting and is responsible for the agenda of the meeting.

Troop Activities

An active outdoor program that exposes Scouts to new, exciting opportunities is key to a successful program and consistent advancement. The troop will schedule a campout each month with at least one week-long summer camp each year. All Scouts are encouraged to participate in these campouts, with activities such as hiking, swimming, camping, boating, backpacking, and canoeing.

Campouts – For most overnight campouts, departure is early Saturday morning from the church. Return is to the same place on Sunday afternoon and will always be announced prior to departure. Scouts need to eat a sound breakfast before leaving home Saturday morning and typically will need to bring a bag lunch. The boys will plan the menus (to be approved), buy their food, and cook their meals with their patrols unless otherwise directed. Typical cost for an overnight campout including food, camp fees, and transportation costs are about \$15 - \$20. Cancellations must be made before food is purchased by the patrol in order to be refunded.

Patrol cooking equipment and tents are normally provided by the troop, with each patrol checking out needed gear (from the Quartermaster) and being responsible for its proper return.

Transportation – The troop depends on parents for transportation to and from the campsites. All parents are expected to help with transportation during the course of the year. When each parent takes a turn, it does not overburden a few. All drivers for any troop event must be licensed drivers over the age of 21 and should carry the minimum insurance coverage recommended by the BSA (\$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000). Each passenger is required to use a seat belt at all times. Since personal vehicles are being used, no food or drinks are allowed in the vehicles. (See current guidelines in the Scout Handbook or ask a Scoutmaster.)

Summer Camp – Summer Camp is the singular activity that sets Scouting apart from most other youth programs and is the culmination of a Scout's participation in Troop meetings and weekend campouts. While at a week-long Summer Camp, Scouts have opportunities to improve their Scout skills, work toward earning advancement, make new Scout friends, and enjoy wholesome fun. Only at Camp can they have the fun of hiking through the woods, learning to handle a canoe, swimming, and sharing with their brother Scouts the inspiration of an evening campfire program.

Our goal is to attend a Summer Camp each year that will be exciting and educating for our Scouts. Each fall, the PLC selects the Summer Camp and the Troop Committee approves it for the coming year based on data gathered concerning camp programs, locations, costs, reputations, and other factors. The dates of Summer Camp are also determined based upon the Troop schedule and campsite availability. Summer Camp dates are announced to the entire Troop and published in the troop newsletter (Trailblazer) as soon as they are available.

Troop Activities (continued)

Most Scouts rate Summer Camp as the highlight of the year. National statistics show that Scouts who attend Summer Camp are more likely to remain Boy Scouts and advance to the rank of Eagle than non-attendees.

The cost of Summer Camp is inexpensive compared with other week-long activities. We do not want any Scout to fail to attend Summer Camp due to financial difficulties. Please notify the Troop Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster as soon as you become aware of any Scout who cannot afford to attend Camp. The earlier we are aware of any problem, the more easily we can solve it. Please understand that all personal problems will be treated confidentially.

Special needs will also be addressed.

Handbook & Uniform

Handbook – The first need of a newly registered Scout is ***The Official Boy Scout Handbook***. This book contains the basics of outdoors knowledge and skills that every Scout will learn. It can be obtained from any of the Scout Shop locations. Handbooks should be brought to all Troop meetings and outings. **Tip:** To take note of announcements, Scouts should keep a small notebook and pen with their Handbook.

The Troop has current Handbooks (see a Scoutmaster).

Uniform – The uniform makes the Scout Troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is also practical attire for Scout activities, providing a way for Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

The Class A uniform consists of a BSA khaki shirt, ball cap style hat, belt, and Scout pants. This uniform is worn at all Scout events such as meetings, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, Council or District events, when traveling to and from camp, and whenever the public is in attendance.

The Troop has a uniform exchange program (see a Scoutmaster).

Uniforms can be purchased at any Scout Shop or through the Boy Scout catalog. The approximate cost of the uniform is **\$80 - \$100**. Used uniforms are often available from the troop. Also, Summer Camp T-shirts may be purchased from the Troop. The T-shirt is recommended as it is an inexpensive, good-looking shirt for outdoor activities that helps the boys blend as a troop and extend the life

of the BSA shirt. Contact the Troop Committee Chairman for additional information.

Insignia – The inner face of the cover of the Boy Scout Handbook illustrates placement of insignia including:

- Central New Jersey Council Strip (left sleeve)
- 30th Anniversary Patch (left sleeve under CNJC strip)
- Troop 62 number (left sleeve)
- American flag (right sleeve)
- Patrol patch (right sleeve)
- Troop office (if applicable – left sleeve)
- Quality Unit patch (if applicable – right sleeve.
Only the latest year's award is worn.)



- Arrow of Light (if applicable – under left pocket. This is the only Cub Scout badge worn by Boy Scouts who have earned it.)



- Rank (left pocket)
- Temporary event patch (right pocket)

Ask a Scoutmaster for an insignia placement diagram, or check the bulletin board in the Scout meeting room at the church.

Camping Equipment & Policy

For a boy to participate in our active outdoor program, enjoy himself, and have fun, he will need certain equipment. While the total cost may seem high, it can be purchased over a year or so. The best advice to parents is **DON'T BUY JUNK!** Important concerns for comfort are quality, weight, durability, and weatherproofing. If you have any doubts about the quality or serviceability of equipment, please discuss them with the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Used equipment may be available through the Troop. The Boy Scout Handbook contains an excellent list of gear. Our gear list includes:

- ⇒ **Sleeping Bag** – Check the temperature range of the bag, if available. Our coldest campout has been zero degrees F. The weight of the bag should not be more than six to eight pounds. Approximate cost is \$60 to \$100. Rather than down insulation, a bag with synthetic insulation (such as Quallofil™, Polyfil™ or Polarguard™) is recommended because it can be machine washed. Also, if it gets wet during a campout, it will be uncomfortable but will retain its insulating qualities (a wet down bag will not).

- ⇒ **Sleeping Pad** – A pad provides cushioning and insulation from cold ground. It is *essential* in cold weather camping. Cost range is \$8 - \$80.
- ⇒ **Mess Kit** – Approximate cost for a generic mess kit is \$5 - \$10. The BSA mess kit is more expensive.
- ⇒ **Utensil Kit** – Approximate cost for a generic utensil kit is \$3 - \$5.
- ⇒ **Rain Poncho** – Approximate cost is \$5 - \$10.
- ⇒ **Canteen or One-Quart Water Bottle** – The Boy Scout canteen is excellent; some boys use a water bottle that fits a pouch on their backpack.
- ⇒ **Small Flashlight** and extra batteries
- ⇒ **Small Personal First Aid Kit** – Can be made up at home.
- ⇒ **Comb, Toothbrush, Personal Necessities**
- ⇒ **Money** – A few dollars are always good to have for unscheduled stops.
- ⇒ **Backpack with Padded Hip Belt** – Please consult with the Scoutmaster before you invest in a pack. One that fits is a must. Approximate cost is \$40 - \$80.

Note to Parents: These items make a great gift. Also consider letting the Scout earn the money to buy some of these things himself.

SCOUTMASTER'S NOTE TO PARENTS / GUARDIANS:

NOT RECOMMENDED! NOT RECOMMENDED! NOT RECOMMENDED!

Expensive items, fad items, Walkman, CD player, pager, GameBoy, cell phones, I-pods, excessive money, etc. These things distract from the Scouting adventure and have no place in the BSA syllabus!

If you believe a “must have” situation exists (cell phone, pager, etc.), please understand leaders will not be responsible in any way for the items. If you’re not sure, ask.

YOUR SON is responsible for **his** belongings. To avoid confusion, PLEASE put his name and “Troop 62” on all items. There is great similarity in camping gear and outdoor clothing.

Rank Advancement

Troop 62 pursues an active program designed not only for enjoyment but also to encourage and facilitate advancement along both individual and group paths.

Each Scout is strongly encouraged to work towards and earn Scouting's highest honor, the rank of Eagle Scout. The Troop will closely monitor each Scout's progress along the advancement trail both to keep interest at a high level and to maintain a desired high level of quality in the advancement program. Scouts and parents are reminded that Scouting stresses both individual initiative and close participation in group accomplishments.

A Scout advances from one rank to the next by fulfilling certain requirements of tenure, adherence to the high standards of the Scout Promise and Law, participating in Troop activities and in selected projects of community service, learning and demonstrating various Scout skills, and by earning various Merit Badges. Rank advancement and Merit Badges are earned by participating in the Troop's program under the direction and guidance of the Scoutmaster, his assistants, and members of the Troop Committee, and by individual efforts under the direction of specific counselors approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee. Unlike Cub Scouting, rank requirements and badges are signed off only by the adult Coach Counselors and Scoutmasters and not by parents. **A Merit Badge or a badge of Rank is recognition of what a boy is able to do, not a reward for what he has done.**

It should be a major goal of each Scout to achieve the rank of First Class within one year of joining Scouts. The attainment of this rank signifies that a Scout has learned the skills required to enjoy the outdoors safely. Every Scout is provided a high level encouragement and numerous opportunities to learn the skills required for First Class.

Boy Scouts is a participatory organization. Scouts are expected to attend and participate in as many Scouting activities as possible. This includes both indoor and outdoor events, meetings, campouts, hikes, etc. The camping experience is one of the things which sets Boy Scouts apart from other organizations. It is through the outdoor experiences that the Scouts learn and grow, as the program was intended. Without regular participation, the Scout is not gaining from the program. It would be unfair to the Scouts and to Scouting to push the Scouts through the **Eagle** rank without the skills expected of Scouts in this time-honored position.

After the rank of **First Class**, participation becomes a key requirement for advancement in **Star**, **Life**, and **Eagle**. Participation reflects Scout Spirit and impacts a Scout's advancement. To advance through these ranks, Troop 62 requires **60% participation** in all indoor and outdoor activities.

Scoutmaster Conference – After completing all the requirements for his next rank, each Scout must schedule a conference with the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. The purpose of this conference is to review the Scout's qualifications for advancement and prepare him for a Board of Review. Note that while Scoutmaster Conferences are done by the Scoutmaster or any Assistant Scoutmaster, all Conferences for the rank of Star and above are done only by the Scoutmaster.

During his Scoutmaster Conference, each Scout will be expected to review his activity and achievements. He will also be questioned about the things he has learned in Scouting. He will be encouraged to schedule a Board of Review. The Conference is an opportunity to review the Scout's personal growth and set goals for further advancement.



GETTING 'EM OVER

Handbook for Patrol Leaders BSA 1964

Board of Review – A Scout who has completed all the requirements for a rank, including his Scoutmaster Conference, is scheduled for the next Board of Review, which is typically held during the Wednesday meeting that follows the monthly campout. A Scout must appear before the Board in Class A uniform and have his Boy Scout Handbook.

The Board of Review has three purposes:

1. To make sure the work has been learned and completed (not retested).
2. To find out what kind of experience the boy is having in his patrol and troop.
3. To encourage the Scout to progress further.

This is not a time to retest the Scout, but to determine the Scout's attitude and his acceptance of Scouting ideals.

A Board of Review consists of at least three Committee members; the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters do not participate.

An Eagle Board of Review differs in that it is composed of a member of the Troop Committee and two from the Hunterdon Arrowhead District. Therefore, the Scout must work with the Advancement Committee Chairman to ensure that his Eagle Board of Review is scheduled in advance.

Court of Honor – After successful completion of the Board of Review, the Scout will be recognized as soon as possible, usually at the next regularly scheduled meeting. All Scouts who have advanced are also recognized at a Troop Court of Honor. These Courts of Honor are held three or four times a year. Merit Badges, Special Awards, and Rank pins and cards (and cloth badges, if not already presented at a regular meeting) are presented during this public ceremony. Parents and guests are not only invited, but are encouraged to attend all Courts of Honor.

Parents will be contacted from time to time by the Special Events Chairman, who will request assistance with refreshments for the Court of Honor. Please help us by doing your share.

Eagle Courts of Honor require special arrangements that the Eagle Scout's parents handle and schedule with the Scoutmaster.

Merit Badges

Merit Badges, required for all ranks above First Class, involve specialized study in a wide variety of art, craft, hobby, sport, trade, and professional areas. Generally, we believe the Scouts below the rank of Second Class should not work on Merit Badges. It is more important that they acquire the basic Scout skills required for advancement to First Class.

After selecting a Merit Badge of interest, the steps a Scout takes to earn it are:

1. Find at least one other Scout who is interested in working with you on the same merit badge.
2. Get a signed Merit Badge Card (sometimes called a "blue card") from a Scoutmaster or the Advancement Chairman. He will provide the name, address, and telephone number of an approved Merit Badge Counselor (see the Troop Guide or Librarian first).
3. Contact the Merit Badge Counselor (MBC). With another Scout, visit the MBC to learn what is expected.
4. Get the Merit Badge book on the subject. (Some books are available in the Troop library. If you prefer not to purchase your own, see the Troop Librarian about borrowing one. Be sure to return it in good condition.)
5. Learn and do the activities that the Merit Badge book requires.
6. When ready, call the MBC again for an appointment. Bring along the items completed to meet the requirements. The MBC will spend time with the Scout to confirm he has met the requirements. When satisfied, the MBC will sign the Merit Badge Card.
7. Return the signed card to the Advancement Chairman/Scoutmaster, who will obtain the badge for presentation at the next Court of Honor.

Until the Merit Badge Card is returned to the Advancement Chairman, the requirements have not been completed and no credit is given for any work completed.

Remember, a Merit Badge should reflect what a Scout can do, not just what he has done!

When special opportunities arise to earn Merit Badges, the Scoutmaster or MBC will inform the troop. Occasionally, Merit Badges may be taught at Troop meetings. We have been very grateful for the large number of parents in the Troop who act as Merit Badge Counselors for one or more merit badges, as this makes it convenient for the Scouts to earn them. *Parents are encouraged to contact the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, or Advancement Chairman for further information and to sign up as a Merit Badge Counselor. Please fill out a resource survey form (attached).*

Important Reminder: Keep your portion of the blue card, the printed (Council-issued) Merit Badge Card, and your rank advancement cards in a safe place! If there are any missing records at Council when you are about to become Eagle, having all of your records will help prove what you've earned.

For All Scouting Activities

We recognize that for our boys to grow into responsible men, they need to be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, a Scout will be disciplined if he:

- Intentionally participates in an activity that has the potential to cause harm to himself or to other Troop members, or
- Behaves in a manner that reflects negatively upon Troop 62 or the Boy Scouts of America, or
- Intentionally participates in any activity that may cause damage to public or private property

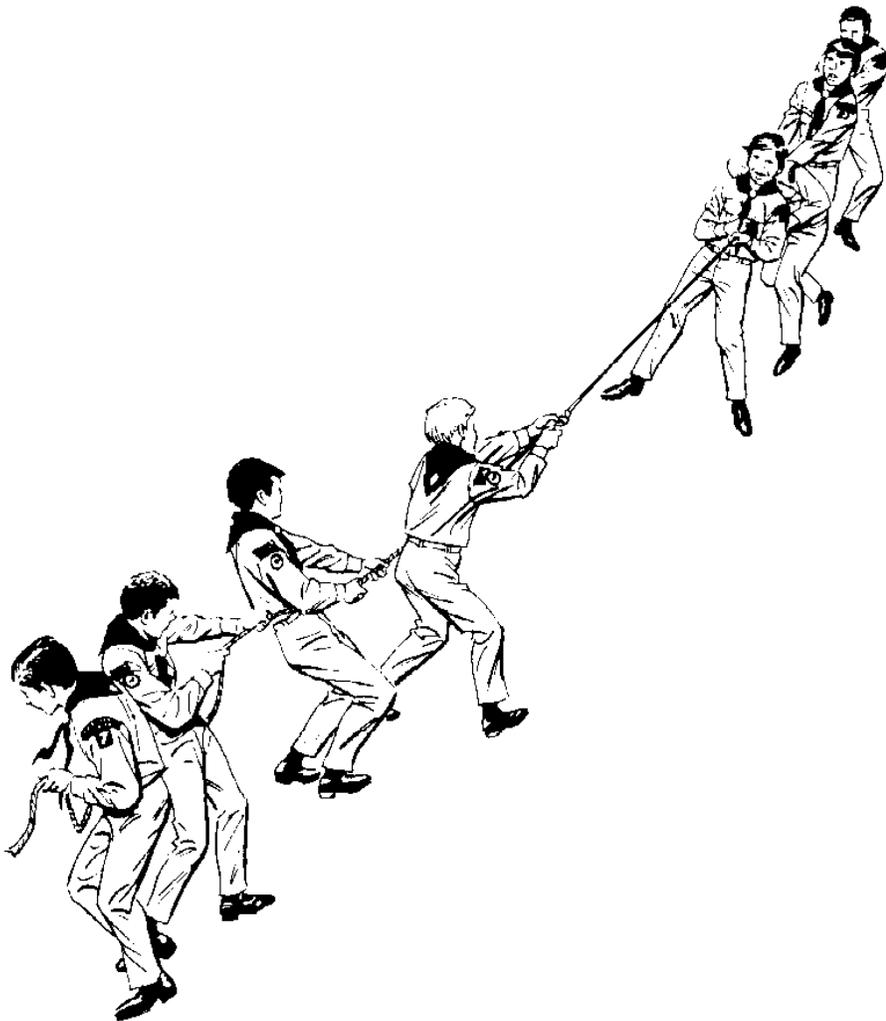
Behavior that is cause for disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to:

1. Not following Scoutmaster's or Leader's orders
2. Significantly unsafe actions
3. Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of another person
4. Leaving designated areas without the Scoutmaster's permission
5. Not telling a Scoutmaster or the SPL of one's whereabouts at all times
6. Going to another area other than that requested
7. Entering property marked "No Trespassing"
8. Use of cursing, foul language, or offensive gestures
9. Excessively rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior
10. Exploring physical hazards without permission and supervision (creeks, cliffs, etc.)
11. Use of tobacco products and use of or being under the influence of alcoholic beverages or controlled or illegal substances (such use by a Scout or adult (leader or guest) is prohibited by the BSA)

We expect that with this policy clearly stated, Scouts will know the rules and be comfortable with an atmosphere of tolerance toward other's rights that helps build a secure feeling of trust and brotherhood in Scouting.

Discipline Procedure – The leader in charge will discuss the infraction with the Scout at the time of violation, reminding him of the Behavior and Discipline Policy. Three warnings of disruptive behavior during a single activity (meeting, campout, etc.) will result in a conference with the Scoutmaster. The Troop Committee Chairman and parents will be notified.

A Scout who seriously misbehaves during a campout or Troop meeting will be subject to having his parents called to come and remove him from the activity. The Scoutmaster in charge, at his discretion, may suspend the Scout from attending any Troop activities until the situation has been resolved. In such a case, the Scoutmaster will immediately notify the Troop Committee Chairman and the parents to schedule a formal meeting attended by the Scout and his parents and the Troop Committee Chairman to determine appropriate discipline. Possible actions include temporary suspension, requiring the Scout's parent to attend the next activity (or several activities), or expulsion from the Troop.



Scouting Literature

Many of the questions Scouts and parents have regarding skills or general information can be found in Scouting publications from BSA. The books listed below provide answers to most frequently asked questions.

The Boy Scout HANDBOOK (A MUST!**)**

This book is required; it provides general information and advancement requirements, and serves as a completion log.

FIELDBOOK – Boy Scouts of America

Contains information on outdoor skills and supplements the HANDBOOK.

Insignia Guide

Describes proper placement of all insignia and correct wearing of uniform items.

Boy Scout Requirements (see *Scoutmaster*)

Includes information on all merit badge requirements, advancement, and special opportunity awards.

Junior Leader's Handbook

Describes the responsibilities of each Troop position and organization.
(Highly recommended)

OKPIK

Provides valuable information on cold weather camping and outdoor skills.

Some of the books listed above are available in the Troop library. Check with the Troop Librarian. All can be purchased from Scouting distributors.

Scout Stores & Websites

Store / Website	Remarks
Central New Jersey Council 2245 US Highway 130, Suite 106 Dayton NJ 08810-2420 609-419-1600 www.cnjcsouting.org www.BEASCOUT.ORG	Trading Post on-site Supplies all Scouting items & awards. Round trip of ~70 miles from Flemington (~45 minutes one way)
Flemington Department Store Route 31 Flemington, NJ	Supplies Scouting items & awards. Round trip of ~2 miles from downtown Flemington (~5-10 minutes one way)

Watchung Area Council
1130 Route 22 West
Mountainside, NJ 07092
(908) 654-9191

Supplies Scouting items & awards.

J.C. Penny Catalogue

CampMor

<http://www.campmor.com>

EMS (Eastern Mountain Sports)

<http://www.emsonline.com>

Cabela's

<http://www.cabelas.com>

L.L. Bean

<http://www.llbean.com>

Planet Outdoors

<http://www.planetoutdoors.com/Home/0.1169.1.00.asp>

The Scout Shop

<http://www.pinetrebsa.org/scoutshop/camping/camping.htm>

The Backpacker's Shop

<http://www.backpackersshop.com>

Gear Pro Camping Equipment

<http://www.beautifulshopping.com/camping.shtml>

Web site with links to MANY stores:

<http://www.dmoz.org/Recreation/Outdoors/Equipment/Retail>

BSA Supply Division

<http://www.scoutstuff.org>

**U.S. Scouting Service Project
(free Clipart and more)**

<http://www.usscouts.org/cd>

Note: To purchase an *Order of the Arrow* or an *Eagle* award, proof the award was earned is required.

Troop 62 Eagle Scouts

Stanley Hume 1937	Joseph R. Petrella, Jr. 1997	Brian J. Catton 2004
James Ballin 1947	Brian K. Sung 1997	Scott M. Feltes 2005
Edwin J. Olmstead 1961	Steven J. Gillberg 1997	Daniel J. Guss 2005
Gary A. Hunter 1964	Sanford C. Harty 1997	Anthony B. Masucci 2006
Douglas W. Cromeey 1974	Francis J. Dumbreski 1997	Jonathan B. Mellinger 2006
Keith B. Fernandes 1975	Matthew R. Abbate 1998	Steven T. Rue 2007
Charles E. Britton 1978	Scott J. Donnelly 1998	Patrick M. Fox 2007
Eric D. Terjesen 1981	Douglas A. Pictroski 1999	Brandon P. Rhea 2007
Mark A. Mazewski 1981	Patrick J. Smith 1999	Brent A. Long 2007
Paul S. Szwed 1981	Michael Scanlan 1999	Kyle Weber 2007
Marc C. Rehman 1983	Bradley W. Nash 1999	Adam Guss 2008
Jeffrey R. Terjesen 1984	Justin D. Crane 2000	J Evan Tomsky 2008
James C. Barbee 1984	Edward J. Gettings, Jr. 2000	G Ian Tomsky 2009
Derrick Smith 1986	Christopher Y. Chen 2000	Phillip Barry 2009
Thomas Sheppard 1988	Jeremy D. Kiefer 2001	Michael Muller 2009
Christopher F. Conte 1989	Christopher D. Mellinger 2002	Michael T. Mellinger 2010
Michael P. Curtin 1991	Stephen E. Riche 2003	David E. Riche 2010
Aaron D. Scott 1993	Floyd R. V. Campbell, III 2003	Eric Tiedemann 2010
Christopher E. Finnegan 1994	Andrzej R. Lubaszka 2003	Timothy Bragg 2011
Ben Hambright 1996	Jeffrey J. Yankowski 2004	

TROOP 62 RESEARCH SURVEY

Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop. In making this survey, the committee wishes to find ways you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Scout family of Troop No. 62 in the Central New Jersey Council.

Please return this survey to SM John Curtin, ASM Bruce Riche, or Advancement Chairman Dave Kiefer (Please print)

Name _____ Home phone _____

Street Address _____ Business phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1. What is your favorite hobby? _____ Occupation _____

2. In what sports do you take an active part? _____

3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally? _____

4. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

General Activities

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Bookkeeping
- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other _____
(please print)

Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in boards of review
- I have a sport utility vehicle, minivan, or truck
- I have a workshop
- I have family camping gear
- I have access to a cottage
- I have access to camping property
- I can make contacts for special trips & activities
- I can help with troop equipment
- I have access to a personal computer
- Other _____

5. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach:

- Ropework (knots & lashings)
- Outdoor cooking
- First aid
- Star study
- Map & compass use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife and ax handling
- Citizenship
- Camping



MERIT BADGES



Check the merit badges that you can help Boy Scouts earn:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroadng |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Culture | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile & Amphibian Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design and Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Small-Boat Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and Water Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the World | <input type="checkbox"/> General Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship | | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork |

Other skills and activities I could assist in for the older-Scout program:

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Freestyle biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Rappelling | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba diving | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Video/photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Slow-pitch softball | <input type="checkbox"/> Volleyball |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain man | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater canoeing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Soccer | <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Rafting | <input type="checkbox"/> Spelunking | |

