

Troop 375 & General Scouting Information

Important Websites & Links

Scoutbook

<https://scoutbook.scouting.org>

Scoutbook Plus Internet Advancement
<https://advancements.scouting.org/login>

Tecumseh Council Website
<https://tecumsehCouncilbsa.org>

MyScouting

<https://my.scouting.org>

Troop Website

<https://www.t375.org>

Troop E-mail

t375@ymail.com

Troop Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/233363272342912>

Troop GroupMe Account

https://groupme.com/join_group/92735409/vmaYzzSx

Flickr

<http://www.flickr.com>

Scoutbook

- ▶ This will be your main source of information as a scout and a parent.
- ▶ You will need a password and username to access this site.
- ▶ You can create an account or reset your username and password.
- ▶ You will be able to see your scout, their rank, their advancements, their patrol, their merit badges, their awards as well as their payment logs.
- ▶ This will be the location of our Troop events and where you will find detailed information and be able to RSVP to those events.
- ▶ If your scout wants to start a merit badge, this page is where you would request a merit badge counselor or if you are a merit badge counselor, you will be able to check off requirements.

Scoutbook: My Dashboard

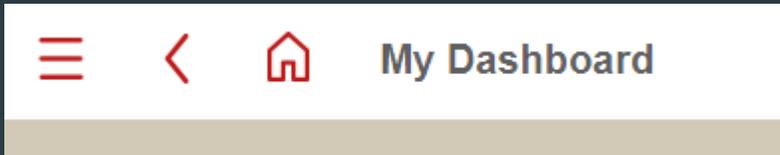
** Example **

The screenshot shows the Scoutbook My Dashboard interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon and the text "My Dashboard". Below this is a "Administration" section with a gear icon. The main content area is divided into several sections: "My Account" with a warning message, "My Merit Badge Counseling" with links for Quick Entry, Edit Merit Badges, Print Blue Cards, Send Message for Counselor, and MB In Progress - MBC View; "My Family" with a redacted area; "Messages"; "Events"; "Upcoming Events" with a list of events including Buffalo Wild Wings Troop Fundraiser, Scouting for Food - Flyer Drop Off, Mike's Bike Park Lockin, Scouting for Food - Pick Up and Organize, Backpacking, and Red Robin Troop Fundraiser; "My Calendar" with a "Create New Event" button; and "Reports Menu". On the right side, there is a "My Units" section showing "Troop 375 B" and "Bellbrook Lions Club".

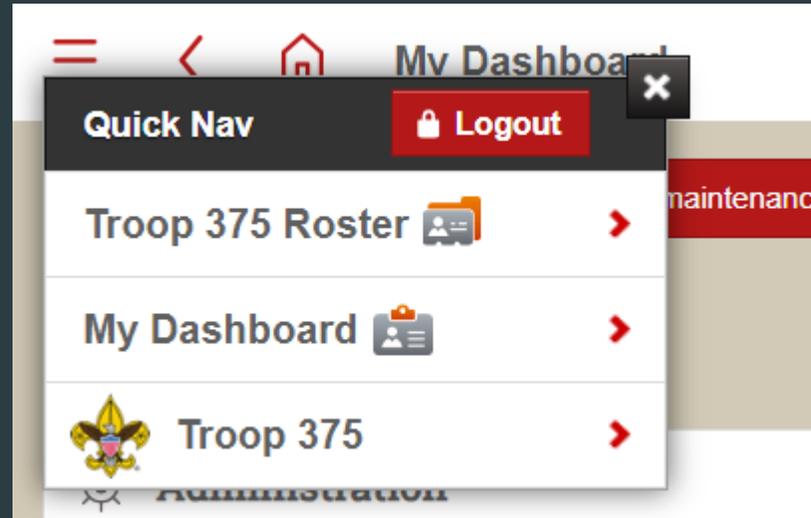
This screenshot shows a vertical navigation menu with the following items: "My Dashboard", "my.Scouting Home Page", "my.Scouting Dashboard (Training)", "Internet Advancement", "Forums", "Change Log", "Legacy Forums", "Directory", "References", and "Help". Each item is preceded by a small icon representing its category.

This screenshot shows the Scoutbook mobile dashboard. At the top, there is a navigation bar with a home icon and the text "My Dashboard". Below this is a "Quick Nav" section with a "Logout" button. The main content area is divided into several sections: "Troop 375 Roster" with a red arrow pointing right; "Troop 375" with a red arrow pointing right; "My Dashboard" with a red arrow pointing right and a yellow circle around it; "Administration" with a gear icon; and "My Account" with a square icon. A yellow circle is also drawn around the navigation bar icons.

Scoutbook Basics



- The 3 lines will give you an option to get back to your Dashboard.
- The house at the top take you to the Home screen.
- The < will take you back to your last page.



How To:

- ▶ Check your Scout's Balance
 - ▶ Go down and click on your Scout's name.
 - ▶ Scroll down to click on your Scout's Payment Log.
 - ▶ Everything in red is money owed.
 - ▶ Everything in gray is a credit.
 - ▶ Dues are \$15.00/month for 10 months out of the year. Once a year, there is a re-charter fee of \$165.00 for youth beginning April 1st and \$110.00 for adults.
 - ▶ Some events will also require additional fees.
 - ▶ If your Scout and any family members or friends work on their behalf at certain events such as Christmas Tree Lot set-up and tear down or David's Cemetery Wreath laying and clean up, your Scout will earn \$10.00/per person per hour toward their Scout account.
 - ▶ Dues can be paid by cash, check or for a fee, there is a Square account.

How To:

- ▶ Request a Merit Badge Counselor
 - ▶ Click on your Scout's name
 - ▶ There you will see all the Merit Badges, Awards and Advancements received
 - ▶ Scroll down to Your Scouts Advancement and click
 - ▶ This screen will show your Scouts percentages of items they are working on
 - ▶ Scroll to the bottom of the page to Start Another Merit Badge and click
 - ▶ Scroll again to the bottom and click on Start a Merit Badge
 - ▶ You will see a list of all available Merit Badges with a special badge to the right of the Eagle Required badges
 - ▶ Click on the Merit Badge your scout would like to start
 - ▶ Click on Invite Counselor. This will give you a list of all the counselors. You will then need to find one that serves as the Counselor for the badge you want to start
 - ▶ Another quick way to see who is a MB Counselor is by looking at the list on our Troop 375 website.
 - ▶ Click on the Counselor to Invite them

How To:

▶ RSVP to an Event

- ▶ If you scroll halfway down the page main Dashboard page, you will see Upcoming Events.
- ▶ Click on whatever event you wish to RSVP to.
- ▶ You will then see all the details about that event.
- ▶ Find you and your scout and click on the blue circle with the ? Inside and choose Yes or No. Leaving it the way it is means Maybe.
- ▶ If there are events, please RSVP so we can get an accurate headcount.
- ▶ There is also a place at the bottom of the page to add a comment. If you wish to post a comment, you must hit the Post Comment button at the bottom. Everyone will be able to see the comments posted.

Scoutbook Plus Internet Advancement

- ▶ Not sure if everyone has access to this website.
- ▶ This will give you access to check your Scout's service hours and camping nights.
- ▶ This is also the website we would keep track of hours and nights.
- ▶ There is also a calendar on this site. The Scoutbook calendar does not transfer over to this calendar.
- ▶ This Advancement Site is new and is being updated on a regular basis so it may or may have some errors.

Tecumseh Council

- ▶ This site allows you to see the Council calendar, new, events and resources.
- ▶ You can sign up for certain events through this website such as Merit Badge Trail Drive, adult training and certain Council events.
- ▶ If you are not on the Council E-mail Blast, you can also go to resources and sign up. These e-mails are weekly but contain lots of useful information.

My Scouting

- ▶ This site is for registered adult leaders, volunteers or committee members.
- ▶ You will be able to manage your Youth Protection Training (YPT) and leadership training.
- ▶ Includes Journey to Excellence information for leadership.
- ▶ Awards Central is located here with all information about official awards and recognitions.
- ▶ Scouting Scholarship information is also housed here.

Troop Website

- ▶ Includes Specific Information On Our Troop
- ▶ Calendar Is Located On The Home Page With Our Upcoming Events
- ▶ Information On Merit Badge Counselors
- ▶ Troop 375 New Parent Guide
- ▶ Troop Senior Leadership, Patrol Leadership, Scoutmaster And Assistant Scoutmaster List As Well As The Troop Committee Positions
- ▶ Advancement Guides
- ▶ Summer Camp And High Adventure Information
- ▶ National Awards Information
- ▶ Eagle Scout List
- ▶ BSA Forms and Documents
- ▶ Link To The Square App To Make Payments
- ▶ Links To Adult And Youth Applications
 - ▶ See **APPLICATIONS AND FORMS** Slide For More Information

Flickr

- ▶ This is where our Troop posts pictures of events - ANYONE CAN ADD PHOTOS and we ask that you do if possible
- ▶ You will need to log in with this information
 - ▶ Username: t375@ymail.com
 - ▶ Password: Hope375*Hope375*
- ▶ To Use: log in, then click on the icon in the upper right and select "Upload your photos"
- ▶ From there you can browse to the pictures you want to upload and select everything from a particular event
- ▶ After that, click on the "Add to Albums" link on the left side. If an album for the event exists, select that; if not, create a new album
- ▶ Once you've selected the album, you click on the Upload button on the top right
- ▶ Repeat for each event
- ▶ This is the place we pull photos from when we are having our Court of Honors

What Does Scouting Cost?

- ▶ Beginning April 1, 2024 costs are:
 - ▶ Scouts - \$85.00 for National Fee + \$80.00 for Council Fee Annually = \$165.00/Year
 - ▶ Registered Adults - \$65.00 National + \$45.00 Council Fee Annually = \$110.00/Year
- ▶ Troop Dues (Scouts Only) Are \$15.00 /Month for 10 Months a Year = \$150.00
- ▶ Some Activities Cost Extra and Will Be Billed To Your Scout Account. Examples:
 - ▶ Cedar Point Campout
 - ▶ White Water Rafting
 - ▶ Summer Camp
- ▶ Beginning January 1, 2024, You Are Responsible to Pay Your National and Council Fees Online
- ▶ Troop Dues Can Be Paid By Cash, Check Or Through Our Square App
 - ▶ If The Square App Is Used, Additional Fees Will Apply
 - ▶ The Fees, As Of 2/23/24 Are 2.9% +.30 Which Equates To A \$3.20 Fee Per \$100.00 Charge

When & Where Does Our Troop Meet?

- ▶ Meetings Are Most Sundays
 - ▶ Normal Meetings Are 6:30-8:00
 - ▶ Meetings Prior To Camping Events Are 5:30-6:30 & Then 6:30-8:00
- ▶ The Website Calendar Lists Meeting & Events
- ▶ Troop Does Not Normally Meet On The Sundays After A Weekend Event
- ▶ Our Troop Meets 12 Months A Year
- ▶ Meeting Location:
 - ▶ Hope Church at 5980 Wilmington Pike, Sugarcreek Township, OH 45459



Why Should I Get Involved?

- ▶ All Parents Are Welcomed & Encouraged To Take An Active Role In The Troop
- ▶ Even Though We Strive To Make The Troop A “Scout Led” Troop, It Takes A Lot Of Adult Support and Supervision To Provide Resources The Scouts Need to Learn And Be Successful
- ▶ Your Son May Need/Want Your Encouragement, Guidance & Participation Along His Scouting Journey
- ▶ Great Way To Stay Connected To What Your Son Is Learning
- ▶ Adults Who Participate In Scouting Can Make A Profound Difference In A Scout’s Life
- ▶ Your Son’s Rank Advancement Is A Commitment From Both Scout & Parent

Scout Ranks & What To Know

- ▶ There Are 7 Scout Ranks
 - ▶ Scout
 - ▶ Tenderfoot
 - ▶ Second Class
 - ▶ First Class
 - ▶ Star
 - ▶ Life
 - ▶ Eagle
- ▶ It Is Important To Review Your Son's Scout Handbook
- ▶ There Are Several Requirements That You Can Help Your Scout Practice To Increase His Rank

Scout Ranks

- ▶ Scout Rank
 - ▶ Covers The Basic Scouting Information They Need To Know In Order To Be A Good Scout
 - ▶ Should Be Earned Soon After Joining
- ▶ Tenderfoot, Second Class & First Class
 - ▶ These Ranks Cover Skills in Camping, Hiking, Cooking, First Aid, Nature, Fitness, Swimming, Citizenship & Leadership
 - ▶ Should Be Earned Within The First 1-2 Years
 - ▶ The Scouts Can Earn Requirements For These Ranks At The Same Time However, The Ranks Must Be Earned In Order
- ▶ Star, Life & Eagle
 - ▶ These Ranks Focus on Active Participation, Community Service, Leadership, & Merit Badges
 - ▶ Each Of These Ranks May Take Up To A Year To Earn
- ▶ Scouts Can Work On Advancement Until Their 18th Birthday

What Does My Scout Wear?



Required:

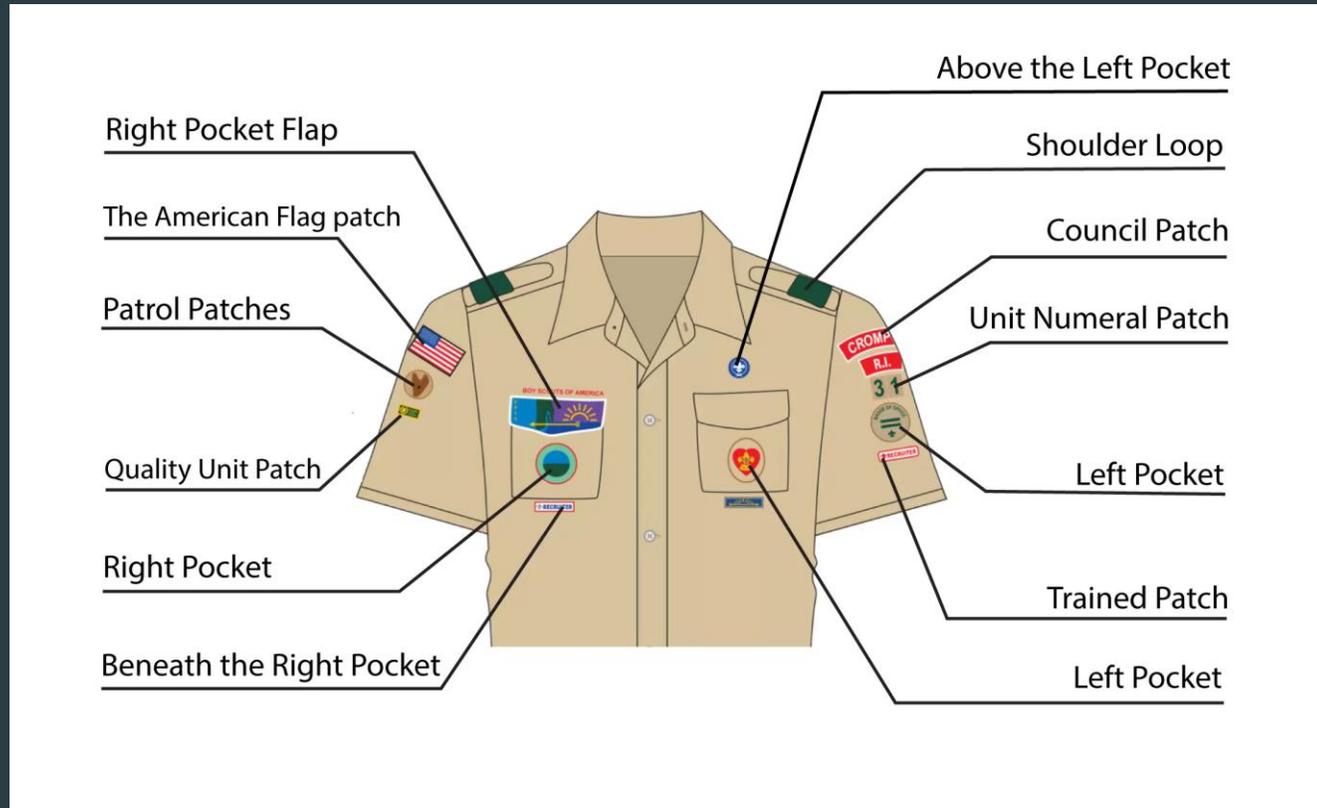
- Class A Shirt * *Our Troop Does Have Some Used Class A Shirts*
- Neckerchief **Provided by the Troop*

Optional:

- Class B Shirt * *not pictured but you get through the Troop*
- Hiking Pants
- Hiking Shoes/Boots
- Belt
- Shorts
- Merit Badge Sash
- Hiking Socks



What Will My Class A Look Like?



When To Wear The Uniform

Class “A” Uniform

- ▶ For All Ceremonial Activities
- ▶ Troop Meetings
- ▶ Boards of Review
- ▶ Scoutmaster Conference
- ▶ Courts of Honor
- ▶ Traveling To & From Summer Camp
- ▶ Traveling To & From Scout Functions
- ▶ Anytime A Scout Is Representing The Troop Or BSA In Public

Class “B” Uniform

- ▶ Meetings During The Summer Months
- ▶ During Campouts
- ▶ Service Projects
- ▶ At Summer Camp

What Items Does My Scout Need?

Essentials:



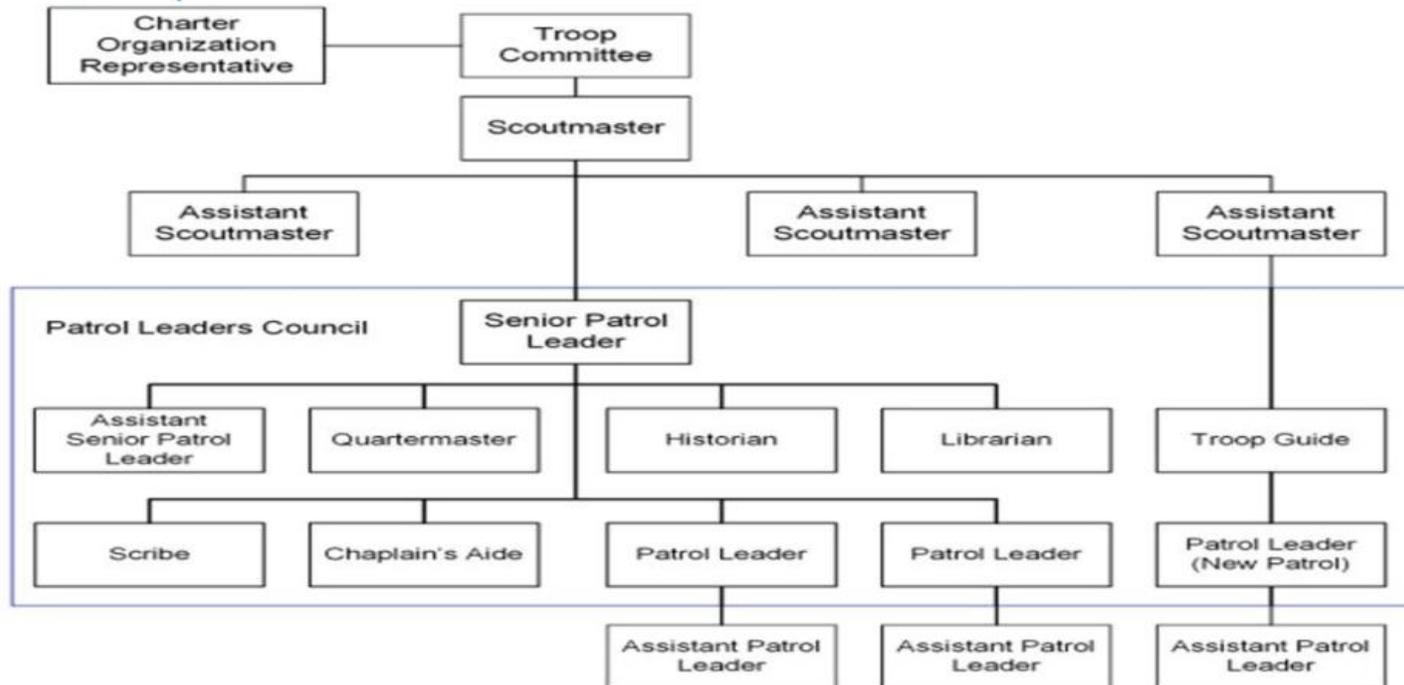
Great To Have:



How Does Our Troop Work?



Scout Organization



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Committee Members

- ▶ Chartered Organization: Bellbrook Lion's Club
- ▶ Chartered Organizational Representative: Brad King
- ▶ Committee Chair: Julia Read
- ▶ Scoutmaster: Adam Panstingel
- ▶ Treasurer: Dennis Lefeld
- ▶ Membership Coordinator: Dina Lefeld
- ▶ Medical Document & General Document Coordinator: Stephanie Frank
- ▶ Fundraising Coordinators:
 - ▶ Christmas Tree Lot: Janet Fink
 - ▶ David's Cemetery: Deb Grismer
 - ▶ Restaurants: Kristi Magee
 - ▶ Cave Box: Jonathan Redfern

Committee Members Cont.

- ▶ High Adventure Coordinator: Joshua Campbell
- ▶ Advancement Coordinator: Janet Fink
- ▶ Eagle Coordinator: Adam Panstingel
- ▶ Eagle Court of Honor Coordinators: Dennis & Dina Lefeld
- ▶ Service Project Coordinator: Julia Read
- ▶ Summer Camp Coordinator: Michael Ryckman
- ▶ Equipment Coordinator: Jonathan Redfern
- ▶ Chaplain Coordinator: Adam Panstingel
- ▶ Public Relations Coordinator: Adam Panstingel
- ▶ Roundtable Representative: Scott Fink
- ▶ Committee Member: Lindsey Leingang
- ▶ Committee Member: Bryan Haught
- ▶ Committee Member: Matt Grismer
- ▶ Committee Member: Melissa Richardson
- ▶ Committee Member: Rachel Chitti

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmasters

- ▶ Scoutmaster: Adam Panstingel
- ▶ Assistant Scoutmasters:
 - ▶ Joshua Campbell
 - ▶ Kristi Magee
 - ▶ Janet Fink
 - ▶ Scott Fink
 - ▶ Dennis Frank
 - ▶ Andy Betts
 - ▶ Tamara Boblenz-Haught
 - ▶ Jonathan Redfern
 - ▶ Ray Lindemann
 - ▶ Rusty Cross
 - ▶ Andy Richardson
 - ▶ John Flanagan

What Forms Do I Need?

- ▶ One Time
 - ▶ BSA Registration/Application - For The Scout & Any Registered Adults
- ▶ Annually
 - ▶ Activity Consent Form - Scout Only
 - ▶ Medical Forms - Registered Adults & Scouts
 - ▶ Parts A & B Are Required Yearly
 - ▶ Part C Is Required For All Scouts and Only Registered Adults Camping For More Than 72 Hours. ALL Scouts MUST Have Parts A, B & C To Participate in Activities.
 - ▶ Part C MUST Be Signed By A Doctor
- ▶ Youth Protection Training
 - ▶ This Is For Registered Adults and Scouts Over 18 and MUST Be Updated Every 2 Years
 - ▶ YPT Training is on the My Scouting website

Youth Safety

- ▶ Beginning January 1st, 2024, ONLY BSA Registered Adults Are Permitted To Drive & Attend Camping Events With The Troop
- ▶ Registered Adults **MUST** Complete & Remain Current In Their Youth Protection Training (YPT)
- ▶ No One On One Contact - This Includes:
 - ▶ Texting
 - ▶ Meetings - In-Person or Virtual
 - ▶ E-mailing
 - ▶ Phone Calls
 - ▶ All Forms Of Communication Whether In-Person Or Not MUST Be 2 People Deep
 - ▶ Ex. If Your Son Sends A Text To An Adult Leader, They Must Copy You Or Another Adult
- ▶ Leaders/Adults & Parents May NOT Share Tents With Scouts
- ▶ Scouts Are Only Allowed To Share Tents With Other Scouts Who Are Less Than 2 Years in Age Difference
- ▶ Please Review The Youth Protection Booklet In The Front Of Your Scout's Handbook With Your Scout. Not Only Is This A Great Way To Talk To Your Scout About Safety, It Also Fulfills A Requirement For Scout Rank.

Fundraising

- ▶ Our Troop Participates in Several Fundraising Opportunities
- ▶ Earnings For Each Scout
 - ▶ Our Troop Has Activities That Your Scout Can Participate In To Earn Money Toward Their Scout Account
 - ▶ During These Events, Your Scout, Parents, Siblings & Relatives Or Friends Can Also Participate To Earn Money For Your Scout
 - ▶ At These Specific Events, Each Participant Earns \$10.00/Hour Toward Your Scout Account
 - ▶ The Scout Can Earn Service Hours Instead Of The Money Toward The Scout Account
 - ▶ These Events Include:
 - ▶ Christmas Tree Lot
 - ▶ David's Cemetery
 - ▶ Scouts Also Have The Option Of Using Certain Hikes For Hike-A-Thons
 - ▶ 100% Of This Money Goes Into The Scouts Account
- ▶ Earnings For The Troop
 - ▶ Our Troop Also Has Kroger & Dorothy Lane Market Rewards and Restaurant Rewards
 - ▶ These Funds Go Directly Toward The Troop Which Allows Us To Lessen The Costs Of Certain Activities
- ▶ Money Earned Through Events
 - ▶ If The Scout Leaves Scouting, This Money Remains With The Troop
 - ▶ If The Scout Moves To Another Troop, They Can Move The Money With Them

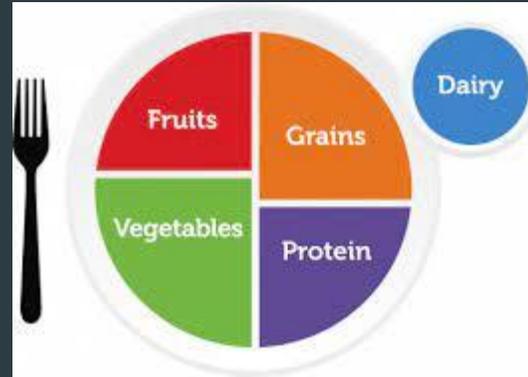
Campout Information

- ▶ Details For Each Campout Are Posted In Scoutbook
- ▶ Scoutbook Generates A Troop Wide E-mail To RSVP
- ▶ Each Campout Has A Planning Meeting Before The Scheduled Meeting. Typically, Those Planning Meetings Are 5:30-6:30
- ▶ At These Meetings:
 - ▶ Scouts Select Tentmates
 - ▶ Decide Who Brings What
 - ▶ Example: One Scout May Bring The Tent and The Other May Bring The Tarp
 - ▶ Menus Are Decided ** More Information On Next Slide **
 - ▶ Dates, Times & Location Information Are Discussed
 - ▶ Leaders Plan To Have Enough Drivers
- ▶ PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU RSVP TO EVENTS

Camping Food

- ▶ When We Campout, Scouts Plan & Cook All Meals
- ▶ Each Scout, At Some Point, Will Purchase Food Needed For Campouts
 - ▶ Scouts Buying Food Should Bring The Food In A Separate Tote & Are Expected To Put Cold Items In A Cooler With Ice
 - ▶ The Troop Has Coolers That Can Be Borrowed & Picked Up At The Planning Meeting
- ▶ Please Save Your Receipts & Submit for Reimbursement For Food
- ▶ **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MEALS**
 - ▶ Your Scout Will Need To Eat Dinner On Their Own on Friday Before We Leave
 - ▶ Meals Provided On the Campout Include:
 - ▶ Snacks on Friday Night
 - ▶ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and Snacks on Saturday
 - ▶ Breakfast on Sunday Prior To Leaving
 - ▶ **THERE IS A BUDGET - Scouts Are Thrifty**
 - ▶ The Goal Is To Stay Close To \$10.00-\$12.00/Scout Total
 - ▶ Each Patrol Handles Their Own Food
 - ▶ This Goal Should Include: 2 Evening Snacks, 2 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch & 1 Dinner
 - ▶ This Is Camping So Nothing Fancy
 - ▶ Scouts DO Need To Bring A Water Bottle With Them To Drink & The Troop Has Large Water Coolers For Refills
 - ▶ The Food Buyer Has The Authority To Adjust The Menu As Needed When Purchasing Food

Camping Food Examples



How Do I...

- ▶ Go on a campout with my scout...
 - ▶ You **MUST** be a registered member with BSA
 - ▶ This means you **MUST** have completed:
 - ▶ Youth Protection Training
 - ▶ An BSA Adult Application
 - ▶ The parts A&B medical forms
 - ▶ If you are camping more than 72 hours, you will also need the part C medical form
 - ▶ Paid the National and Council fees

How Do I...

- ▶ Become an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Member ...
 - ▶ You **MUST** be a registered member with BSA
 - ▶ This means you **MUST** have completed:
 - ▶ Youth Protection Training
 - ▶ An BSA Adult Application
 - ▶ The parts A&B medical forms
 - ▶ If you are camping more than 72 hours, you will also need the part C medical form
 - ▶ Paid the National and Council fees
 - ▶ Complete additional training online for your chosen role

How Do I...

- ▶ Become a Merit Badge Counselor...
 - ▶ You do not have to be a registered adult to become a Merit Badge Counselor
 - ▶ If you just want to be a MB Counselor only, you must complete:
 - ▶ Youth Protection Training
 - ▶ An BSA Adult Application
 - ▶ A Merit Badge Counselor Application
 - ▶ Complete additional training online for Merit Badge Counselors
 - ▶ Once you pay the \$25.00 fee and all of the above steps are completed, submit your receipt and the troop will reimburse you the \$25.00 fee
 - ▶ If you are already a registered adult, you must complete:
 - ▶ A Merit Badge Counselor Application
 - ▶ Complete additional training online for Merit Badge Counselors
 - ▶ Since you are a registered member, there are no additional fees for this role
 - ▶ You can look at our website to see who the MB Counselors are and what Merit Badge Counselors we still need
 - ▶ <https://www.t375.org/merit-badges-advancement/>

Applications & Forms

▶ Adult Application Link:

- ▶ <https://my.scouting.org/VES/OnlineReg/1.0.0/?tu=UF-MB-439taa0375>
- ▶ This Link Is For NEW ADULT Membership Applications
- ▶ It Is More Secure & Efficient
- ▶ If The Applicant Had A Previous Membership That Has Lapsed & Are Re-Applying, They Need To Fill Out A Paper Application Because The Online Version Does Not Check For Previous Membership.
 - ▶ Adult Paper Application Link: [524-501.pdf \(scouting.org\)](#)

▶ Youth Application Link:

- ▶ <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406.pdf>
- ▶ This Link Is For A Paper Application That Can Be Filled Out Online & Needs To Be Printed Out & Given To The Troop For Processing
- ▶ You Can Register A Youth Online However, It May Be Easier To Pay Directly To The Troop & The Troop Would Pay Share To Council

Applications & Forms Cont.

- ▶ QR Code for Adult & Youth Applications:



Applications & Forms Cont.

- ▶ Merit Badge Counselor Application: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34405.pdf>
- ▶ Activity Consent Form: <https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/19-673.pdf>
 - ▶ This Form Need To Be Filled Out Annually For All Members Under 21 Years Of Age
- ▶ Medical Forms On BSA Website: <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
 - ▶ See *WHAT FORMS DO I NEED?* For Additional Information On Medical Forms