

Guidebook for Scouts and Parents



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Welcome!

The Troop 375 Guidebook for Scouts and Parents was compiled by the Troop Committee to introduce prospective scouts and families to the Troop and establish a place where troop policies are communicated. Please read and make yourself familiar with this guidebook. It will be your guide to understanding the philosophy of our Troop and help you set your scouting goals.

Purpose

Troop 375 is aligned with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America – that is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. We believe those values are communicated through participation in fun activities, the development of skills and the example set by scout leaders.

Troop Membership

Troop 375 invites any boy to join who is 11 years old or older, or has completed the fifth grade or has earned the Cub Scout Arrow of Light award. A boy can join the troop at any time of year, and a prospective scout and his parents / guardians are welcome to visit any meeting to see the troop in action and to speak with the adult leaders.

Troop Paperwork

All scouts must complete the Boy Scouts of America Youth Application to join the Troop. In addition, the following forms are required to participate in events. These cover a one year period and must be renewed each year. A renewal checklist is provided each year to assist in this effort. A sample of the checklist is provided at the end of this guide.

- Annual Boy Scouts of America Activity Consent – this form provides parent permission for the scout to participate in all activities.
- Annual Boy Scouts of America Health and Medical Record Parts A and B – this can be completed by the parents and is required for participation in all events.
- Annual Boy Scouts of America Health and Medical Record Part C – this section must be completed by a physician. It is required with Parts A and B for any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding.

There may be additional requests for information to help plan for events and to maintain necessary information in the troop roster. All forms are available on the Troop 375 website or from the Membership Coordinator.

Troop Communication

The troop uses the following methods to communicate to the scouts and parents. Often this information is time-sensitive and should be reviewed promptly.

Email

This is the primary communication method with the scout and parents. The troop maintains a distribution list of email addresses at our troop email account T375@ymail.com. An unlimited number of addresses can be included in this list for each family.

One Call Now

Our automated calling system is used for last minute announcements and reminders. Due to a system limit on the number of phone numbers permitted for our group, only one phone number per family is allowed for this service. It can be either a home or cell number.

T375.org

The troop website is available at T375.org and contains the troop calendar, paperwork, and pictures from past events. Pictures from events are saved on a flickr account and family members will be provided with the login so they can upload their pictures of scouting events.

Troop Meetings

Our meetings are on Sunday from 6:30pm to 8:00pm, usually held at our charter organization's facility, Hope United Methodist Church. We usually plan one to two outdoor events per month, which may be a campout, hike, bike ride, canoe trip, etc. Camping is often associated with other outdoor activities, too. For scouts attending a campout they are asked to arrive at 6:00 pm on the meeting night before the campout for camp planning.

During the school year, troop meetings usually match the Bellbrook school schedule. Typically, if there is no school or school is cancelled for bad weather, we will not have a troop meeting on that night. Summer meetings may vary and a calendar of events is published to keep scouts and families informed. If you have questions about an event or meeting, please call the Troop Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Chairperson.

Troop Dues

Monthly dues of \$15 are collected for 10 months of the year, August thru May. The dues are used for many things such as Troop activities, materials for projects, weekend

camping fees and food. Dues may be paid directly to the treasurer or will be withdrawn from Scout Account Credits. All dues and fees are to be paid by check. Cash will not be accepted. For campouts that require significant additional cost (i.e. zip line or white water rafting and others) a per scout/adult fee will be charged. Additional fees will be announced during sign ups.

Dues will be collected on a monthly basis during the scout year. Scouts will not be charged dues after they turn 18. Scouts will also not be charged dues after they graduate from High School if they graduate when they are still 17 years old. After graduation scouts can continue membership in the troop as "Unit College Reserve Scouter" and they will not be charged additional dues other than registration fees.

Scout Account Credits

A percentage of the funds the scouts help raise in troop fund-raising project are deposited in the troop's general account. The remainder is assigned to individual Scout Account Credits. Your Scout Account Credit is based on the amount of time devoted to a fund-raising project or the amount of sales you have generated. The Troop Treasurer keeps a record of Scout Account Credits.

Your Scout Account Credits can only be used to help pay dues, the cost of Scout uniforms, Scout related activities, trips, and fees. Any questions regarding the use of the account should be directed to the troop committee.

Your Scout Account Credits represent troop money allotted to you for use while a scout with Troop 375. It does not represent money that is your property. You cannot make cash withdrawals. If you leave the troop, any credit stays in the troop general operating account, though transfer to a different troop may be approved if requested by the scout.

Fundraising

Troop 375 participates in several fundraisers including wreath placement at David's cemetery, Kroger Community Rewards, and selling of popcorn. Fundraising is not required but strongly encouraged as a means to support the troop and offset scout expenses for uniforms, summer camp and other activity fees.

The wreath placement occurs every year on the 1st weekend in December. The troop works with David's Cemetery to place Christmas Wreaths on the graves for a fee. The troop will also pick up and dispose of the wreaths following the holidays. Each scout that participates gets a percentage of the funds allocated to their scout account. Generally half of what is earned is distributed among available volunteers who worked per hour volunteered.

Kroger Community Rewards are used by the troop as a fund raiser. The troop and scouts gets a percentage back from the amount loaded onto the cards. 25% of the amount earned goes to the troop, 75% is allocated to the scouts account. Additional family member or friends are allowed to register Kroger awards and have earnings contribute to a scouts account. We are Kroger organization number #81965. To enroll log into Kroger with your Kroger card number and under my account go to community rewards and select our organization. Rewards are distributed quarterly and you need to re-select us as your charity every April. To have your account credited print a copy of you quarterly award from you my accounts statement and give or email to the troop treasurer.

Boys who sell popcorn will have all of the profit from their popcorn sales deposited in their scout account. If the troop participates in any show and sells, profit from that activity will be divided among the scouts present and deposited in their scout accounts.

Expense Reimbursement

Family members who purchase food and other additional expenses for scout activities are reimbursed. They are required to submit expenses on the expense reimbursement form (available on the troop website). This allows the troop treasurer to track expenses and apply additional charges if necessary. In some instances summer camp may be a great distance from Bellbrook. Families who help transport scouts to and from summer camp will be reimbursed by the troop if scouts are assessed a transportation fee. Gas reimbursement is provided for troop members who tow the troop trailer.

Troop Uniforms

The official scout uniform is always appropriate and shows support for your troop and the scouting movement. Troop 375's uniform code is defined as follows:

Class 'A' uniform includes the scout shirt, scout neckerchief, and a scout belt. Scout pants, socks, and hat are optional. Clean and neat pants or shorts can be worn in place of scout pants. Clean and neat footwear should be worn as appropriate.

Class 'B' uniform includes a scout t-shirt, clean and neat pants or shorts, and footwear as appropriate.

Appropriate attire is expected of the scouts as outlined below. If in doubt your class A uniform is always appropriate.

Meetings: During the school year scouts are expected to wear their class A uniforms to Troop meetings. During the summer time the Troop may move its meetings outside and scouts are allowed to wear class B uniforms at that time.

Camping and Outdoor Activities: For weekend camping the class B uniform is usually acceptable. For Council camporees or other district events the class A uniform may be required. For summer camp class B uniforms will be worn during the day, except for morning flags and dinner. During those times, the class A scout shirt will be worn.

Scoutmaster Conferences: For scoutmaster conferences the scout should follow the uniform defined during that meeting time.

Board of Review: Class A uniform is required. A merit badge sash is optional for basic ranks, required for advanced ranks.

Court of Honor: Class A uniform is required with the merit badge sash.

Troop 375 has a collection of uniforms that have been donated by previous members and are available to scouts and parents on a first come basis.

Scout Equipment and Materials

In addition to the scout uniform there are other items recommended or required when the scout joins the troop.

All scouts must have a current Boy Scout Handbook and should bring it to troop meetings – especially as the scout advances toward First Class. A Boy Scout Handbook is provided to scouts when they first join the troop as a welcoming gift.

A 3-ring binder with plastic protector sleeves (like the ones used to hold baseball cards) is recommended to file the many documents that a scout will receive over the course of their scouting career. They should keep such documents as: merit badge blue cards and presentation cards, records of rank accomplishment, certificates of participation or service, camping records including summer camp, leadership positions held and time periods, photos, and other awards/recognition. Keeping all of your Scout records together will be particularly important when they advance to the ranks of Life and Eagle.

A camping equipment list is provided in this guide. For a scout joining the troop they will require a few items for their first campouts. This includes a sleeping bag and pad, a mess kit with utensils, and rain gear. Generally speaking it is recommended that parents do not buy the 'best' and most expensive gear for a new scout, inexpensive quality equipment should be purchased initially. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters

can provide recommendations on equipment. As a scout advances and matures higher quality equipment can be purchased.

Troop 375 does have some used equipment that has been donated to the troop by previous members and are available to scouts and parents on a first come basis.

Behavior and Discipline

Troop 375 is a “safe haven” and as such, does not permit harassment, hazing or “initiation” of any scout. Every scout is expected to behave in a manner consistent with the Scout Oath and Law. Guidelines for handling misbehavior are as follows:

1. Minor Problems
 - Examples are disturbing camp after lights out, failing to do an assigned task, etc. These are often handled by fellow scouts (Patrol Leader Council members) with an adult leader observing. The scout is given the opportunity to tell his side of the story and may be given an extra kitchen or cleanup duty for misbehavior.
2. Serious Problems
 - Examples may be disrupting a troop program or event, fighting, etc. These are handled by the Troop Committee or the adult leaders in charge of the current event. A scout is counseled concerning the inappropriate behavior and must take some type of remedial action, such as a public apology or perhaps a learning assignment. Parents will be contacted.
3. Major Problems
 - Examples may be chronic misbehavior or dangerous behavior. This will result in the parent’s being contacted immediately and coming to pick up the scout regardless of where the troop is located at the time. Any travel expense will be paid by the parent/guardian. Major problems are very rare, but have occurred. Major problems which are not corrected may result in the committee asking the scout to leave the troop.

Parental Participation

We feel that parental participation is essential to the success of Troop 375. Your son’s advancement in scouting can be enhanced by your interest and participation in troop activities. Your guidance will help our scouts develop leadership and advancement skills enabling them to advance in rank to Eagle and beyond. You need to devote as much of your time as you possibly can to help your scout at home, as well as in the scouting events he will do.

In addition, participating in scout activities is a whole lot of FUN!

Parent Participation Opportunities

Parent involvement is needed and expected within one or more of the following roles and activities: Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Merit Badge Counselors, event organizers, fund raising organizers, meeting helpers and assisting with campouts and skills instruction. More information on each of these areas is presented in the Troop Organization section. When you have decided what you would like to do, please contact the Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster or Committee Chairperson.

Scout Participation

The three “A”s count high for showing how well you live up to the test of Scout participation – Attendance; Appearance; and Attitude

Attendance: We understand that today’s youth can be involved with many activities outside of Scouting, and not every boy can have the same attendance level for a variety of reasons. However, to be considered as an active member of the troop, the scout should show scout spirit by making the effort to attend meetings, events, and outdoor activities. Generally a guideline can be discussed and established for each scout during Scoutmaster Conferences. This guideline will then be used for approving rank advancement. The scout should be on time for meetings, events and outdoor activities.

Appearance: Scouts of Troop 375 will show up for scout activities and events in appropriate uniform as discussed in the Troop Uniform section.

Attitude: Your scout spirit shows in your attitude and how you participate in troop activities. We expect you to follow the scout spirit guidelines as discussed in the Scout Spirit section.

Scout Spirit Guidelines

What you feel in your heart and think in your head is demonstrated by your words and actions. Scout Spirit is seen in how you live the Scout Oath and Law, not just in your number of achievements. The way you participate at home, at church, school and in your community will demonstrate your Scout Spirit. Your attitude and helpfulness to others will affect your progress in scouting.

Scout Spirit is essential for rank advancement and participation in outdoor activities. Below is a list of ways you demonstrate Scout Spirit:

1. Know and practice the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.
2. Be an active member of the troop (see Attendance guidelines). This helps you and your patrol.
3. Attend and participate in Court of Honor ceremonies.
4. Show proper conduct during troop meetings and events.
5. Wear the proper uniform for Scout activities

6. Respect church property (Stay in meeting area unless you have permission to be elsewhere.)
7. Respect the rights of others. Remember “safe haven” – no teasing, no harassment, no hazing, etc.
8. Respect the property of others. (Maintain a “hands off” policy for things that don’t belong to you.)
9. Try to “help other people at all times”.

Leadership Opportunities

Advancement through ranks depends on demonstration of leadership qualities and the completion of requirements. Listed in the Troop Organization section are the troop leadership positions offering the opportunity for advancement with Troop 375. Scouts are elected, or appointed, to a position during the troop elections which are held twice a year. Most positions have a term of 6 months with a few being a 1 year term. Descriptions of each position and their duties are available from the troop library.

Special Advancements –

Star Scout requires active participation in a leadership position for a minimum of four months

Life Scout requires active participation in a leadership position for a minimum of six months

Eagle Scout requires active participation in a leadership position for a minimum of six months.

Scouts may also complete a special leadership project in lieu of leadership upon approval from the Scoutmaster.

Leadership Tracking

- Scouts must keep a written record of leadership positions held and activities performed to ensure they are noted for advancement purposes.
- Maintain a record of all leadership positions held, including the starting and ending dates.
- Maintain a record of Scoutmaster assigned leadership projects: (i) describe the project; (ii) record the dates and time spent on the project; and (iii) obtain the Scoutmaster’s signed approval upon completion.
- Maintain a record of all other examples of your leadership: (i) describe the activity; and (ii) record the dates and hours spent on the activity. Examples are instructing a younger scout, serving as the acting Patrol Leader or Quartermaster on a campout or leading an activity at a meeting or campout.
- Have a leadership conference with an Assistant Scoutmaster for each rank and note the conference in your Scout Handbook.

Junior Leader Training

Twice a year following each troop election the troop conducts Junior Leader training to help scouts with leadership skills and ensure they have the details about their troop or patrol position. In addition, there is a council-led National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) camp held each summer. Attendance at NYLT (also known as "Tomahawk") is based on the Scoutmaster's recommendation. For scouts who attend, the troop pays a portion of the cost.

Advancement

Advancement is an individual matter. It is up to each scout to advance at his own pace without undue pressure from parents or adult leaders. Every scout has the opportunity to become an Eagle Scout, but the steps up the trail to Eagle must be his own. An important part of the maturing process for the scout is establishing his own goals and working toward them. While guidance and encouragement are offered along the way by adult leaders and parents, no adult should do things for the scout that the scout can do for himself. Even such simple things as contacting merit badge counselors and having "blue cards" and handbooks signed off should be handled by the scout. It is important that the scout put forth the effort to have accomplishments "signed-off" in their Scout handbook.

Court of Honor

Troop 375 holds two Court of Honor ceremonies a year to recognize the achievements of the scouts in the troop. A Court of Honor also reviews the recent activities of the troop and presents any scout leader or adult participation awards. Family members are HIGHLY ENCOURAGED to attend, and every scout is expected to attend. Families bring a dessert or snack to share.

Camping

The outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America is one of its most popular features. It is also important because participation in the outdoor program is necessary to advance in rank, develop scout skills, and learn more about yourself. Troop 375 is proud of its active outdoor program which includes hiking, camping, backpacking, rafting, canoeing, caving, biking, and other expeditions. The troop tries to offer each scout an opportunity to experience a variety of adventures in a safe environment.

Camping with the troop is a privilege you earn by following the Outdoor Code (see your scout handbook) and by being active in the troop. Good outdoor behavior includes demonstrating respect for our fellow campers and their property, respect for the environment, and doing your share of the work while in camp.

Each campout requires an expenditure of money – for food, camping fees, etc. When you sign up to attend a campout you are expected to be there unless you notify the adult leader in charge of the campout to cancel. If you must cancel, please do so no later than the Wednesday prior to the campout. If you do not inform the adult leader in charge of the campout before the deadline, your scout account may be charged – depending upon the event. Exceptions can be made for family emergencies and last minute illness.

As discussed in the Scout Equipment section the scout is responsible for his own camping equipment, such as a tent, sleeping bag, eating utensils and other personal equipment. The troop provides cooking equipment and other shared equipment.

The scout should arrive on time at the designated meeting location to help load equipment and supplies and is expected to return to help put gear and equipment away. The campout isn't over until everything is loaded up and put away, then the scouts are dismissed.

Adult Camping Leadership

BSA policy requires a minimum of two leaders to be present at all activities, one of whom must be 21 or older and registered as a scout leader. Volunteers are needed to assist with the troop program – even for just one activity a year.

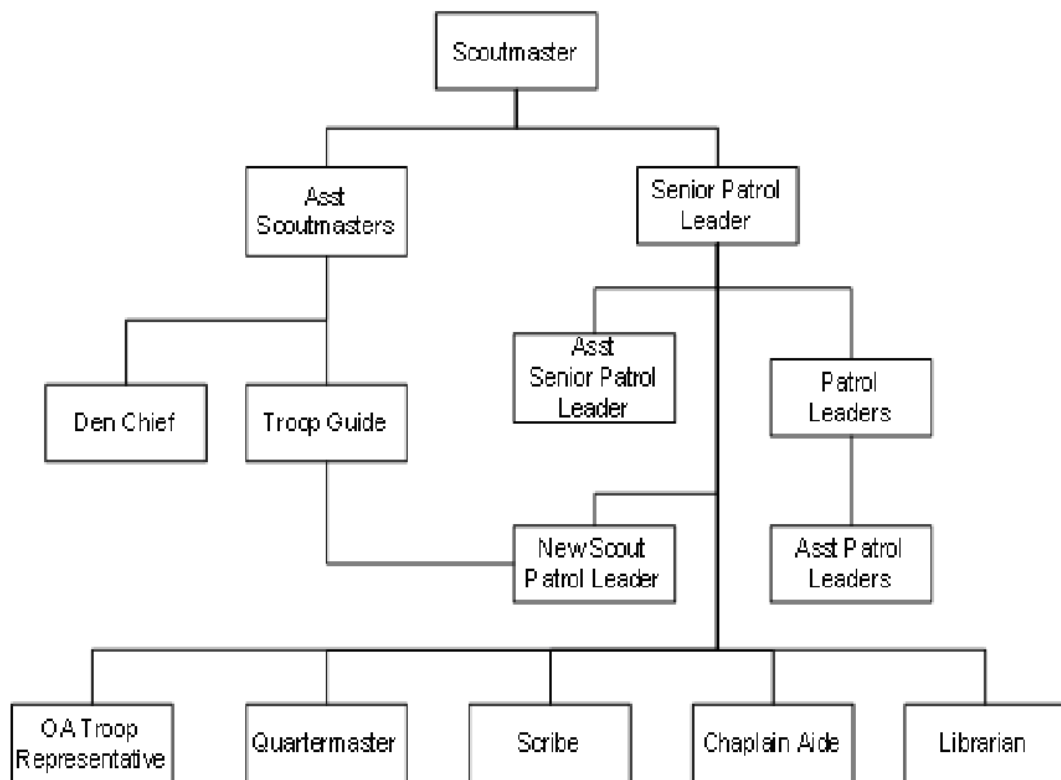
If there isn't sufficient adult leadership for camping or other outdoor activity by the Monday meeting before the event, the event will be cancelled and the scouts advised of the cancellation that evening. Troop members who have turned 18 or graduated from high school are able to register at College Reserve Scouters. They are able to participate in troop activities (additional fees may be necessary depending on the activity). In order to be a Unit College Reserve Scouter they must complete Youth Protection Training but are not required to complete additional assistant scout master training. If they want to have a more active role in the troop they are encouraged to sign up as assistant scout masters and complete additional BSA training.

Troop Organization

Troop 375 organization consists of a Patrol Leader Council, Scoutmasters/Merit Badge Counselors, and a Troop Committee.

Patrol Leader Council

The Patrol Leader Council (PLC) is the youth leadership of the troop. The PLC structure with Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters is shown in the figure below. Offices are filled twice a year during troop elections giving every scout an opportunity at a leadership position. The positions below are the leadership position the troop normal fills. There are other positions available if a scout shows interest including instructor, bugler, historian, and others. Full descriptions of the leadership positions can be found in the troop library.



Troop 375 Patrol Leader Council Organization

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL): The Senior Patrol Leader represents the scouts as the top youth leader in the troop. The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by scouts as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and then becomes the SPL in the following term.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL): The Assistant Senior Patrol Leader is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the second highest youth leader in the troop. While an ASPL he assists the SPL and provides leadership to other members of the PLC.

Patrol Leader (PL): The Patrol Leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the PLC.

Assistant Patrol Leader (APL): The Assistant Patrol Leader can either be elected by his patrol or appointed by the PL. He assists the PL and actively helps run the patrol.

Den Chief: The Den Chief works with Cub Scouts, Webelos, and Den Leaders in a Cub Scout Pack and is also a recruiter for the Troop.

Troop Guide: The Troop Guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and earn their first ranks.

Chaplin Aide: The Chaplin Aide works with the Troop Chaplin to meet the religious need of scouts in the troop.

Troop Librarian: The Troop Librarian takes care of the Troop Literature.

Troop Quartermaster: The Troop Quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order.

Troop Scribe: The scribe keeps the records of the troop. He records the activities of the PLC and scout attendance at troop meetings.

OA Representative: The Order of Arrow Troop Representative serves his troop as the primary liaison to the OA lodge. He provides communication and a program link to Arrowmen in the troop.

Scoutmasters

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster provide the adult leadership to the troop. They work with the youth to ensure the program achieves the aims of Scouting.

Scoutmaster (SM): The scoutmaster is the adult volunteer that works with the youth leadership to ensure the program runs in a manner that is fitting to mission of Scouting. The scoutmaster trains, mentors, and guides the youth leaders, and in particular the SPL. The scoutmaster also recruits and works with Assistant Scoutmasters.

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM): Assistant scoutmasters are adult volunteers that work with the scoutmaster and scouts. Assistant scoutmasters provide guidance and direction as appropriate to specific scouts and or patrols.

Merit Badge Counselors: Adult volunteers that offer their expertise or interest, whether it is a special craft or hobby, a profession, or a life skill as a merit badge counselor. Adults serving as merit badge counselors, offer their time, knowledge, and other

resources so that scouts can explore a topic of interest. Merit Badge information can be found at <http://meritbadge.org>.

Troop Committee

The Troop Committee consists of the following positions.

Charter Organization Representative:

- Is a member of the chartered organization and serves as head of “Scouting department”
- Serves as a liaison between the troop and the organization
- Coordinates facilities with the chartered organization
- Secures a troop committee chair and maintains a close liaison
- Helps recruit other adult leaders
- Assists with unit re-chartering
- Encourages services to the organization

Committee Chair:

- Organize committee so that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and scoutmaster
- Schedule and chair troop committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called
- Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtable
- Arrange for charter review and re-charter annually
- Recruit committee members and ensure that all members understand their responsibilities

Secretary:

- Keep minutes of meetings
- Handle publicity
- Conduct the troop resource survey

Treasurer:

- Handle all troop funds. Pay bills on recommendation of the scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee
- Keep adequate records and maintain troop bank accounts
- Lead in the presentation of the annual troop budget
- Lead the Friends of Scouting campaign
- Recommend adjustments to the handling of funds, as needed

Advancement Coordinator:

- Maintain all scout advancement records
- Arrange troop boards of review and courts of honor

- Develop and maintain a merit badge counselor list
- Make a prompt report to the council when a troop board of review is held.
- Secure badges, awards, and certificates for courts of honors.
- Work with the troop librarian to build and maintain a troop library of merit badge pamphlets and other advancement literature
- Coordinate participation in the Merit Badge Trail Drive

Equipment Coordinator:

- Supervise and help the troop procure camping equipment
- Work with the troop quartermaster on inventory and proper storage and maintenance of all troop equipment
- Make periodic safety checks on all troop camping gear, and encourage troop in the safe use of all outdoor equipment
- Maintain licensing of troop trailer

Outdoor/Activities Coordinator:

- Help in securing permission to use camping sites.
- Serve as transportation coordinator.
- Ensure a monthly outdoor program.
- Promote the National Camping Award
- Promote, through family meetings, attendance at troop campouts, camporees, and summer camp to reach the goal of an outing per month
- Secure tour permits for all troop activities.

Membership Coordinator:

- Ensure re-chartering is completed with appropriate information.
- Maintain accurate personal information for all scouts and adults in Troopmaster
- Develop a plan for year-round membership flow into the troop
- Work with cubmasters and Webelos den leaders to provide a smooth transition from pack to troop
- Plan and coordinate troop open house and visits by Webelos and families

Fund Raising Coordinator:

- Coordinate fund raising projects for the troop with troop committee, scoutmaster, assistant scoutmasters, and if necessary, PLC
- Obtaining proper authorization
- Ensure that funds are appropriately reported to the treasurer for distribution to troop and scout accounts

Service Project Coordinator:

- Coordinate service projects for the troop with the troop committee, scoutmaster and PLC
- Make arrangements for service projects and ensure adequate adult leadership

- Provide information on scouts service hours to advancement coordinator

Chaplain:

- Provide a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities
- Give guidance to the chaplain aide
- Promote regular participation of each member in the activities of the religious organization of his choice
- Give spiritual counseling service when needed or requested
- Encourage Boy Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems

Webmaster:

- Post updates to troop calendar at Troop 375 website
- Post event pictures and documents at Troop 375 website
- Works with the Troop historian.

Adult Leader Paperwork and Training

All parents in the roles of Scoutmasters and Committee Members are required to complete the Boy Scouts of America Adult Registration and are required to complete the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Training, which is available in a 45 minute online class. Other adults that may participate in activities with the scouts are also encouraged to complete this training as well. Additional training, both online and instructor based, is available for all adult positions. All adult leaders are encouraged to complete the required and recommended training for their position.

Scout Membership Renewal

Troop 375 must go through a re-chartering process every December to maintain its status as a registered troop in the BSA. At the same time, scouts need to pay their yearly registration dues and turn in health and consent forms (no physical required) to continue membership in Troop 375 for another year.

Please fill out this checklist and attach the required forms and payment. Turn this packet in at a scout meeting.

1. Scout name _____

2. Attach required forms:

___ a. Annual Health and Medical form (**Parts A and B only – no physical required!**)

This form is on the troop website www.t375.org under the “Joining our Troop” tab. We need only Parts A and B for membership renewal.

1. Please have both the SCOUT and the PARENT/guardian sign.
2. Date the form upcoming year to cover the new membership year.
3. Please update this form during the year if there are changes in the health information.

___ b. Copy of the insurance card

___ c. Annual Troop Consent (permission slip) form

This form is on the troop website www.t375.org under the “Joining our Troop” tab.

1. Please don't forget to check a box for “without restrictions” or “with restrictions”
2. For activities, please enter “All Troop 375 activities”
3. Date the form to cover the new membership year.
4. Please have both the SCOUT and the PARENT/guardian sign

3. Registration Fees

Please indicate AMOUNT of payment by checking a box below.

- Payment of \$24 (registration only)
- Payment of \$36 (24 registration PLUS \$12 for OPTIONAL Boys Life magazine subscription)

Please indicate the METHOD of payment by checking the box(es) that apply. Scout scholarships are available – please see the scoutmaster.

- Check for \$_____ attached (made out to “BSA Troop 375”)
- Please take payment of \$_____ from my scout account

Thank you! We are looking forward to another great year of scouting!

Camping Packing List



Things to Bring

- personal tent
- ground cloth under tent
- sleeping bag and/or liner
- ground cloth and pad (inside tent)
- mess kit, cup, fork, spoon
- pocket knife (w/ Toten' Chip)
- poncho / raingear
- scout uniform w/ neckerchief
- hiking boots
- extra shoes
- change of clothes () sets
- shorts and/or long pants
- sweatshirt and/or jacket
- t-shirts
- hat (shade / warmth)
- gloves
- socks () pair
- underwear
- sleepwear & socks
- handkerchief
- towel & washcloth
- soap & shampoo
- toothbrush & toothpaste
- brush or comb
- deodorant
- flashlight & extra batteries
- canteen / water bottle
- scout handbook
- matches (w/ Fireman Chit)
- tinder & kindling
- personal first aid kit
- compass
- patrol flag

Optional Items

- camp pillow
- camp moccasins
- merit badge materials
- scout stave
- rope or twine
- religious books
- bow saw (w/ Toten' Chip)
- toilet paper
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Do Not Bring

- Gameboys, electronics
- Soda pop
- Personal snacks/meals
- Sheath knife
- Firearms, ammo
- Drugs, alcohol

