



Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 100

"Fun with a purpose." (Lord Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell)

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Chartered by

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church

100 North SR46 Bypass

Bloomington, IN 47408

(812) 332-5788

Troop 100 Meetings:

Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church

Late August – Late June

Troop 100 Mission:

It is the mission of Troop 100 to follow the vision and Mission of the Boy Scouts of America by instilling the values of the Scout Oath and Law, developing skills through rank advancement and by providing a safe, supportive environment in which to learn through a strong outdoor program, teamwork, and support from trained adult leaders.

Purpose of the Boy Scouts of America:

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop 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 values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

Boy Scouting, one of the traditional membership divisions of the BSA, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. *The program achieves the BSA's aims of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities among youth by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities.*

Methods of Scouting:

The methods by which the aims of Scouting are achieved are here in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals. The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols. The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participatory citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs. Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. In the outdoors the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement. Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Associations with Adults. Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

Personal Growth. As Boy 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 Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development. The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total 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 Boy Scout Troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

The Beginning of Scouting:

Scouting, as known to millions of youth and adults, evolved during the early 1900s through the efforts of several men dedicated to bettering youth. These pioneers of the program conceived outdoor activities that developed skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct for everyday living.

In this country and abroad at the turn of the century, it was thought that children needed certain kinds of education that the schools couldn't or didn't provide. This led to the formation of a variety of youth groups, many with the word "Scout" in their names. For example, Ernest Thompson Seton, an American naturalist, artist, writer, and lecturer, originated a group called the Woodcraft Indians and in 1902 wrote a guidebook for boys in his organization called the *Birch Bark Roll*. Meanwhile in Britain, Robert Baden-Powell, after returning to his country a hero following military service in Africa, found boys reading the manual he had written for his regiment on stalking and survival in the wild. Gathering ideas from Seton, America's Daniel Carter Beard, and other Scoutcraft experts, Baden-Powell rewrote his manual as a nonmilitary skill book, which he titled *Scouting for Boys*. The book rapidly gained a wide readership in England and soon became popular in the United States. In 1907, when Baden-Powell held the first campout for Scouts on Brownsea Island off the coast of England, troops were spontaneously springing up in America.

William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 after meeting with Baden-Powell. (Boyce was inspired to meet with the British founder by an unknown Scout who led him out of a dense London fog and refused to take a tip for doing a Good Turn.) Immediately after its incorporation, the BSA was assisted by officers of the YMCA in organizing a task force to help community organizations start and maintain a high-quality Scouting program. Those efforts climaxed in the organization of the nation's first Scout camp at Lake George, New York, directed by Ernest Thompson Seton. Beard, who had established another youth group, the Sons of Daniel Boone (which he later merged with the BSA), provided assistance. Also on hand for this historic event was James E. West, a lawyer and an advocate of children's rights, who later would become the first professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Seton became the first volunteer national Chief Scout, and Beard, the first national Scout commissioner.

The Ideals of Boy Scouting:

| The Scout Law |
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| <i>A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.</i> |

| The Scout Oath or Promise |
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| <i>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.</i> |

| The Scout Motto | The Outdoor Code | The Scout Slogan |
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| <i>Be Prepared.</i> | <i>As an American, I will do my best to Be clean in my outdoor manners, Be careful with fire, Be considerate in the outdoors, and Be conservation minded.</i> | <i>Do a Good Turn daily.</i> |

The ideals of The Scout Law are further explained in the following table. The adult leaders of Troop 100 hope and expect that every boy will strive to live up to these ideals.

| The Scout Law | | |
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| TRUSTWORTHY | COURTEOUS | THRIFTY |
| A scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him. | A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together. | A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property. |
| LOYAL | KIND | BRAVE |
| A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. | A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason. | A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him. |
| HELPFUL | OBEDIENT | CLEAN |
| A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward. | A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them. | A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean. |
| FRIENDLY | CHEERFUL | REVERENT |
| A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own. | A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does task that come his way. He tries to make others happy. | A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others. |

Chartering Organization:

Saint Mark's United Methodist Church (SMUMC)

100 North State Road 46 Bypass
Bloomington, IN 47408-4298
Phone: (812) 332-5788

Location: On the east side of the SR 46 bypass approximately ¼ mile north of East Third Street and the College Mall Road intersection on the east side of Bloomington

Boy Scouts of America Council Office:

BSA Hoosier Trails Council

5625 East State Road 46
Bloomington, IN 47401
Phone: (812) 336-6809

Location: On SR 46E 1.2 miles east of the SR 446S and SR 46E intersection

Boy Scout Office Hours:

Mon: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
Tues - Fri: 9:00am to 6:00pm
Sat: 10:00am to 2:00pm

Troop 100 Schedule:

Troop Meetings: 7:00 – 8:30 pm at SMUMC. Meetings start one week after the start of MCCSC schools.

Advancement: Boards of Review are held at SMUMC on the first Monday evening of each month, September – June, and by special arrangement. Times are scheduled by the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of Boards of Review

Patrol Leader's Council: The PLC is held at SMUMC on the third Monday evening of each month August – June at 7:00 pm.

Troop Committee Meetings: Committee meetings are held at SMUMC on the fourth Monday evening of each month, August – June at 7:00 pm.

Summer Camp: The Troop normally attends summer camp at the Hoosier Trails Council's reservation, Camp Maumee, located in northwestern Jackson County within the Hoosier National Forest. The Troop has also attended out of Council summer camps. Normally, the Troop attends one week in June.

Getting Started with Troop 100 – Youth:

1. A completed youth application must be on file with the Hoosier Trails Council before a youth may participate in any major activity. You or your son may obtain an application from the Scoutmaster or from the Hoosier Trails Council office. This form requires the signature of the Scoutmaster. Scouts transferring from another Troop, either local or from another community, must complete a membership application so that the transfer may be recorded at the council office. A medical form must also be completed at the time of joining the Troop.
2. Pay the annual \$63.00 Troop fee. The fee includes the following: BSA registration (\$15), Troop dues (\$13), Patrol Account (\$5), personal scout account (\$30). Personal accounts are set up to pay for expenses incurred during outings. Each patrol also has an account to pay for items for their patrol box or other Patrol expenses. A pro-rated Troop fee will be calculated if joining the Troop after its annual re-charter. Boys Life magazine may be requested for an additional \$12. If a boy is transferring from another Troop, there is a \$1.00 charge in addition to the other prorated fees.
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4. Buy basic necessities, these may be purchased from the Hoosier Trails Council Scout Store located at the council office. Basic requirements include a
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 - *Scout Handbook*
 - Boy Scout Uniform
 - Tan, short sleeve, "Class A" uniform shirt
 - Green shoulder loops
 - Green and white numerals 1-0-0
 - "Hoosier Trails Council" shoulder patch
 - American flag shoulder patch
 - Purple World Friendship patch
 - Boy Scout belt
 - Boy Scout pants and/or shorts
 - Boy scout socks
 - Optional - Troop 100 T-shirt "Class B" (available from the troop), \$13. Check with the Troop Committee Chair.

The Scout uniform should be worn for all Troop functions and Scout sponsored activities. Serviceable uniforms can often be obtained through a uniform exchange. Please inquire through the Scoutmaster.

A Scout new to Troop 100 will be given a Troop neckerchief when he joins the Troop.

Getting Started with Troop 100 – Adults:

1. Adults must complete an adult application. You may obtain an adult application from the Scoutmaster or at the council office. This application requires the signatures of the Troop Committee Chair and the Charter Organization Representative. In addition, it requires the approval of the Hoosier Trails Council. (**Note:** Please know that parents may attend meetings with their son regardless of the parent's registration status; it is encouraged.)
2. The adult registration fee is \$15.00, and it may be pro-rated if for a partial year.
3. An adult may register as a committee member, an Assistant Scoutmaster, or a Merit Badge Counselor. An adult may serve concurrently as a Merit Badge Counselor and in another position. If an adult registers only as a Merit Badge Counselor, the registration fee is waived.
4. There is an expectation from the BSA, Hoosier Trails Council, and the Troop Committee that you will agree to participate in training specific to scouting and to the position for which you apply. Further information relevant to training opportunities may be obtained from the Council newsletter, the Troop Committee Training Coordinator, the Council Office, the Council Webpage, and adult Troop leaders.
5. Parent participation may take a variety of forms regardless of registration status:
 - Attend Troop Committee Meetings: The Troop Committee assists the Scoutmaster in providing the best program possible for the Scouts. You are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings to provide input and to stay informed about the Troop's program.
 - Actively provide support in weekly Scout meetings
 - Attend or provide transportation to activities
 - Attend the semi-annual Courts of Honor
 - Review your son's Scouting progress occasionally
 - Coordinate an activity, campout, or project
 - Become a Merit Badge Counselor

Troop Expectations:

1. Scouts *will conduct* themselves in the spirit of the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code.
2. Scouts will wear a uniform to all Scout functions and when traveling to or from a Scout or Troop sponsored event or activity.
3. Scouts will demonstrate behavior appropriate to the meeting venue. This is especially the case at SMUMC where many groups use the facility for other meetings while the Troop meeting is conducted.
4. Scouts will obtain a Totin'-Chip before carrying or using a knife, axe, or saw.
5. Fireworks, alcohol, tobacco products, drugs, pornography, etc. are strictly forbidden.
6. No lantern, candles, aerosol sprays, or any open flames are permitted in tents.
7. Annoyances (water pistols, radios, iPods, cell phones, CD Players) are not permitted. For long travel, entertainment devices may be used in transport. In the latter situation, the appropriateness of the use of entertainment devices will be clearly communicated ahead of time.
8. Scouts are responsible for Troop property and equipment. Scouts will take home wet or dirty equipment to be properly cleaned, dried, or folded. Any problems with equipment should be reported to the Scoutmaster.
9. Physical, mental, and verbal harassment of Scouts will not be tolerated.
10. Fires must be built under adult supervision within the guidelines of the BSA.
11. Scouts should keep in mind that it is a goal to conduct safe and successful outings for ALL.
12. Rowdy behavior in camp or dangerous activity around campfires will not be tolerated.

Repeated violations of the rules may necessitate a call to a boy's parents to get him from any Troop activity. As a consequence, it may be the case that this Scout will not be allowed to participate in our next activity and is, in effect, placed on probation. Any fee assessed cannot be refunded in the event of removal for disciplinary reasons.

Participation in Troop 100 Activities:

Consistent attendance at meetings and events is an important contributor to a Scout's continued successful advancement and overall Scouting experience. The Troop's adult leadership acknowledges the importance of other activities (sports, marching band, family, church) in a Scout's life, but wishes to encourage attendance and participation to the extent that is possible without ignoring the value and demands of the aforementioned opportunities outside of scouting.

Troop 100 holds weekly meetings beginning in August one week after the start of MCCSC schools. Meetings continue throughout the year until the week before summer camp in June. As noted earlier, these meetings are held at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church from 7:00 – 8:30 pm on Wednesday evenings. Occasionally, weekly meetings will be held at other locations, and when this is the case sufficient notice is provided.

Troop 100 normally participates in a monthly outdoor activity. These may include weekend Troop or patrol campouts, hikes, canoe trips, service events, council or district events, and

other opportunities. These are limited only by the boys' imaginations, their willingness to plan them and adult volunteers to staff them. Information about campouts or other activities will be made available in a timely manner so that a Scout and his family may plan their schedules.

Tour permits for any event in which Scouts will be transported must be obtained from the Council office two full weeks ahead of the event. The Troop Outdoor Coordinator is the contact person for a Tour Permit. Drivers must be at least 21 years and have proof of insurance if transporting Scouts to or from an event. Drivers must provide information from their driver's license and insurance to be included on the tour permit. When the tour permit is filed properly, the participants in the event receive coverage from a BSA supplemental accident insurance for the event.

The troop owns personal and patrol equipment (e.g., tents, sleeping bags, backpacks, cook kits, stoves, patrol boxes, dining flies, etc.) that Scouts and families can borrow equipment by request to the Troop Quartermaster. Generally, it is a good idea to give a week's notice if a Scout needs to borrow equipment.

Before buying camping equipment, it is suggested that the Scout borrow from the troop and experiment with different types of camping equipment. Specific needs will become clear after a few outings. The *Scout Handbook* makes suggestions for equipment, and many of the Scouts and the adult leaders can make recommendations for the purchase of appropriate outdoor gear. Some sporting goods stores (J.L. Waters, in particular) offer a discount on equipment to registered Boy Scouts and Scouters if they present a membership card. It's a good idea to shop around for camping gear and get the most for your money. It is also important that emphasis is placed on the proper care and maintenance of this equipment due to the costs of replacement.

For some activities such as summer camp and high adventure trips, a Scout and Adult Scouters must have a completed and current physician signed BSA physical on file. The forms are available at the council office or from the Scoutmaster. A licensed healthcare provider should complete and sign the form. Make and retain a photocopy of the form for your records. The physical form is good for one year from the original date of the examination.

Rank Advancement:

Scouts progress through the various ranks in the following order: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

As young men participate in the Scouting program, they are presented with surmountable challenges in the form of skills to be learned and demonstrated. These required challenges are detailed in the *Scout Handbook*. Generally speaking, in the ranks from Scout to First Class, this skill instruction takes place at Troop meetings or on campouts. Good attendance at meetings and campouts helps to support advancement. Service hours given to the community or to other organizations are usually required for each rank.

As the Scout learns the skill and demonstrates it to the satisfaction of a qualified individual, the item is initialed and dated in the *Scout Handbook* in the appropriate space under the relevant rank. For rank advancement purposes through First Class, a qualified individual can be a parent who will verify that the Scout has learned and demonstrated the skill, any of the registered Troop adult leaders, or a Scout who has already achieved First Class rank. Scouts may complete rank advancement requirements in multiple rank requirement levels, but they must progress through the ranks in order noted above.

Once a Scout has completed the BSA specified requirements for the completion of a rank's challenges, he must request a Scoutmaster's Conference. The purpose of this meeting is for the Scoutmaster to meet with the Scout to determine readiness for a Board of Review, to learn more about the Scout, to develop a positive rapport between the Scout and the Scoutmaster, to assist the Scout in setting goals for the next rank, and to determine the Scout's continuing interest in scouting. A Scoutmaster's Conference generally lasts 10 – 15 minutes.

Following this conference, the Scoutmaster will sign the *Scout Handbook* to show that the conference occurred. At this time, the Scout may contact the adult leader in charge of advancement to schedule a Board of Review. Boards of Review in Troop 100 are usually scheduled the first Monday evening of each month at Saint Mark's United Methodist Church. The advancement leader will arrange a mutually agreeable time for the Board of Review. The advancement leader also will arrange for two or three registered adult leaders to meet with the boy at the Board of Review in order to discuss the Scout's continued interest in Scouting and his plans for future advancement. Board of Review members may ask questions about the skills and knowledge that a boy has learned as a Scout. A Board of Review generally lasts 15 – 20 minutes.

Merit Badges:

In the later ranks of Scouting, a Scout will need to complete the requirements for a specified number of merit badges, participate in a Scoutmaster's Conferences, and complete Boards of Review. The number of merit badges required for the later ranks is specified in the *Scout Handbook*, and each rank's set of requirements will include some optional and Eagle-required merit badges.

The Troop youth and adult leadership attempts to offer merit badge classes at meetings, so that older Scouts have continued motivation to attend. Also, the adult leadership, in particular, recognizes that as the boys get older, other demands on their time begin to have more of an impact on their schedules. By holding merit badge classes during a regular Troop meeting, boys do not need to plan around as many activities.

A Scout may request a particular merit badge class to be held during a Troop meeting by asking his Patrol Leader to present the idea at the Patrol Leader's Council. Assuming that there is sufficient interest among the youth leaders at the PLC, the merit badge class will become part of the program for several meetings.

See the World Wide Web for online merit badge information: (<http://www.meritbadge.com>).

A Scout may also arrange for a merit badge class to meet at another time. In this case, the Scout should approach the Scoutmaster and ask him to assign a registered merit badge counselor. It is the responsibility of the Scout to contact the counselor and to arrange a time and location for the merit badge class. A Scout should also contact another Scout interested in the merit badge to take the class with him.

Scouts should obtain a merit badge blue card signed by the Scoutmaster to begin work on a merit badge. This card will become the official record of the merit badge requirements as they are completed. Clearly a Scout should take great care to keep track of the card since it is an important record. When the merit badge requirements have been completed, the counselor will sign the card, and the appropriate portions of it will be presented to the Scout and to the advancement leader. The advancement leader will complete the necessary paperwork and take this to the Council office for entry into the Council's records. The Scout will receive the merit badge and a card that is signed by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster. This card, along with the Scout portion of the blue card, should be kept in a secure location in the event that there is ever a question about a Scout's completed merit badges. The merit badge can be sewn to a merit badge sash.

A Scout needs a total of 21 merit badges achieve Eagle rank. Of the 21 merit badges needed to achieve Eagle Rank, The *Scout Handbook* indicates twelve are mandatory. The table below names those required badges for Eagle Rank. A Scout selects the remaining elective merit badges based on his interests and availability of merit badge counselors.

| Mandatory 12 of 21 Merit Badges for Eagle Rank | | | |
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| Camping | Citizenship in the Community | Citizenship in the Nation | Citizenship in the World |
| Communications | Environmental Science | Family Life | First Aid |
| Personal Fitness | Personal Management | Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving | Cycling OR Hiking OR Swimming |

Summer Camp

The Troop normally attends summer camp during the month of June. We have generally attended local camps such as Camp Maumee or Camp Ransburg. Summer camp presents an excellent opportunity for Scouts to advance in rank and to earn merit badges. Camp runs Sunday through the following Saturday. Scouts sleep on cots in platform tents. Meals are served in the dining hall with the exception of Family Night. On Family Night meals are prepared at the Troop's campsite by the Scouts. Parents are invited to visit on Family Night in the late afternoon. It has been the tradition of Troop 100 to ask parents to provide a main or side dish for dinner. Information for parents is made available several months prior to summer camp for family schedule planning purposes.

In order to go to summer camp, the following steps are recommended.

1. Reserve a slot with a 50% deposit in February, full summer camp tuition is approximately \$230.
2. A current BSA physical form (available from Scoutmaster or Council Office) must be completed and signed by a physician and returned to the Scoutmaster at least two full weeks prior to the camp departure date. Parents must also sign the form. No Scout will be allowed to attend summer camp without the properly completed physical form.
3. Any required medications should be in their original containers and kept in a zip-lock bag identified with the Scouts name, Troop number, and campsite name. All medications will be administered by the adult Troop leader or adult designee at camp.
4. Summer camp tuition must be paid in full by May 1.
5. Please do not send electronic devices (cell phones, iPods, CD players).
6. There is a camp store where your Scout may buy cold drinks, candy, souvenirs, and supplies for those merit badges that require purchases of additional materials. However, it is not a good idea to send an excessive amount of money; generally, \$20 - \$25 should be more than enough for the week.
7. Arrive at meeting point for transportation with gear. An equipment list and detailed information about packing will be provided at Scout meetings prior to summer camp.

High Adventure Trips:

High adventure trips are generally held in the summer following the conclusion of the school year. In recent years members of the Troop have traveled to the Philmont Scout Ranch (New Mexico), the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (Minnesota), the Garden of the Gods Wilderness (Illinois), the Nantahala River, and the Blue Ridge Council's Camp Powhatan (Virginia). Activities included backpacking, canoeing, whitewater rafting, and rock climbing.

A current, physician signed, BSA medical form is required for adults and Scouts to participate in all high adventure trips. In addition, the Troop or other Scout agencies may place age and rank restrictions on those Scouts who wish to attend. Also, the Troop may require that a Scout hold specific merit badges if he plans to participate in the high adventure trip.

In the past these trips have spanned 6 – 15 days. The costs of the trips ranged \$175 - \$1200 depending on the duration and destination. The Scouts are expected to pay for their participation; it has not been the custom of the Troop to fund these experiences. Participating adults also pay for their participation.

The youth leaders determine the destinations for high adventure trips.

Troop Youth Leadership Positions:

Troop 100 meetings and activities are boy-planned and boy-run. Scouts work in patrols, groups of 4 to 10 boys, who work together at meetings and who cook, eat and camp together on outings. Troop 100 currently has four patrols: Scorpions, New Bees, Badgers and Soaring Eagles. A Patrol Leader heads each patrol and is assisted by his Assistant Patrol Leader. Patrol events (campouts, hikes and other outings) are encouraged but two adults are needed and a tour permit is required when Scouts are transported. As mentioned earlier, tour permits must be obtained from the Council office two full weeks ahead of the event to avoid a charge to the Troop's account at the Council office. The Troop Outdoor Coordinator is the contact person for a Tour Permit.

BSA National publications recommend a procedure for selecting youth leaders. The boys of the Troop elect the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and he appoints the other Troop level leaders: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, bugler, and Chaplain Aide. Patrols elect the Patrol Leader and he selects his Assistant Patrol Leader. It has been the standard of Troop 100 to elect boys to each of the positions; however, this practice is subject to change based on the wishes of the youth leaders.

The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) coordinates the activities of the Patrol Leaders. The SPL and the Patrol Leaders, or their designees, accomplish the planning of future events at the monthly Patrol Leaders Council (PLC).

Senior Patrol Leader:

Trains and guides patrol leaders
Leads meetings and activities
Represents Scouts' interests and requests to Troop Committee
Chairs PLC

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:

Takes over troop leadership in absence of senior patrol leader
Oversees functions of quartermaster, scribe, and historian/librarian

Quartermaster:

Keep records of patrol and troop equipment
Stores equipment and sees that it is returned in good order. Suggests new or replacement items as needed
Coordinates "trailer" cleanup day

Scribe:

Keeps log of patrol leaders council decisions
Records attendance and uniform status
Records advancement in troop records
Provides the Senior Patrol Leader with the planned attendance for trips.

Historian/ Librarian:

Gathers pictures and facts about activities
Keeps records of merit badge books owned by the troop
Advises of new or replacement items as needed
Has merit badge books available for borrowing at troop meeting
Keeps system to check merit badge books in and out
Follows up on late returns

Troop Webmaster:

Assists with the content and development of the Troop Webpage

Chaplain Aide:

Encourages Scouts to live up to the ideals of the Scout Oath, Law and Slogan.
Offers prayer at Scouting events.
Works with the adult Troop Chaplain.

Instructor:

Older Troop member proficient both in Scout skills and ability to teach the skills
Teaches younger and newer Scouts
May be more than one

Troop Guide:

Older, first class scout
Works with patrol leader of a new-Scout patrol providing direction, coaching and mentoring

Den Chief:

Works with a den of Cub Scouts or Webelos and helps the adult leaders
Assists with meetings
Encourages Cub Scout advancement
Serves as a role model

Order of the Arrow Representative:

Serves as a liaison between the Troop and the Order of the Arrow

Bugler:

Plays taps and reveille at Scout and Troop functions

Patrol leadership positions include the Patrol Leader (PL) and the Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). Patrols may also decide to enact Patrol Quartermaster and Patrol Scribe positions. The Patrol Leaders are responsible for leadership within the Patrols and for assisting the Senior Patrol Leader with the running of the Troop. Patrol Leaders should gather information from their patrol members about programming, problems, and new opportunities to be discussed at the PLC. The PL is responsible for communicating the decisions of the PLC with his patrol. The APL assists the PL in the smooth functioning of the patrol and represents the patrol at the PLC if the PL is unable to attend. If enacted by the patrol, the Patrol Quartermaster and the Patrol Scribe perform similar duties to the corresponding Troop positions but to a lesser degree.

Troop Meeting Agenda:

The agenda for a typical Troop meeting may be similar to the following.

6:50 pm – Meeting Preparation

7:00 pm – Opening Circle of Scouting

Recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, the Scout Law, the Scout Oath

Troop Announcements from youth leaders and adult leaders

7:10 pm – Patrol Corners

7:20 pm – Programming

8:00 pm – Game or patrol competition

8:15 pm – Closing Circle of Scouting

Review of special announcements, debriefing the meeting, Scoutmaster's Minute,

Prayer, Scout Vespers, Taps

8:30 pm – Meeting concludes and clean up.

| Scout Vespers | Taps |
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| Softly falls the light of day, As our campfire fades away. Silently each Scout should ask, "Have I done my daily task? Have I kept my honor bright? Can I guiltless sleep tonight? Have I done and have I dared Everything to be prepared?" | Day is done Gone the sun From the lakes From the hills From the sky. All is well Safely rest God is nigh. |

The Troop Committee

The overall operation of the Troop falls to the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee is the troop's board of directors and supports the troop program.

The Troop Committee performs and is responsible for a number of duties:

1. Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained. In case the Scoutmaster is absent, a qualified assistant Scoutmaster is assigned. If the Scoutmaster is unable to serve, a replacement is recruited.
2. Provides adequate meeting facilities
3. Advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization
4. Carries out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
5. Supports leaders in carrying out the program
6. Is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan
7. Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for troop property
8. Provides adequate camping and outdoor program (minimum 10 days and nights per year)
9. Serves on Boards of Review and Courts of Honor.
10. Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that may affect the overall troop program.
11. Provides for the special needs and assistance some boys may require.
12. Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.
13. Assists the Scoutmaster with handling boy behavior problems.

The Troop Committee elects officers. The customary practice in Troop 100 is for the Troop Committee Chair and other officers to serve a one-year term. Other committee members may be elected or volunteer to fulfill additional responsibilities.

Any parent may complete an adult application and opt to register with the Troop as a Committee Member. The application requires the signatures of the Troop Committee Chair and the Charter Organization Representative. In addition, approval by the Council office is required.

Troop Finances:

Dues: Yearly dues are \$33.00 per scout. They are paid in March of each year by each boy wishing to register or remain registered as a member of Troop 100 at recharter time. The \$33 pays for BSA registration (\$15), Troop program fees (\$13), Patrol Account funding (\$5). A subscription to *Boy's Life* magazine is optional for an additional \$12. Adult fees are \$15 for BSA registration.

Scout Accounts: The Committee Treasurer maintains individual accounts for all Scouts and Scouters. Money can be earned for these accounts through Troop fundraisers. Money from

these accounts can be used for any scout expenses (i.e. summer camp, high adventures, troop dues). When a Scout leaves the Troop, the money in his Troop account reverts to the troop general funds. Scouts are asked to initially fund their personal account with a minimum of \$30.

Fund Raisers: Popcorn sales in the fall of each year provide the majority of the Troop treasury. The Scouts take orders during October, hand in forms in early November, and receive Popcorn to deliver at Thanksgiving. Money, collected as popcorn is delivered, is due in early December. Scouters may also sell popcorn.

Approximately 35% of the money collected goes to the Troop. In some years the Troop Committee votes to give all profits to the selling Scouts' accounts. At other times, depending on need, 1/3 may go to the Scouts' accounts, 1/3 to the troop general fund, and the final 1/3 to the troop equipment fund. In addition the local BSA council also makes ~30%.

Financial Assistance: The Scoutmaster is authorized by the Troop Committee to spend \$20 per event for any Scout seeking financial assistance. Please contact the Scoutmaster as other possibilities may also exist. The Committee may consider other Scout assistance expenditures on a case-by-case basis.

Michael Corns Scholarship: The Michael Corns Scholarship was first instituted in 1992 in memory of Michael Corns. Michael was a member of Troop 100 with a great love of scouting and camping, but because of his illness, was never able to attend scout camp.

A Scout chosen for the scholarship will have his scout summer camp fees paid. To qualify, the Scout must be attending summer camp for the first time, must show Scout spirit, and must submit an essay explaining why he wants to attend Scout camp. Essays are to be given to the Scoutmaster and will be reviewed by the troop committee. The Troop Committee may offer to support a second scholarship at their discretion.

Getting Timely Information About Troop 100

With the advent of technology, the Troop Committee has begun using e-mail to notify parents of meetings, activities and special announcements. The main avenue of communication for the Scouts is through their patrol leader who may also use e-mail or telephone communication. You are encouraged to send e-mail addresses for Scouts and their parents to the Troop Committee Chair or designee.

Helpful Web Sites

Troop Web Site: <http://www.troop100-hoosiertrails.org/T100-11292009/T100/Welcome.html>

Hoosier Trails Council: <http://www.hoosiertrailsbsa.org>

Official BSA National Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>

Abbreviations & Terms Commonly Used in Scouting

APL – Assistant Patrol Leader

ASPL – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

ASM – Assistant Scoutmaster

BOR – Board of Review

CM – Committee Member

COH – Court of Honor

COR – Charter Organization Representative, the liaison between the Church and the Troop

DE – District Executive

HNF – Hoosier National Forest, a frequent destination for campouts located south of Bloomington

HTC – Hoosier Trails Council, the local BSA Council

JASM – Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, a youth position for older boys

JLT- Junior Leadership Training

PLC – Patrol Leaders' Council

SPL – Senior Patrol Leader

Scout – A youth member of the Troop under the age of 18

Scouter – A member of the Troop who is 18 years of age or older

SMUMC – Saint Mark's United Methodist Church

TCC – Troop Committee Chair

