

DISCIPLINE: The troop urges civil resolution of problems among the boys, and any form of abuse of another member of the troop will not be tolerated. At any time that a member of the troop resorts to the use of physical actions, the adult leadership may request that the parents immediately remove the offender from the meeting or campout. The boy may return to the next meeting provided that he and his parents first attend a conference with the scoutmaster to discuss the problem and steps, which have been taken to avoid this situation in the future.

FUND RAISING AND BOY ACCOUNTS: Periodically the troop sponsors fund raising events, which allow the scouts to earn money to buy equipment, pay for summer camp, and pay for dues. The troop treasurer maintains these funds. Any expenditure must be approved by the scoutmaster prior to acquisition.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND: The troop realizes participating in many of our activities may place a strain on the funds of the parents. Therefore, we offer the boys opportunities to raise some of the needed funds themselves. Even this is sometimes not enough, and because the troop committee sees the need for all boys to participate, they have established a scholarship fund, which is funded by a portion of the fundraising activities. This fund is available to a boy seeking assistance with camping or leadership training experiences. Any boy who desires to utilize this fund should contact the scoutmaster directly.

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PURPOSE: To help the scout grow into a responsible man, to help serve others, to become a leader, to attain Scout Spirit, and to have fun and fellowship while achieving these.

MEETINGS: Troop Meetings are held every Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the lower levels of the Church of the Messiah, 51 North State St, Westerville, Ohio. Patrol Leader's Council meetings are held periodically to review the plans for the upcoming meetings. Certain holidays are observed where we do not meet.

DUES: Dues cover awards and badges earned by the boys, troop equipment and repair or replacement costs, and other general troop expenses. The troop year runs from Sep. 1–Aug. 31. Annual dues are \$96.00, paid in September. Scouts joining during the year pay \$8.00 for each month or part thereof from the joining date through Aug. 31. New scouts pay a one time joining fee of \$35.00, which covers registration fees, Boy's Life subscription, troop neckerchief and slide, and troop hat and t-shirt. Scouts advancing from Cubs pay a one time joining fee of \$21.00, which covers the transfer fee, neckerchief, slide, hat and t-shirt.

CAMPING: The troop camps every month regardless of the weather. Camps are held at different locations with a variety of themes including cooking, hiking, backpacking, camping shelters, cold weather camping, horsemanship, bike trips, and mini-high adventure trips. Merit Badge and advancement requirements are completed at these campouts. Average cost for these camping trips is \$25.00 per Scout or adult.

SUMMER CAMP: The troop attends a summer camp during one week each summer. These camps are in either June or July. The troop tries to vary the summer camp between three areas. The first is a Boy Scout Summer Camp sponsored by a Boy Scout Council, which provides basic scouting skills and opportunities for advancement. The second camping experience involves a trip to a national Boy Scout High Adventure base. The troop has attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico several times for a two-week backpacking trip. Since there is often an age requirement to attend these camps the troop also provides an opportunity for the boys not attending the high adventure camp to attend a local Boy Scout Council sponsored summer camp. The third leg of the summer camp triangle is usually a trip to a state or national park in the US, or a provincial park in Ontario, Canada, which would consist of a one-week canoeing trip through the wilderness of Canada.

AWARDS: Recognizing advancement is an important part of the Scouting experience. Advancement is recognized as part of the Court of Honor, which is usually held three times each year. Parents and family are encouraged to attend. The event is usually followed by a social period during which the troop leaders are available for informal discussions regarding troop activities.

Because immediate recognition of advancement is important, badges of rank are presented at the weekly meetings as earned.

ADVANCEMENT: The pace of advancement is up to each individual scout. The troop helps by having trained and experienced leaders and a corp of experienced older scouts to teach the skills. Meetings and campouts are geared to teaching skills or merit badges, which lead to advancement. However, each scout is responsible, and is expected, to work on his own, to achieve his goals. Scouts that attend the meetings and campouts will learn skills and will advance, but participation is required. This is part of what we call Scout Spirit.

PARTICIPATION: Scouts are highly encouraged to attend all meetings, and as many campouts and service projects as possible. This will enable them to learn the skills necessary for advancement. Parents are encouraged to participate and lend their experience where possible. The troop recognizes that scouts also participate in band, sports, and other activities, but requests that Scouting be given importance equal to these activities.

EQUIPMENT: The troop provides camping equipment such as tents, eating plates, backpacking stoves, frying pans, pots, tarps, and other major camping equipment. Equipment lists are available on the web site or via Patrol Leaders. Occasionally, separate equipment lists will be issued for special function campouts. Other wants and needs develop as experience is gained. The scout and his patrol will carry all camping gear and food as we generally hike in to the camping area.