

Scout Vespers (closing song)

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
In everything to be prepared?"

May the great scoutmaster of all scouts be with us till
we meet again.

Troop Cheer: Motivated

Motivated! Motivated! Heck Yeah Motivated!
Rompin' Stompin' Barbed Wire Walkin'
Rod Steel, Scatter Peel, Can't Get None Of This
HOORAH! BOOM!

Troop Chant

Troop 355 how do we feel?
We feel good, Oh... we feel so good, HUH!

Are you ready for a new adventure?

Welcome to Troops 355 & 1355



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Scoutmasters

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The Troop meets each Monday at 7:00 pm
Please see the Troop calendar for upcoming events

Meeting Information

- Set up begins at 6:45 pm and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm
- Each meeting typically consists of opening flags, patrol time, troop activities, and closing circle
- Scout leadership will plan each meeting at the monthly Patrol Leadership Council (PLC)
- Scouts should wear a Class A uniform consisting of a Scout shirt, pants, and belt unless told otherwise
- Neckerchief and sash are not required unless attending a Court of Honor, Scoutmaster conference, Board of Review, or other formal meeting.
- Meetings typically run 90 minutes. We try to keep meetings from running longer.
- We meet year-round with activities and meetings throughout the summer.
- Each Scout should bring their handbook to each meeting and campout
- All advancement requirements must be signed off by the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster

Patrols

- Each scout will be placed in a patrol that will function like their den.
- Each patrol camps together, works together on activities, and will be led by a member of the patrol.
- New scouts are assigned to the same patrol to help them adjust to the new group. The new Scouts will be assigned a Troop Guide who is an experienced scout and will help them achieve their first rank and get to know the other patrols.

Grub Master

- At each campout the entire patrol will plan their own menu and develop a shopping list.
- One Scout will be asked to serve as Grub master, to help organize the menu plan, collect funds from each scout, shop for the food, and serve as patrol quartermaster for the campout.
- This is a great opportunity to learn planning, responsibility, and leadership.

Parent Support

- Parents are encouraged to attend meetings
- Only registered members, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Committee members can attend campouts
- Adult volunteers help the Troop run. We welcome any support you may be willing to offer.
- All adult volunteers must take Youth Protection Training

Special Service Activities

- Pushmobile
- Scouting for Food
- Fundraisers
- Eagle Projects

Court of Honor

- Scouts receive recognition when they advance in rank at the end of our Troop meetings
- We also hold a Court of Honor in the spring and fall of each year.
- At the Court of Honor, we award merit badges and celebrate the Troops achievements

Advancement

First Class Emphasis

- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class

Scouts learn skills at their own pace and rank up as they meet rank requirements. Scouts at this level work on camping skills, knot tying, cooking, first aid, personal fitness, and more.

After achieving First Class rank scouts must serve leadership positions and earn merit badges to earn the ranks of:

- Star
- Life
- Eagle

To complete each rank Scouts must participate in a Scoutmaster conference and a Board of Review.

Uniform, Equipment, and Forms

- Meeting attire – class A uniform of scout shirt and pants
- Board of Review – class A plus merit badge sash
- Class B t-shirts at active events and summer meetings

Recommended gear for campouts: sleeping bag, hiking boots, water bottle, compass, flashlight, first aid kit, and weather appropriate clothing

Scouts are provided Troop tents when they are scout through first class rank. Scouts earn a personal tent when they achieve First Class rank.

The Troop currently schedules events in Scout Book. We ask scouts to RSVP to indicate whether they will or will not attend the event.

We collect permission slips before outings and campouts.

Medical forms need to be completed and updated each year. The Troop will collect and hold medical forms which are required for all campouts and events. Part C of the form is required for events longer than 72 hours, typically summer camp.

Merit Badges

- Merit badges can be earned at Troop, District, Council, or other Troop approved events.
- Merit badges must be approved by the Scoutmaster before they can be started.
- Merit badge patches are awarded at each Court of Honor.
- There are currently 14 Eagle required merit badges.
- Seven additional elective merit badges are required to earn eagle
- Scouts may earn as many merit badges as they want.
- Summer and winter camps are a great opportunity to earn merit badges.
- The Troop will occasionally host a merit badge class typically focusing on the Eagle required badges.

Scoutmaster Conference & Board of Review

- When each Scout is ready to rank up they will attend a Scoutmaster conference and a Board of Review
- The Scoutmaster Conference includes at least two leaders. It is a discussion with the Scout regarding their progress and completion of requirements.
- The Board of Review is attended by Committee members and is a check on the Scout's progress