

# Welcome to Our Troop!

Whether or not you've been in Scouting before, there is a new world for youth to explore in a Scout troop. And, of course, as a parent, you can help ensure the success of your Scout. We strive for every youth to achieve the aims of Scouting: character development, citizenship training, leadership, and mental and physical fitness.

In order to achieve the aims of Scouting, we utilize the eight **methods of Scouting**:

Ideals	Personal Growth
Association with Adults	Leadership Development
Patrol Method	Outdoors
Advancement	Uniform

## **Ideals**

The ideals are spelled out in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouts measure themselves against these ideals and continually try to improve.

## **Personal Growth**

As they follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law, plan their activities, and progress toward their goals, Scouts grow as individuals of good character.

## **Association With Adults**

Responsible adult leaders serve as positive role models, and Scouts learn by observing how those leaders conduct themselves.

## **Leadership Development**

Scouts are given repeated opportunities to learn leadership skills and put them into action while serving others.

## **Patrol Method**

The patrol method gives each Scout an opportunity to share responsibility, exercise good judgment, and develop participating citizenship. The patrol is the basic unit of Scouting.

**Describe your unit's approach.**

## **Outdoors**

It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts put a variety of skills into action, while having all kinds of fun.

**Describe your unit's approach.**

## **Advancement**

The advancement program provides Scouts with opportunities to gain understanding, learn useful skills, and receive recognition.

**Describe your unit's approach.**



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## Uniform

The uniform is more than a place for the proper display of patches and badges. It gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood that believes in the same ideals.

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**Summary:** Scouting's methods represent the tools we use, the path we take in reaching for our goals. In every Scouting activity, some element of each of these methods will be evident. Sometimes this will be obvious; often it will not. But the methods are where we concentrate our attention and effort. A balanced combination of these will lead us to the aims of Scouting.

You can help your Scout to be successful by encouraging full participation in patrol and troop activities; ensuring proper wearing of the uniform; helping with transportation, meetings, and outings; and, perhaps most importantly, supporting your Scout in following the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## My Troop Information

I am in Troop No.: \_\_\_\_\_

My troop meets every: \_\_\_\_\_ from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

My troop meets at: \_\_\_\_\_

My patrol is: \_\_\_\_\_

My patrol leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My patrol leader's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My senior patrol leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My senior patrol leader's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's email is: \_\_\_\_\_

*Scouts are expected to communicate, as needed, with their troop's youth leadership. Parents should allow their Scout to be responsible for the routine flow of information between the family and the troop.*

*Parents are encouraged to join the troop committee to learn more about the troop to assist their Scout.*

