

Troop 48 Handbook

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Dear Parents:

Greece Baptist Church, 1230 Long Pond Road in Greece, sponsors Troop 48. The Troop has been active for over 78 years; the first Troop charter being issued on April 21, 1928. There has been 193 Scouts from Troop 48 that have attained the rank of Eagle.

The primary purposes of scouting, in addition to providing fun programs for your son are: building character, citizenship, and physical and mental fitness. We feel that a child must grow from the early stage of complete dependence on his family to an eventual state of self-dependence. Along the way he must be given increasing opportunity to make responsible decisions and test himself in many situations. This development begins with tight family control that must gradually change to family support.

Troop 48 is a "boy-run" troop; the adults advise and provide guidance. Troop meetings are planned and conducted by the older and more experienced boys. The Senior Patrol Leader conducts Troop meetings.

Like anything else in life, each boy gets as much out of scouting as he puts into it. As parents, you can help your son in many ways to achieve his goals. Our experience indicates that the boy's degree of achievement will be in direct proportion to the parents' interest and involvement in scouting.

Here are ways you can use the scouting program to help your son develop and grow:

- Encourage your scout to attend as many Troop meetings and activities as possible.
- Be interested and encourage him to advance in rank.
- If possible, as he matures, have him earn money for Troop dues and campouts.
- Attend all Troop Courts of Awards / Courts of Honor.
- Aid in providing transportation for troop activities.

Troop 48 extends an invitation to parents to join the Troop Committee in overseeing the Troop's many activities. Participation with your son can offer a rich and rewarding experience. Follow his progress in his scout book. We invite prospective scouts and parents to visit as many meetings as they like before joining. Once a boy joins, however, we expect regular attendance at meetings and other scheduled functions.

Attached you will find basic Troop information. It should provide you with a degree of familiarity of Troop 48, but we know there will be unanswered questions. Please feel free to call upon anyone on the Troop Committee or Scout Leaders to assist you and provide the answers. We hope this will be a rewarding experience for both you and your boy!

Troop 48 Committee

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1.0 Troop Organization

- 1.1 The Troop's administrative body is the Troop Committee, which is comprised of adults who are approved by the Chartering Organization and the local Boy Scout Council. Troop 48 invites all parents to attend and participate in committee discussions.

The Committee's responsibilities include:

• Providing leadership	• facilities
• maintaining a solvent financial status for the Troop	• guidance and rules
• support for the Troop program	• policy

The Troop Committee and Adult leadership meet once a month (normally the first Thursday of the month). Notices of these meetings are sent to each family through our newsletter and e-mail.

- 1.2 **The Scoutmaster is responsible for the Troop's image and program.** He meets regularly with the Patrol Leader's Council for coordination in planning Troop activities, conducts periodic parents' sessions to share the program and encourages parent participation and cooperation, and conducts all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions and the policies of the Chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts and accompany the Unit on outings and scout functions. Each Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned specific program duties and reports to the Scoutmaster.

- 1.3 **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster** is a scout 16 years old or older who supervises and supports other boy leaders as assigned by the Scoutmaster.
- 1.4 **Senior Patrol Leader** is a senior Scout elected by the other Scouts to lead the Troop. He presides over the Troop meetings, serves as the leader for the Troop's Leader Corps, and chairs the Patrol Leaders' Council meetings.
- 1.5 **Leader Corps** is comprised of Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders who have been assigned leadership responsibilities for various areas of the Troop's program- administration, advancement, camping, activities, etc.
- 1.6 **Patrol Leader's Council (PLC)**, composed of the patrol leaders and members of the Leader Corps, and is responsible for planning and conducting the Troop's activities. Troop activities are selected and planned at an annual program planning conference. The Troop's yearly plan is then submitted to the Troop Committee for approval or alternative suggestions for further consideration. They meet on the last day of the month to organize and assign activity responsibilities for the weekly Troop meetings.

1.7 Scouts are organized into patrols, each led by a Patrol Leader. Patrol Leaders must have achieved the rank of First Class and be selected by the Scouts through a general election held in the fall. The Patrol Leader represents his patrol at the PLC meetings, chairs patrol meetings, assists patrol members with advancement, provides guidance for patrol members as required, and assigns jobs within the patrol as needed.

1.8 Scouts who have achieved First Class rank are assigned leadership positions in the Troop:

- **Assistant Patrol Leader** - fills in for the patrol leader in his absence
- **Chaplain's Aide** - assists in Troop religious services and promotes religious emblems programs
- **Den Chief**- works with a Cub Scout den as a guide
- **Service Patrol (monthly rotation)** - arranges meeting room to accommodate Troop meeting requirements and restores room to the Church arrangement
- **Historian** - collects and maintains Troop memorabilia (photos, news stories, trophies, flags, and awards) and information on Troop activities and former troop members
- **Librarian** - keeps Troop's merit badge books, pamphlets, magazines. Troop Handbook, membership forms, rosters, and other papers required by the Troop
- **Quartermaster** - inventories and maintains Troop supplies and equipment
- **Scribe** (Troop secretary) attends patrol Leaders' Council meetings and keeps a logbook of their decisions and prepares correspondence on behalf of the Troop. Prepares Troop newsletters and submits articles on Troop activities to area newspapers.
- **Order of the Arrow Rep**
- **Troop Guide**

1.9 The Troop 48 program is entirely dependent on the degree of assistance given by parents. In addition to Committee work we need assistance from parents in the following areas:

- **Help at Troop Meetings:** If you have previous experience in Scouting or enjoy working with boys of Scout age, volunteer to help at Troop meetings.
- **Transportation:** Cars, vans, trucks, and drivers are needed to take Scouts on trips. Many of the trips are within an hour of Greece.

- **Camping Trips:** If you enjoy the outdoors and can spare an occasional day or weekend with the boys, you are urgently needed to help with the outdoor program.
- **Merit Badge Counselors:** Men and women are needed to instruct and examine Scouts who are interested in pursuing merit badges.
- **Board of Review:** Serve as a member of the Board which reviews the Scouts' accomplishments for advancement to the next rank
- **Event Chairman:** Adults are needed to oversee and work with Scouts to coordinate various activities.

2.0 Troop Meetings

- 2.1 Our Troop meets Monday evenings during the school year. These meetings are held from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Greece Baptist Church, 1230 Long Pond Road. Attendance will be taken at the meetings.
- 2.2 **For all Troop meetings, Scouts are required to wear a uniform** consisting of a Scout shirt, neckerchief, and neckerchief slide.
- 2.3 Each Scout should bring his Scout Handbook with his personal progress record kept up-to-date on the advancement he has completed. He should also bring a note pad and pencil.
- 2.4 Senior Scouts and adult leaders help the lower-rank Scouts toward advancement. Meetings are also used for planning Troop activities.
- 2.5 Parents are welcome to attend meetings and help whenever possible.

3.0 The Uniform

- 3.1 For all Troop meetings and camping functions, Scouts are required to wear a uniform (Class A) consisting of a Scout shirt, neckerchief, and neckerchief slide. Regular Scout pants are optional. Jeans are most serviceable. The Troop supplies the first neckerchief, slide, patch, t-shirt and Scout Handbook when a Scout joins the Troop. Class B is considered the Troop t-shirt. It will be announced when it is appropriate to wear Class B instead of the Class A uniform.
- 3.2 Sashes must be worn during Board of Reviews. Exception: Sashes are not to be worn by a Scout until the 7th Merit Badge is earned.
- 3.3 The position of patches and insignia are shown in the Scout Handbook

4.0 Finance

4.1 Operating Expenses

• Unit charter fee	• BSA annual registration	• Troop operation supplies
• Training	• Advancement badges	• Unit accident insurance
• Program material	• Camping equipment	• Advancement ceremonies

4.1.1 In an effort to make scouting affordable for all, annual dues cover only a portion of the Troop's cost-per-Scout each year. Annual dues cover approximately one third of the Troop's expenses. Scouts participate in other activities to earn the additional funds needed for the Troop's scout program.

4.2 Dues

4.2.1 An annual fee of \$65 is to be paid by October 15th.

4.2.2 A Scout who joins the Troop on or after February 1 is assessed partial dues of \$45 to cover the cost of registration, the Troop neckerchief, *patch*, neckerchief slide, t-shirt (Class B), and Scout Handbook, in addition to the items listed in 4 1.1 above. The full fee will be due the following September.

4.2.3 A Scout who does not pay his annual dues by October 15th will not be permitted to participate in any troop campouts beyond that date without the explicit permission of the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee (prior arrangements made). Advancement awards that were earned prior to September 1 but awarded after September 1 of the same year will only be presented at the scout's expense. This is because the expense of the awards themselves is incurred in the scouting year that they are awarded, not in the year they are earned. This is only valid while a scout is officially chartered by the Boy Scouts of America.

4.3 Fund Raisers

4.3.1 Fund raising events are determined each September. These may be determined as mandatory or optional. Mandatory fund raisers are designed to provide specific income to the troop treasury to offset operating expenses. Optional fund raisers are designed to provide Megabuck earning opportunities (see section 4.4). Some examples of fund raisers are presented in the following sub-sections.

4.3.2 **Candy Sale:** If it is determined that a Candy Sale will be conducted, then each Scout is expected to participate in this fund-raiser, if designated as mandatory, and is required to sell a predetermined amount of candy. If a Scout chooses not to sell candy, they must pay the amount of profit that would have been earned, to the Troop.

4.3.3 **Popcorn Sale:** The Troop participates in the District Popcorn sale every fall. This is not one of the mandated events, but the profits acquired from the sale goes directly into the Scout's Megabuck account (see section 4.4) and can be used for any scout related activity.

4.3.4 **Car Washes:** held in the fall and spring (usually in October and late May or early June). Each Scout will be assigned to one of several shifts. Car Washes are mandatory events.

4.3.5 **Donations:** of monetary gifts, supplies or equipment.

4.3.6 Mandatory Fundraisers: Wreath Sale, Coffee Sale, Hot Dog Sale

4.4 **Megabucks:**

4.4.1 Megabucks are distributed only within Troop 48 and can be used like cash for almost any troop sponsored event like campouts, trips, summer camp, etc., dues and even reimbursable for items bought at the Scout Shop in Scout Office (with receipt). They are given out for special events such as selling extra candy during the annual fund raiser, selling popcorn, and other events as designated by the troop. They are the property of Troop 48 and are not transferable to other individuals (except other family members). They can be held as long as the scout is a member of Troop 48, but are returned to the troop (placed into a Campership Fund) upon resignation (usually determined to be Sept. 30th of the new troop year when dues are required to be paid). The troop treasurer will keep the official records of accumulated Megabucks, but the individual is required to present the actual Megabucks when redeeming them and check with the Treasurer periodically to assure his assigned number of Megabucks is correct (for accounting purposes). The troop reserves the right to control the use of Megabucks, including revocation, at any time as determined by the troop committee.

5.0 Advancement

5.1 Advancement Program

The Boy Scout advancement plan is designed to encourage Scouts to accomplish a progressive series of learning experiences in the areas of citizenship, character, and personal fitness. This provides for recognizing and measuring these experiences. Thus, we are not merely teaching particular skills such as how to live comfortably in camp or how to handle emergency first aid treatment. Important as these skills may be, our real purpose is to help the boy grow - in citizenship, character, and personal fitness - and to recognize his growth. Each step in the advancement plan should have learning outcomes based on that purpose.

5.2 Advancement Requirements

- 5.2.1 Advancement requirements for each rank are listed in the Scout Handbook. Scouts should make sure that advancement requirements are signed in their book when the requirement has been satisfactorily completed. As these requirements are completed, the Scout must see the Advancement Chairman so the Troop advancement records are accurate.
- 5.2.2 The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters may pass the Scout on any rank through First Class. The Scoutmaster will evaluate advancement requirements of participation, scout spirit, and the Scoutmaster Conference.
- 5.2.3 Assistant Scoutmasters and Scouts with the rank of First Class and above may test and pass the Scout on any requirements within a rank, excluding participation, scout spirit, and the Scoutmaster Conference, up to and including First Class. The Scoutmaster will evaluate advancement requirements of participation, scout spirit, and the Scoutmaster Conference.

5.3 Merit Badges

- 5.3.1 Scouts of any rank may work on merit badges, however, it is suggested that boys below First class concentrate on those ranks' requirements.
- 5.3.2 The Troop Librarian is to maintain an up-to-date merit badge book library. Any Scout wishing to borrow a merit badge book should see the Librarian.
- 5.3.3 The Advancement Chairman has a current listing of all registered Merit Badge Counselors and a supply of Scoutmaster-signed merit badge "blue cards". Before starting on a merit badge, the Scout is to see the Advancement Chairman to obtain a blue card and identify merit badge counselors.
- 5.3.4 Call the Merit Badge Counselor prior to starting badge work.

5.3.5 When a merit badge is completed, it is the scout's responsibility to turn in the two sections of the blue card to the Advancement Chairman. **No blue card, no merit badge.** The applicant's record portion of the blue card will be returned to the Scout along with the merit badge at the following Court of Awards. Once returned, the blue cards should be kept in a safe place. They will be needed to verify the earned merit badges when applying for the rank of Eagle. **Scouts are strongly encouraged to keep their merit badge cards in plastic pages** (commonly used for collecting or displaying sports trading cards)

5.4 **Scout Ranks: Tenderfoot through First Class**

5.4.1 Scouts completing a rank should arrange a Scoutmaster Conference.

5.4.2 Once all items are signed, the Scout is to present his book to the Advancement Chairman for review and updating the scout's permanent record.

5.4.3 After his permanent record has been updated, the candidate may ask the Advancement Chairman about arranging a Board of Review. Board of Reviews will be scheduled on a 1st come 1st served basis.

5.4.4 Attempts will be made to schedule the Board of Review for the following week.

5.4.5 A Scout to be reviewed is to be in full uniform and is to bring his book with him to the board of review. Full uniform is defined as the official Boy Scout shirt (Class A), Troop 48 neckerchief, and neckerchief slide for candidates through first class. Failure to dress in full uniform or forgetting to bring his book is grounds for postponing the review.

5.4.6 Upon completion of the Board of Review, it is the scout's responsibility to see the Advancement Chairman so the rank advancement is recorded in the Troop records.

5.4.7 The rank patch will be presented to the Scout at the next Court of Awards/ Court of Honor.

5.5 **Scout Ranks: Star and Life**

5.5.1 Scouts completing a rank should arrange a Scoutmaster conference.

5.5.2 Once all items are signed, the Scout is to present his book to the Advancement Chairman for review and updating the scout's permanent record.

5.5.3 After his permanent record has been updated, the candidate may ask the Advancement Chairman about arranging a Board of Review. Board of Reviews will be scheduled on a 1st come 1st served basis.

5.5.4 Attempts will be made to schedule the Board of Review for the following week.

5.5.5 A Scout to be reviewed is to be in full uniform and is to bring his book with him to the board of review. Full uniform is defined as the official Boy Scout shirt (Class A), Troop 48 neckerchief, neckerchief slide, and merit badge sash (provided the Scout has received the minimum number [7] of merit badges for a sash prior to the board of review). **Failure to dress in full uniform or forgetting to bring his book is grounds for postponing the review. Exception: Summer Camp – Scouts will only have Class A shirt.**

5.5.6 Upon successful completion of the Adult Board of Review, the rank patch will be presented to the Scout at the next Court of Awards/Court of Honor.

5.6 **Eagle Rank**

5.6.1 Life Scouts wishing to pursue an Eagle service project should contact the Eagle Advisor for a copy of the Eagle Scout Service Project Workbook and follow the workbook instructions.

5.6.2 Eagle candidates seeking approval of an Eagle service project should contact the Scoutmaster to discuss the project concept and obtain the required approvals **prior** to starting work on the project.

5.6.3 Upon completion of the project and project report, the Eagle candidate is to follow the same procedure as outlined for the Star and Life ranks.

5.6.4 The Eagle candidate must provide two (2) copies of his Life Purpose and Eagle project report to the Eagle Advisor one week prior to the Boy Board of Review.

5.7 **Boards of Review**

5.7.1 The purpose of the review is to make sure that all requirements have been met. This means a check of both the technical skill (concepts) and the scouts attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting:

5.7.2 The board of review is to make sure that the requirements for rank advancement have been completed, to find out what kind of experience the boy is having in his patrol and the Troop, and to encourage the Scout to progress further.

5.7.3 A Board of Review will be conducted for the ranks of Tenderfoot through Eagle. Once an Eagle candidate completes the Troop Adult Board of Review, he will appear before a Council Eagle Board of Review.

5.7.4 The board of review will be examining:

• Scouting activities	• Advancement requirements or merit badges
• Scouting ideals	• Service projects and daily good turns
• Religious principles	• Leadership duties and responsibilities

5.8 Additional Information

- 5.8.1 If you need assistance with a rank requirement, ask your patrol leader, a senior Scout, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Scoutmaster.
- 5.8.2 Any Scout needing a Scoutmaster conference or requesting a meeting with an adult leader during the Troop meeting should sign the appointment sheet on the table by the meeting room entrance.
- 5.8.3 Cut-off dates for advancement recognition at a Court of Awards/Court of Honor will be one week before the ceremony.

6.0 Outdoor Program

6.1 Outdoor activities are the highlight of scouting. The values of camping, canoeing, and backpacking are many - scout craft, adventure, advancement, fun, and fellowship just to mention the more obvious. Of even greater importance is the training and experience that a boy receives in self-reliance, leadership, and responsibility.

6.2 The Troop's outdoor program includes:

6.2.1 **Camping Trips:** Troop campouts, District Camporees, other Council Camporees, and International Camporees. Camping and cooking is on a patrol basis using two or three-man tents, dining flies, and a patrol box containing cooking equipment.

6.2.2 **Backpacking: Outings** using lightweight individual equipment for camping and food preparation.

6.2.3 **Day Hikes and Activities:** District Klondike, town hikes, nature hikes, and ski trips.

6.2.4 **Summer Camp:** Adirondack Scout Reservation – (Massawepie), Barton or Gorton.

6.2.5 **High Adventure** Trips / Campouts: Specialized activities for the older scouts (Snake Eaters, Winter Camping).

6.2.6 **Troop Trips:** Educational trips to various cities (such as Philadelphia, Boston, Gettysburg, Washington DC, New York City)

6.3 Deposits, Prior Payments - Refunds

6.3.1 Outdoor activities will require deposits and payments prior to most outings. If a scout later finds that he is unable to attend an activity, the return of the scout's payment will be considered on an individual basis.

6.3.2 Cases most likely to occur

- **Troop camping trips - food.** Cancellations received prior to food purchase may receive a full refund. Cancellations received after food purchase will not be able to be refunded.
- **Camporees - pre-registration, food.** Refunds on per-person, pre-registration fees will follow the same refund policy as adopted by the Camporee sponsor. Refunds for the cost of food will be handled as for Troop camping trips. If registration fees are not refunded, the Scout will receive an event patch or other such items if included in the registration fee.
- **Troop trip** - transportation, food, and activity fees. Trip deposits are collected to cover the transportation deposit (if a bus or rented vehicles are used). Cancellations received before a deposit is made may receive a full refund unless the cancellation

brings the trip below a required minimum number of participants. Cancellations after deposits are made will receive a refund only to the extent that the troop is able to get a refund of the deposit or if another participant is substituted. Cancellations received after final trip payment will receive a full refund only if a substitute (another Troop 48 Scout or parent or guardian of a Troop 48 Scout is available to make the trip.

- **Summer Camp** - registration, transportation. The amount of refund determined by the Council camp will be forwarded to the Scout.

6.3.3 If final activity accounting indicates that additional funds are available, a more liberal refund policy is left to the discretion of the Troop Committee.

7.0 Participation Policy

(Adopted by the Troop Committee Jan. 6, 1991, revised February 1998 and 2007)

7.1 Troop 48 depends on the support received from Greece Baptist Church, our Charter Sponsor, and the Troop fund-raisers to maintain the Troop's scouting program. The Scouts in Troop 48 have an obligation to participate and are expected to participate in Troop service projects and fund-raisers:

- Candy sale (if conducted)
- Car wash (usually Fall and Spring)
- Scout Sunday (February)
- Pizza Sale (January or February – if conducted)
- Pancake Dinner (February or March – if conducted)
- Scouting for Food (March)
- Church grounds cleanup (usually April)
- Strawberry Festival (June – if conducted)
- Good Turn (i.e.: Salvation Army Bell Ringing - December)
- Applebee's Flapjack Breakfast, Wreath sale, Coffee sale, Hot Dog sale

7.2 Each Scout is expected to participate in each of the activities listed above unless the Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster's designee excuses them. Failure to participate indicates a lack of scout spirit.

7.3 Tentative dates for the events listed in 7.1 are indicated on the Troop calendar distributed at the beginning of the scout year. Please plan accordingly.

7.4 Regular attendance is expected at troop meetings. **For a scout to advance in rank he must demonstrate Scout Spirit and attendance is a major component of that.** It is understood that unexpected circumstances can prevent attendance and the Troop does not discourage any boys from participating in the Scout Experience. The Scoutmaster or his designee (including Committee Members), will determine if sufficient attendance has been achieved.

7.5 Once a scout has reached the rank of Life, and if they wish to pursue the Trail to Eagle, they are expected to demonstrate leadership. Examples are:

- Attend weekly troop meetings,
- Hold, and successfully carry out, a position of responsibility in the opinion of the scoutmaster and the troop committee.
- Serve as Senior Patrol Leader for an overnight campout

Exceptions are possible with the concurrence of the troop committee.

8.0 Troop Equipment

- 8.1 The Troop obtains and maintains group camping equipment (tents, dining flies, patrol boxes, stoves, lanterns. and various utility items) from fund-raiser profits.
- 8.2 The adult Quartermaster has the responsibility to inventory and determine the availability and condition of Troop equipment. On his recommendation, the Committee may approve an expenditure for additional or replacement equipment.
 - 8.2.1 A fixed, maximum, monthly camping expense fund, approved by the Committee, may be used at the Quartermaster's discretion for routine equipment and supply expenditures as needed. The Committee may approve expenditures in excess of the monthly fund.
 - 8.2.2 Surplus funds remaining after an outing will be deposited in the camping fund.
- 8.3 Patrols and individual Scouts will be issued equipment for an outing. Scouts are expected to use reasonable care in using the Troop equipment. An outing scout Quartermaster will be assigned for each troop outing.
 - 8.3.1 Patrols and individual Scouts will be issued equipment, by an outing scout Quartermaster. The outing scout Quartermaster will document the equipment issued and the names of the Scouts the equipment was issued to. Scouts are expected to use reasonable care in using the Troop equipment.
 - 8.3.2 Defective equipment will be brought to the attention of the outing scout Quartermaster for resolution or for reporting to the adult Quartermaster.
- 8.4 Upon their return, each Scout may be assigned some piece of equipment to take home for cleanup. The equipment is to be returned at the earliest troop meeting possible. The outing scout Quartermaster will document all equipment issued for cleanup and provide that list to the scout Quartermaster.
 - 8.4.1 Tents are to be set up to dry thoroughly, be swept out, parts inventoried, and packed properly.
 - 8.4.2 Stoves, lanterns, patrol cook kits, and utensil kits are to be cleaned and reassembled.
 - 8.4.3 Equipment being returned will be inspected by the scout Quartermaster and checked off the list of issued equipment for the outing. The scout Quartermaster will follow up to ensure all equipment is returned and ready for use
- 8.5 Parents will be expected to purchase replacement items or pay for repairs or reimburse the troop for the cost of lost or damaged equipment resulting from carelessness.

9.0 Personal Equipment

- 9.1 The Troop does not provide personal gear. The list on the following pages will give you some idea of the gear required before embarking on a camping trip. We highly recommend that the Scout obtain this equipment for his protection and comfort. When contemplating the purchase of Scout equipment such as boots, sleeping bag, poncho or rain gear, backpack etc., please feel free to discuss these items with the Troop leaders in order to determine the most suitable equipment available for our program.
- 9.2 The Troop does on occasion obtain used camping gear that older scouts may outgrow. If there is a financial difficulty, and the Troop has a specific item needed by a scout, an arrangement can be made for certain pieces of equipment.

Individual Equipment

Minimum Camping Equipment required:

1. Sleeping gear

Sleeping bag (rated to 10 degrees F)	Closed cell foam pad
Ground cloth (required for non-tent camping)	

2. Clothing

Hiking boots – waterproofed

Sneakers/moccasins - summer and early fall camping (if weather permits)

Waterproof boots (with felt liners for winter and early spring camping)

A minimum of two complete changes of clothing including footwear appropriate for the weather should be taken on the trip. Always plan on it being colder and wetter than forecast. Specific items vary with the season as shown below:

Summer

Scout shirt & neckerchief	2 shirts
2 pr pants (non-cotton preferred)	swimming suit
2 pr briefs	2 pr socks
Handkerchiefs	rain gear or poncho
plastic bag (Dirty clothes)	sweat shirt

Spring and fall

2 pr pants (non-cotton preferred)	1 long-sleeve shirt
1 short-sleeve shirt	sweater/sweatshirt
heavy jacket	2 pr briefs
2 T-shirts	2 pr socks
Handkerchiefs	rain gear or poncho
Plastic Bag (dirty clothes)	sweater/sweatshirt
2 stocking caps	gloves

Winter

Scout shirt & neckerchief	2 long-sleeve wool or fleece shirts
2 pr wool pants/cords	Rain gear or poncho
heavy jacket with hood	Sweater/sweatshirt
2-3 pr mittens/gloves	2 Stocking caps (one for sleeping)
2 pr briefs	Thermal underwear (preferably not cotton)
2-3 pr wool socks	Handkerchiefs
plastic bag (dirty clothes)	

3. Personal Gear

Wash cloth & soap	Towel	canteen or water bottle
comb/brush	Toothbrush	toothpaste
aluminum camp-mirror	toilet paper	personal medicine
knife, fork & spoon	mess kit	flashlight with spare batteries
insect repellent	Scout handbook	note pad and pencil
First aid kit	Money	(\$1 plus quarter min.)

Optional Equipment

air mattress (not plastic)	space blanket	waterproof match case & matches
compass	rain chaps or rain pants	pocket knife (No sheath knives)
fire starters	Sunglasses	sewing kit/safety pins
camera and film	fishing gear	whistle

4. Transportation

Backpack on frame or duffel bag

10.0 Discipline

- 10.1 All Boy Scouts are expected to understand and live by the standards of the Boy Scout Oath and Law. If, by the judgment of the troop leadership, a scout is not behaving in a manner that reflects these standards, then a scoutmaster conference will be held with the scout by at least (2) registered troop leaders. If the behavior is not corrected or if the behavior is extreme, then the scout's parents' will be notified and disciplinary action will be determined and enacted. These actions will be determined by the Troop Committee on a case by case basis and may include suspension from Troop activities.