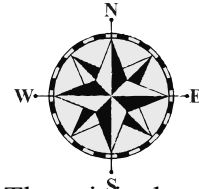




# BOY SCOUT TROOP 930 INFO



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So, you want to be in Boy Scouts! Our troop has been around for almost 22 years. The original men that founded the troop are still involved with the troop. Boy Scouts is an organization that focuses on teaching boys skills, leadership, working with others, self-worth and just to have fun through many activities and programs. Our troop camps or has some kind of outdoor activity every month of the year.

## Some of the activities that our troop does are:

- Camping
- Hiking
- Swimming
- Caving
- Canoeing
- Rappelling
- Rock climbing



- Survival camping
- Water skiing
- Mountain biking
- Whitewater rafting
- Visiting military bases
- Visiting places of interest
- Service Projects



## So how much does Boy Scouts cost?

- Our monthly dues are \$5.00 per Scout. Out of this money we buy troop gear, advancement awards and other misc. items required to run the troop.
- Each year a Scout is required to re-register in Scouting. The cost of registration is approx. \$22.00. Our troop takes money out of a Scout's monthly dues to pay for re-registration.
- Cost for campouts is \$2.00 / person / meal for in-camp meals (ex. – 3 meals x \$2 = \$6 for campout food)  
Camping fee for each campout to cover campground fees = \$1.00 / person / campout  
Transportation fee for each campout = \$1.00 / person / campout  
Sometimes, if the trip requires, we will stop for an eat-out meal. We will remind the Scout to bring extra money for this.

## What do I need to get for Boy Scouts?

In Scouts you will need several things to get started. As you continue in Scouting you will want to accumulate more gear as your skills and abilities increase. The following are some of the first things you will need in Scouting. The troop provides tents and cooking gear.

- ✓ A Boy Scout handbook – available at the Army / Navy surplus at 71<sup>st</sup> and Lynn Lane
- ✓ A Boy Scout shirt – also available at the Army / Navy surplus at 71<sup>st</sup> and Lynn Lane
- ✓ A sleeping bag – please don't go buy an expensive one without talking to an adult in the troop first.
- ✓ A plastic cup, plastic bowl and plastic spoon (not throw-away type)
- ✓ A water bottle – an empty 20 oz. plastic pop bottle works great



## When are the troop meetings?

Our troop meets each Monday night from 7:00 – 9:00pm in the youth room at the Church of Christ at 4<sup>th</sup> and Kenosha (71<sup>st</sup>). We typically don't have a regular troop meeting the Monday after a campout. The adult and boy leaders of the troop meet at the end of each year to plan the next year's calendar using the input of the whole troop as a guide. This calendar is available at the first of each year to each Scout and his parents so they can plan ahead.

### **What about campouts?**

Campouts are usually a Scout's favorite activity in Scouting. The Scouting program is mainly focused around camping. If a Scout does not camp it is impossible to advance very far in Scouts. Our troop camps or has an outdoor activity each month of the year. The leaders of the troop feel that a Scout needs to experience camping in all kinds of weather. Most of the troop's campouts are on a Friday night (leaving at 6:00pm) and Saturday (returning at 6:00pm). There are a few campouts each year that require us to be gone until Sunday because of distance away or type of activity. On these campouts we have church services on Sunday morning in the outdoors.

### **Summer activities!**

Our troop continues to meet during the summer months. *Summer camp* and our troop's *high adventure* trip happen during the summer. *Scout summer camp* usually happens around the third month of June and lasts for a week. The troop committee must approve all Scouts that go to Scout summer camp. A Scout **has** to have been to **two weekend campouts** before going to Scout camp. This allows the adults to see if the Scout is ready to be away from home for a full week of Scout camp. This week is a good chance to receive lots of advancement in a short time.

The *High Adventure* trip that the troop does each year is the climax of the year for those that go on the trip. This is a weeklong trip where we go backpacking in Colorado, canoeing in the boundary waters in Minnesota or canoeing on the Current River in Missouri. These trips are restricted to boys 13 years old or 12 years old with a dad along (everyone going on these trips must be approved first by the troop committee for fitness, abilities and Scout spirit).

### **Advancement in Boy Scouting**

Each Scout in the troop is allowed to advance in Scouting at his own pace. Opportunities to advance are offered almost every troop meeting and on campouts. The adults of the troop encourage the Scouts to take advantage of the advancement time but the decision is up to the Scout. We have found over the past years that the Scouts that have advanced to the higher ranks in Scouting are those that have made more troop meetings, campouts, summer camps and have parents support them in Scouts. In other words, it's hard to advance if you're not there.

### **Attendance and other activities (sports, band, etc.)**

The adults of this troop feel that a boy should be well rounded in his life and activities. With this in mind we try to work around other activities that a boy may have at school or home. There are a few times that we strongly recommend that a boy attend a certain Scouting activity but the decision is up to the boy and his parents. A Scout is still required to pay dues even if he misses some meetings or campouts.

**\*Campout attendance** - If a Scout says that he is going camping and then cannot go he must let his patrol leader know so food will not be bought for him. Likewise, if he says that he cannot go and then can go then he must let his patrol leader know so food can be bought for him. The patrol leader (or an adult leader) must be notified no later than the Wednesday before the campout. If a Scout commits to a campout and cannot go and fails to let his patrol leader or an adult leader know, then he must pay for the campout, since food will have been bought for him.

### **Adult leaders and Dads**

The adult leaders of the troop all care about the Scouts in our troop. We volunteer many hours to help boys learn and grow in Scouting and life. The adults in the troop have been in Scouting for many years. Dads, you're always invited on campouts. Please let us know ahead of time so we can buy food for you. The cost is the same as the boys. If you would like to be an adult co-leader in the troop please let us know.