

Welcome to Troop 49

Congratulations on joining Troop 49. If you have just earned your Arrow of Light and reflect on your years in Cubscouting, you will recognize how you have grown, learned new skills, and had a lot of fun. All of this has set the foundation for years of fun in Boyscouting. If you are new to Scouting, get ready for several years of learning new skills and fun!

What next? Come to our next Troop meeting. They are usually held on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursdays of each month, from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. In March we will be meeting at KMMS 6th grade Commons. (In April and the following months we will be meeting at our Charter Organization's new meeting room- Delafield American Legion, 333 Lapham Peak Road in Delafield.) Wear your uniform. If you earned your Arrow of Light be sure to sew your badge below your left pocket. Bring your application, or fill one out there. Your parent can work on the paperwork with one of the Troop adults. You will sit with the other scouts and participate in the meeting. You are now a member of Troop 49! You will receive your Scout Handbook at your Crossover or your first meeting. After the opening flag ceremony, the meeting will start with announcements. We also post this information on our website. We are a busy troop and there will be a lot of information on upcoming activities. Do your best to listen and make note of activities in which you are interested in participating and sign up for the fun.

Troop Leadership. You will notice that the meeting is run by a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Patrol Leader (ASPL). These scouts have been elected to their positions and they run the troop. They have experience in scouting but, just like everyone else, are learning and practicing their leadership skills. If you have a question, they should be able to answer it. Troop 49 has a male troop and a female troop. The leadership of those troops alternate monthly in leading our linked troop meetings and the SPL of the other troop leads the games for that month.

Patrol Corners. After the announcements, the Troops will split into Patrol Corners. A Patrol is a smaller group of scouts. You will start out in the New Scout Patrol, and several new scouts will be joining you over the next few months. (After a year you will become part of one of the other Patrols.) Your New Scout Leader and Troop Guides will explain how to use your Scout Handbook and how to work through the ranks in your book. Write your name in your book and on the edge too. Take care of your Scout Handbook. This is your record of achievement. Record camping trips and service projects in it. When you demonstrate completion of a rank achievement, a scout leader or Troop Guide will sign off in your book. Actually doing the steps in your rank, as well as working on merit badges, is the scout's task and responsibility. You set the pace for how you will make progress in scouting. Troop leadership, other scouts, and your parents will encourage you along the way. But this is *your* journey. Scouts usually earn First Class rank within a year or so of starting in Boyscouts. For some it takes longer. No matter how long it takes, it is sure to be a fun and rewarding experience.

Games and Instruction. The Troops will gather together to play a game and to take part in Instruction where the Troop Instructor will talk about a scouting skill. This part of the meeting is another way you can have fun and get to know the scouts in your Troop. Plus you will likely learn something!

Closing. Soon it will be time to sit down, hear some final announcements and listen to the Scoutmaster Minute. We take this time seriously. This is an opportunity to learn more about the Spirit of Scouting, and can set your course for the next week. Scouting is fun, but also helps you develop personal strength and focus. A scout lives the Scout Oath and the Scout Law daily.

A few days after your application is processed, your parent will receive an email to log into Scoutbook. We encourage your parent to set up a unique account for you on Scoutbook using your email as well. Either way, communication to you should be answered by you. Troop information and our Troop Policies can be found on our website: troop49summit.com.

Every scout here was once new to Boyscouting; every adult here was once new to scouting too- please do not hesitate to ask questions. We are here to help. You are part of the family.