

Boy Scout New Parent Orientation

Troop 49

River Trails District

Potawatomi Area Council





What Scouting is All About

- ◆ Aims of Scouting –
 - three specific objectives:
 - character development, citizenship training & personal fitness.

***The principal focus is on the boys and
in making it fun***

Agenda

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The Goals of Scouting

- ◆ The Aims of Boy Scouting
 - Character development
 - Citizenship training
 - Physical, mental, and emotional fitness
- ◆ Aims are Delivered by these Methods
 - Ideals
 - Patrol method
 - Outdoor Programs
 - Advancement/Troop Positions/responsibility
 - Personal Growth
 - Leadership Development
 - Uniform
 - Associations With Adults



History of Scouting

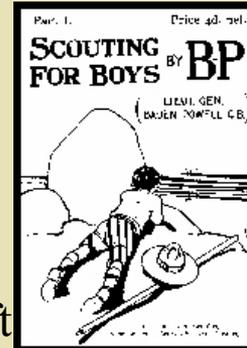


◆ The Beginnings of Scouting Movement

- The 20th-century scouting movement was started by Robert Baden-Powell during the Boer War as a series of games and exercises to help men learn to live in the open under difficult conditions
- Baden-Powell developed a book called “Aids to Scouting” as a way of training recruits. This book became an instant hit among boys
- He conducted his first Boy Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907, and his book “*Scouting for Boys*” was published in 1908
- In England, Boy Scouts formally started on Jan. 24, 1908

◆ History of Scouting in the USA

- In the United States the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) had been running camps for boys since 1884.
- In 1902 Ernest Thompson Seton founded the Tribe of Woodcraft Indians as a boy's organization. Three years later Daniel Carter Beard started a similar society called the Sons of Daniel Boone.
- February 8th, 1910 William Boyce, inspired by unknown Scout in London, incorporated BSA working with YMCA and Seton
- In 1910, Seton combined B-P “*Scouting for Boys*” and Woodcraft Manual to publish first BSA Handbook



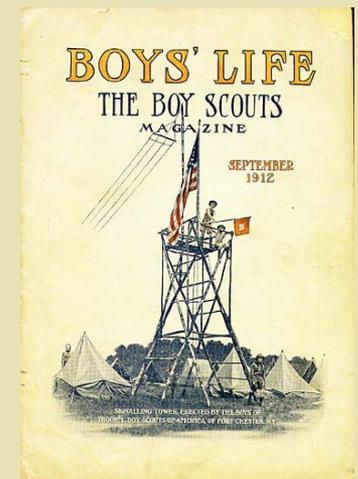
History of Troop 49

◆ First chartered in 1978

- Started with a couple of Parents and their younger Scouts
- Has transitioned from a small troop to our current size with a firm commitment to work with each Scout

◆ Eagle Scouts:

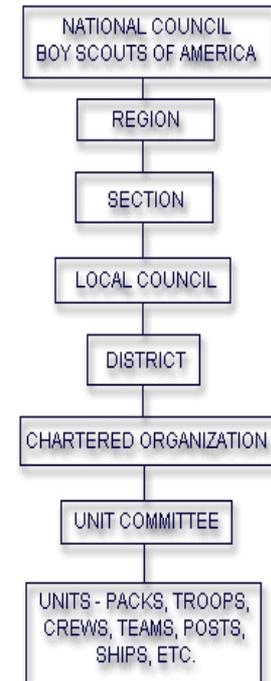
- Troop 49 has seen 81 Scouts complete their Eagle Rank as of 1/1/19
- It may seem that we are hard at times on the scouts. However, we strive to make sure all scouts earn each rank by the book.



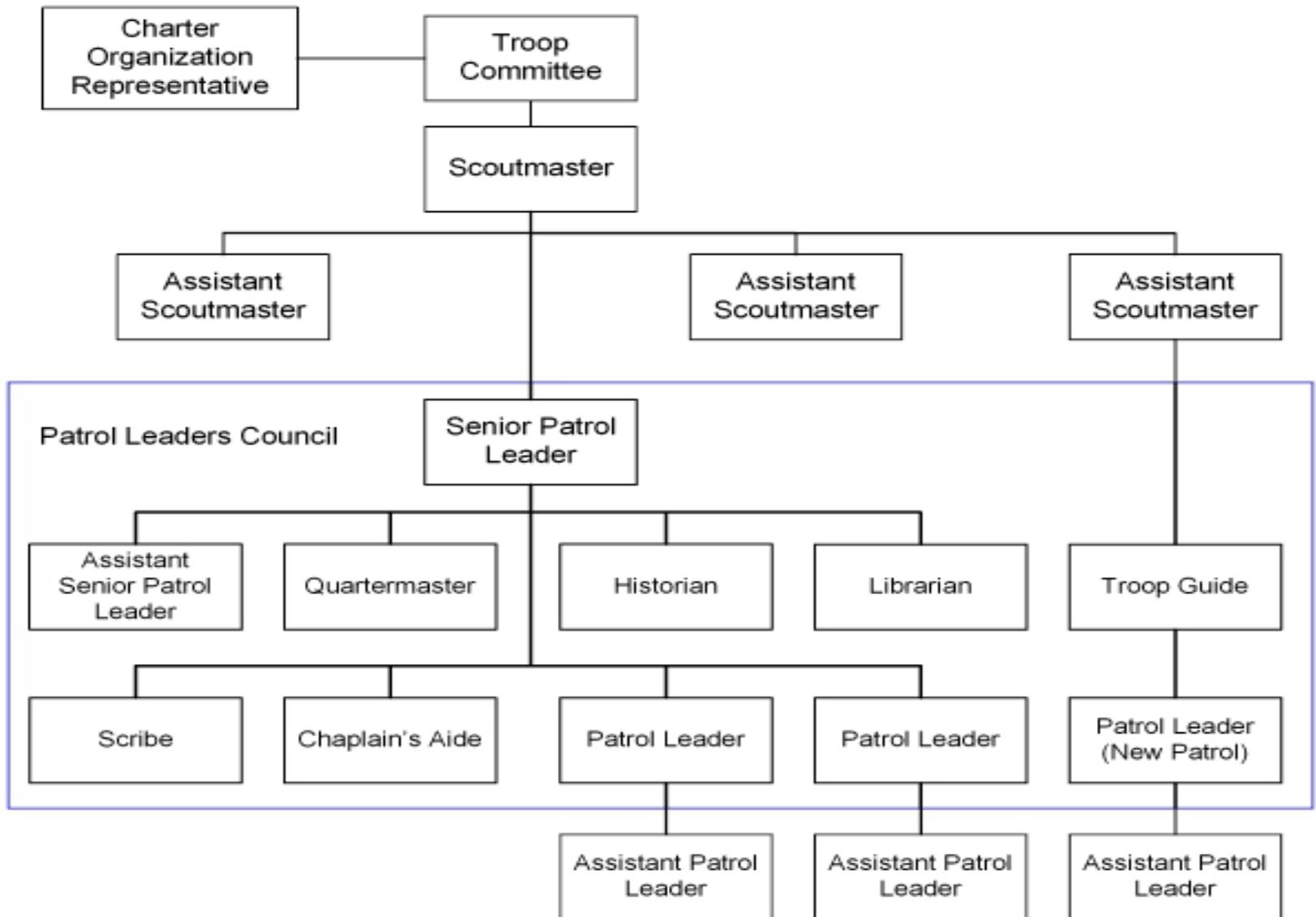
BSA Organizational Overview

◆ The Scout Organization

- National Council of Boy Scouts
- Region
- Local Council
 - *Potawatomi Area Council*
- District
 - *River Trails District*
- Chartered Organization
 - *Delafield American Legion Post 196*
 - *Chartered Organization Rep.:*
 - *Ed Marek*
- Troop Committee
 - *Current Committee Chair:*
 - *Jennifer McCarthy*
- Troop
 - *Current Scoutmaster:*
 - *Michael Neimon*



Troop Leadership





Cub/Boy Scout Differences

- ◆ A Boy Scout Troop is not structured like a Cub Pack it is Boy Lead.
- ◆ Boys have more responsibility
 - Planning, packing, setting up camp, cooking, activities
 - Scout is responsible for initiation of advancement
 - Parents cannot sign off. Adult Leaders (SM, ASM, CC, or CM), Troop Leaders (SPL, ASPL, JASM, Troop Guide) or an authorized scout who is more than two ranks above are the only persons in the troop who can sign off.

**Scouts are given the chance to try and learn things,
and make mistakes in a safe environment**

Scouting is a series of successful failures



Patrol Method

**A Troop is made up of Patrols,
A Troop is not divided into Patrols**

- ◆ Each Patrol operates as a self-sufficient unit.
- ◆ Each Patrol is encouraged to develop their own identity
- ◆ Each Patrol will distribute tasks across the team members and learn the value of teamwork
- ◆ Each Patrol will elect its own leadership (6 month term) to guide and manage the Patrol (Patrol Leader (PL) and Assistant PL)
- ◆ Patrol leaders will attend monthly planning meetings (PLC) and represent their patrol & are responsible for patrol communications.
- ◆ Adults do NOT run the patrols.
- ◆ Depending on attendance, patrols may be combined for activities.
- ◆ Patrol leaders will make mistakes. This is a learning activity. Each boy will get their opportunity to lead and to learn how to lead effectively.

Scout's Leadership within Troop

- ◆ Patrols (A Troop is made up of Scouts in Patrols)
 - Grouping of six or more boys who work together. Each patrol elects its own boy leader, called a patrol leader.



- ◆ Troop Youth Leaders

- The troop is actually run by its boy leaders. With the guidance of the Scoutmaster and his assistants, they plan the program, conduct troop meetings, and provide leadership among their peers.
- Senior patrol leader - top junior leader in the troop. He leads the patrol leaders' council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.
- Assistant senior patrol leader - fills in for senior patrol leader in his absence. He is also responsible for training and giving direction to the quartermaster, scribe, troop historian, librarian, and instructors.
- Troop Historian - collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.

Scout's Leadership within Troop

◆ Troop Youth Leaders (continued)

- **Librarian** - keeps troop books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by troop members.
- **Instructor** - teaches one or more advancement skills to troop members.
- **Chaplain Aide** - assists in troop religious services and promotes religious emblems program.
- **Junior assistant Scoutmaster** – An eagle scout, picked by the SM, to supervise and support the SM and SPL.
- **Patrol leader** - gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the Patrol Leaders Council (a/k/a patrol leaders' council).
- **Assistant patrol leader** - fills in for the patrol leader in his absence.
- **Troop guide** - advisor and guide to new Scout patrols.
- **Den chief** - works with a Cub Scout den as a guide.
- **Quartermaster** - responsible for troop supplies and equipment.
- **Scribe** - the troop secretary.



Scout Leadership and Training

◆ Leadership

- Scouts elect their own major leadership
 - Senior Patrol leader (entire troop)
 - Patrol leader (each Patrol)
 - Other positions appointed by Scout and adult leaders
- Troop elections held twice a year
 - Fall & Spring
 - Election by the scouts.



◆ Scout Training

- Annual Troop Leadership Training
- NYLT (National Youth Leader Training)
 - Scouts nominated by Scoutmaster
 - Held once a year at Camp Long Lake in June



Boy Scout Advancements

- ◆ Process by which Boy Scout Progresses
- ◆ Advancement is a means to an end, not an end in itself
 - Designed to help Scout have exciting and meaningful experience
 - Education and fun are key to advancement principles
 - Growth the Scout achieves overcoming obtainable goals
 - Scout through First Class Ranks focus on Scouting's basic skills
 - Goal of BSA and Troop 49: every Scout achieves First Class

- ◆ Rank Advancements

- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle





Advancement Principles

- ◆ Personal growth is the prime consideration in the program
- ◆ Learning by doing
- ◆ Each youth progresses at his own rate
- ◆ A badge is recognition of what a young person is able to do, not just a reward for what he has done
- ◆ Advancement encourages Scouting Ideals
- ◆ The parent's role is not to *carry* the scout
- ◆ The parent's role is to monitor, motivate, and support the scout. Create a plan and follow the plan.

Boy Scout Rank Advancement

- ◆ Scoutmasters oversee Scout advancement
 - Advancement Coordinator maintains records and arranges Boards of Review and Courts of Honor
- ◆ There are four steps in the Boy Scout Advancement Process:
 - Learning
 - Testing
 - Reviewing
 - Recognition



Advancement - Merit Badges



- ◆ Over 135 Boy Scout Merit Badges
 - Teach Scouts about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers
 - Required for rank advancement beyond First Class Scout
 - 21 Merit Badges required for Eagle Scout (13 specific badges required)
 - Must meet the requirements as stated – no more, no less...
- ◆ Before starting a MB the scout is to speak to the Scoutmaster and get a signed **Blue Card**
- ◆ A list of qualified Merit Badge Counselors are found at www.doubleknot.com,
- ◆ user Id= BADGESM, password = Badges13
- ◆ Merit Badge Counselors
 - Required training is provided on request





Merit Badges

Blue Cards



- ◆ Before starting a MB scout must get a signed blue card from scoutmaster. Then contact a MB Counselor
- ◆ Scout must do the work – parent can ‘help/guide’
- ◆ Three parts to card: one is for counselor, one is for scout and one is for Troops Advancement Coordinator. **It is the scouts ultimate responsibility to maintain MB record
- ◆ Suggest having one Eagle required MB going at all times.
- ◆ MB’s can be done at certain camps and workshops.
**Recommend that scout gets MB’s that require a certified instructor done at camps/workshop.
- ◆ Scouts and Parents are encouraged to talk to adult leadership on what MB’s to do.





Scoutmaster Conferences

- ◆ Essential to individual Scout development and advancement
 - Getting to know scout
 - Setting individual goals
 - Mentoring
 - Building confidence
 - Encouragement
 - Problem Solving
 - Defining expectations, identifying areas of weakness and need for improvement
- ◆ Scout is responsible for contacting the Scoutmaster for a SM Conference after requirements for rank advancement completed.



Board of Review

- ◆ Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Scouting program within the troop
- ◆ Review is not an examination
 - Make sure Scout has completed the requirements
 - Determine how good an experience Scout is having within the Troop
 - Encourage Scout to advance further
- ◆ Scout is responsible for scheduling a BOR after completing the Scoutmaster Conference

Recognition

- ◆ Each time a Scout advances in rank, he will be recognized
 - Rank advancement is effective after approval by Board of Review
 - Formal recognition occurs at the Court of Honor
- ◆ Court of Honor
- ◆ Eagle Scout rank is usually recognized by a very special Eagle Court of Honor





First Class Emphasis Program

- ◆ Troop 49 focuses on new Scout development and advancement to First Class, ideally within the first year
- ◆ From the *Scoutmaster Handbook*:
“A boy who advances to First Class within his first year in Scouting has a better-than-average chance of eventually becoming an Eagle Scout.”
- ◆ BSA statistics confirm the Scout is likely to stay in Scouting for a longer period of time.

Uniforms

◆ Class A Uniform (Field Uniform)

- Tan Boy Scout shirt. Optional- Scout pants/shorts, Scout belt
- Must wear Scout socks if wearing shorts
- Required for travel, Courts of Honor, Troop meetings, meals on some campouts, and other more formal events

◆ Class B Uniform (Activity Uniform)

- Troop or other Scout t-shirt or sweatshirt
- Khaki/olive green shorts or jeans can be substituted for Scout pants/shorts
- Worn during camping trips, service projects and other “activity” events
- Troop 49 T-shirts available for purchase from Troop once a year

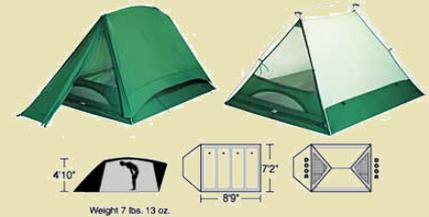
◆ Other Information

- Scout Shop / Office: Harkrider Service Center
804 Bluemound Rd.
Waukesha, WI 53188



Recommended Equipment

- ◆ Uniform (Required)
- ◆ Sleeping Bag
 - Prefer one that compacts very small (20-30 degrees)
- ◆ Sleeping Pad (Trop 49 does not use cots)
 - Prefer one that compacts very small
- ◆ Mess Kit (Bowl & spork minimum)
- ◆ Water Bottle (32 oz wide mouth Nalgene)
 - Camel Back (1 in addition to 32 oz Nalgene)
- ◆ Backpack - (70 liter or greater)
- ◆ Rain Gear – (compacts small)
- ◆ Hiking Boots – (comfortable, waterproof)
- ◆ Knife (lets talk before he buys)
 - Locking blade
 - Leatherman not a bad route
- ◆ Compass
- ◆ Hat – Flexible, round brim



Troop Outings

◆ Camps and campouts

- Troop 49 camps an average of once each month during the year. Not obligated to go to any.
- Try for two one week camps every summer
- One high-adventure camp each summer
- Winter camp (Jan or Feb)
- Medical Forms
 - Good for one year. Try to get them done before May or after August.
 - Make copies – include insurance card
- Consent Form – Must have it before event.
- Make sure enough money is in their scout accounts 2 months before the event.
- Transportation: We rely on those attending or volunteers to help in transporting scouts to camp. Let us know if you have a vehicle that can pull the trailer.



Other Important Stuff

◆ Record Keeping

- Troop keeps Merit Badge & Advancement records in advancement database
- Critical that you also keep your own records
 - Campouts attended
 - Camped days, miles hiked/backpacked/floated
 - Service hours and projects
 - Leadership positions and time



◆ Meetings

- Scouts meet 2nd, 3rd & 4th Thursday @ 7:00pm
- Troop Committee (adults) meet on the first Thursday of each month @ 6:30pm



Other Important Stuff (continued)

◆ Dues

- \$0 up front
- \$125 worth of fundraising for Troop



◆ Major fundraisers

- Performed by entire Troop
 - Wreath, Popcorn and Kringle sales
 - RC fly-in and another opportunity that arises
 - Participating Scouts receive credit to their accounts of percentage of funds raised, available to be used for Scouting-related activities



◆ Any ideas on fundraising or help is greatly appreciated.



Health and Wellness

◆ Medicine Handling

- All medicine (prescription and non-prescription) must be labeled with written directions on a Ziploc labeled with Scout name and given to coordinator of outing or designee
- Prescription medicine must be in original containers

◆ Physicals

- Required for Scouts and Adult Leadership
- Good for one year.
- Part A & B good for only 72 hour outings
- Part A & B & C need for greater than 72 hours.

◆ Safety

- BSA Guide to Safe Scouting
- Parents on outings should all be YPT.





Troop & Scout Communications

- ◆ Troop Website –

- <https://www.troop49summit.com>

- All email communication via 'Scoutbook' app

- ◆ Other websites

- www.scouting.org (Boy Scouts of America)

- www.pacbsa.org (Potawatomi Area Council)

- ◆ Scouter magazine

- ◆ Scouts receive Boys' Life Magazine

- ◆ Lots of E-mail !!

Communication is two ways. If you receive a communication YOU should be returning a communication

You need what?

◆ Troop 49 needs from you:

– Scouts:

- ❑ BSA Boy Scout Application
- ❑ Medical Form
- ❑ Permission Slips
 - ❑ Specific for each outing
 - ❑ Document that commits you to the trip

– Adults:

- ❑ Adult Resource Survey
- ❑ BSA Adult Leader Application
- ❑ Medical Form
- ❑ Youth Protection Training (Required for all registered adults)





Typical Campout - Adults

- ◆ Adults are there to observe safety issues
 - ◆ Adults are there to ask questions that make the boys think
 - ◆ Adults are NOT there to “do for the boys”
 - ◆ Adults are NOT there to tell the boys what to do
 - ◆ Adults are there to provide guidance
 - ◆ NOT a family outing.
- Limited amount of Adults can come and a minimum are required for transportation, safety, and leadership needs
- ◆ We encourage adults to get Oak Leaf Trained and then organize/participate in as many outings as they can.

How to Help

◆ Volunteer for one of the Adult Roles

- Scoutmaster
- Assistant Scout Master (examples & mentorship)
- Merit Badge Counselors
- Committee Members
- Committee positions
- Transportation

Your son's scouting experience is limited and precious. You have one shot to make a difference with your boy. Make the most of that time by being a part of our leadership team.



Parental Involvement

The troop's success depends upon your support & active involvement in scouting activities:

- Fund Raising
- Service Projects
- Board of Review
- Committee Member
- Leadership - Assistant Scoutmaster
- Teaching one or more merit badges
- Planning Camping Trips ~ High Adventure
- Transportation or supervision for the campouts





ADVANCED Training

◆ *Outdoor Leader Training (Oakleaf)*

- A weekend course that will provide you with the skills to properly run a camp, advise and assist in the scouts advancement. Outdoor skills, first aid, knot tying, Dutch oven cooking and many more skills are taught.

◆ *Wood Badge for the 21st Century*

- An intensive course designed to develop **leadership skills** and create a deeper, more dedicated involvement in Scouting; for all leaders in traditional programs
- Leadership in Team Development
 - Living the Values
 - Bringing the Vision to Life
 - Models for Success
 - Tools of the Trade
 - Leading to Make a Difference



SUPPLEMENTAL Training

- ◆ Designed to give additional training on specific areas of the different programs
- ◆ Examples:
Roundtables, Commissioner Conference, Youth Protection Training, Safety Begins with Leadership, Safe Swim Defense, Safety Afloat, Philmont Training Conferences, Venturing Powder Horn



Service Projects

- ◆ Our scouts are encouraged to participate in service projects. The purpose of this activity is to build a sense of community.
“One influences community by being involved”
- ◆ The Troop will participate in various service projects. Service projects include Eagle projects for Scouts in our Troop as well as District, Council, and community sponsored events.

Q & A

