

Boy Scouting is very different from Cub Scouting....

- Camp every month & summer camp
- Scout leaders sign off accomplishments.
- Court of Honor-4 times per year.
- Badges & ranks take longer to earn
- Boys encouraged to be more independent
- Requirements are done with the troop
- Camp 1-2 times per year
- Parents sign off accomplishments
- Pack meetings once a month
- Activity pins and segments more frequent (shorter attention span)!
- Need more adult supervision
- Requirements done with parents

Boy scouts take a more active role in advancement

- Merit badge cards are filled out by scout
- Scout responsible for calling a merit badge counselor
- Do all merit badge work themselves via books for specific badges.
- Pursue leaders for sign offs on rank accomplishments
- They NEED TO CAMP!
- Participate in service projects (pancake breakfast, Cuba Rd. cleanup, etc.)

- Boys need to pursue the leadership positions which suit them.
 - ❖ Patrol Leader
 - ❖ Asst. Patrol Leader
 - ❖ Librarian
 - ❖ Historian
 - ❖ Senior Patrol Leader
 - ❖ Asst. Senior Patrol Leader
 - ❖ They should ask the leaders for guidance and ideas in this area

First Year Expectations

- Meeting attendance (when possible - we understand about sports & homework commitments)
- Campouts (at least one available per month)
- Service projects
- Working in patrols
- Summer camp (new scout program)
- First Class in a year?
- No comparisons, no competitions
- **HAVE FUN!!!!**

The Road to Eagle is Long but Fun

- 21 merit badges, 13 Eagle required, leadership position and the infamous Eagle Project.
- It's not a RACE to Eagle, there's a lot to learn on the way and enjoy the journey.
- **Not all scouts are future Eagles! Only 5 in 100 scouts will become Eagle.**



Summer Camp at Camp Owasippe

- Final payment due June 15th (new scouts).
- Medical forms A,B & C, troop permission form, meal fees due June 15th.
- Spending \$\$ envelopes due June 22nd.



What about Travel Camp and High Adventure?



- Must be 13 and First class
- Must have been away at summer camp for one session without any problems



High Adventure is a great growing experience

Travel camp is a learning experience

“I’ve been lost before, and this is what it looks like”

What's the deal with the Arrow Sashes?

- Order of the Arrow (National Honor Society for Scouting)—Geared more towards camping and service.
- Requirements—1st Class and 15 nights of camping (only 1 week of summer camp counts) in the last two years.
- Elected by their peers.
- Participate in service projects and fund raising for the Lodge and areas of need.
- Gives the boys a chance to bond with other committed arrowmen.
- Another area to show leadership.
- It's NOT a secret society!



Miscellaneous Questions

- **Why are the new scouts separate from the older boys?**
- **What's a board of review?**
- **Where or how can I find out what's going on in the troop?**
- **How do you plan the events and outings?**
- **How do you keep track of advancements?**

05/17/15

Individual Progress Report

Name: Groble, Brennan **Home Phone:** (847) 550-0446
Current Rank: Life **Rank Date:** 12/09/13 **Patrol:** Komodo Dragons **Date of Birth:** 08/14/00 **Age:** 14
Pos'n of Respons: Patrol Leader **Pos Date:** 04/21/14 **Date Joined Unit:** 02/14/11

Next Rank: Eagle

Requirements Complete

- Participation 06/09/14
- Leatherwork MB 07/24/11
- Mammal Study MB 07/24/11
- Aviation MB 08/06/11
- Energy MB 08/06/11
- Cooking* MB 07/18/14
- Emergency Prep* MB 07/18/14
- Pos'n of Responsibility 06/09/14

Requirements Remaining

- Scout Spirit
- 4 Merit Badges (**4 Eagle Req'd)
- Eagle Project
- Scoutmaster Conference
- Board of Review

**Eagle required badges for this rank must come from the following list:

Cit In Community*, Personal Fitness*, Personal Management*, Family Life*

Advancement Summary

Rank Advancements

Scout	02/28/11
Tenderfoot	06/06/11
2nd Class	09/19/11
1st Class	12/12/11
Star	09/10/12
Life	12/09/13

26 Merit Badges (*Eagle Req'd)

Art	Communication*	Leatherwork
Astronomy	Cooking*	Mammal Study
Aviation	Emergency Prep*	Radio
Basketry	Energy	Reading
Camping*	Engineering	Robotics
Canoeing	Environmental Sci*	Rowing
Chess	Fingerprinting	Scholarship
Cit In Nation*	First Aid*	Swimming*
Cit In World*	Indian Lore	

What's my role in my son's scouting experience?

- To learn more about the scouting program and its methods.
- To ask adult leaders questions if you are unclear about information you received.
- To encourage your son to participate in troop activities and to work on moving forward through the Boy Scout ranks.
- To help with troop activities as your time permits or even become part of the troop's leadership.

Parent Involvement in Troop 964

- Parent involvement is important to the boys' success in the scouting program as well as to the success of troop 964.
- Parents can support troop 964 in a variety of different ways.
- Supporting the troop does not necessarily require a large time commitment.
- While we want to encourage parents to become part of the troop leadership, parents do not have to be troop leaders to help!



How can parents help?



- **Drive to and from activities**
- **Suggest and plan activities**
- **Attend troop activities to assist the adult leadership**
- **Provide refreshments for special activities**
- **Serve on the troop committee**
- **Teach special skills at a meeting or campout**
- **Assist your son with the duties of his leadership position when he is elected**
- **Assist with fund raising activities**
- **Become part of the adult leadership group**



Adult Leadership Positions

- Scoutmaster
- Assistant Scoutmaster
- Quartermaster



Adult Committee Positions

- Chartered Organization Representative
- Troop Committee Chair
- Advancement Chair
- Fund raising Chair
- Treasurer
- Parent Co-Coordinator
- Hospitality Chair
- Committee Members At Large

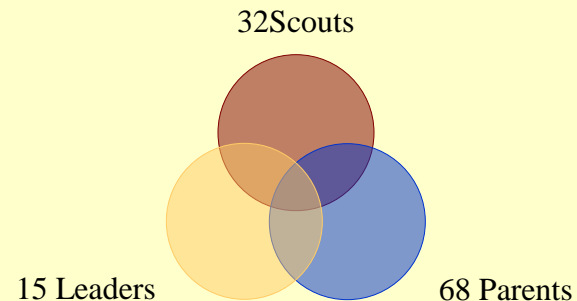
Merit Badge Counselor

- Parents can also be Merit badge counselors
- However, they must be registered adults with the BSA



Do the Math.....

- Troop of 32 boys
- Approximately 60 parents
- We have 41 Registered Leaders (only 12 are parents of current scouts)
- About 12 campouts
- 1 week of summer camp
- Few other special events.
- Fundraising—4th July, Wreath & Popcorn.



Should have a pool of about **4 - 5 parents** (non-leaders) per month to lend a hand.

Info & Questions

- Troop 964 Website:
 - www.troop964.com
 - Announcements
 - Information
 - Pictures
 - Calendar
 - Forms
 - Helping opportunities??