



# Troop 146

## New Parent Handbook

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*All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind are convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.*

*--Aristotle*

## **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 146! By becoming a Boy Scout, your son is setting out on a grand adventure. This is a tremendously important and rewarding endeavor that you will want to share with him.

We know that you have many questions. What is it all about? What will you be expected to do? What does it cost? We have prepared this booklet to answer these questions.

The following pages describe the organization of the Troop and the advancement pattern that each boy will follow. Reading this will help you understand how your boy can progress through the ranks with your help. It will help you understand how you can help and what the various adult volunteers are doing to help the Troop.

## **WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?**

Scouting has three aims:

- Aim I -- To build character
- Aim II -- To foster citizenship
- Aim III -- To develop fitness

These three aims are the bedrock of the American Scouting movement. They represent the long term outcomes we want for every boy.

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people, and in other ways to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential.

The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

<b>SCOUT LAW</b>	<b>SCOUT OATH</b>
<i>A Scout is:</i> Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent	On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Since 1910, these principles have been taught in an atmosphere of recreation and fun, which allows young people to develop self-confidence, leadership and moral character. More and more men, trained as Scouts, are taking their places in today's world as responsible adult leaders. Men who earned badges as Scouts sit on the Supreme Court and in the chambers of Congress. Others

hold important offices in our government, business and industry. Most of the members of Congress were Scouts, as well as most of the astronauts who have walked on the moon.

The Boy Scouts of America is the largest youth oriented organization in the United States. More than 4 million boys and leaders are currently registered in the Boy Scouts of America.

Unlike Cub Scouting, with which many of you are familiar, Boy Scouting is a youth-led organization. The boys learn how to organize and lead the Troop. After training, and with supervision from the adult leaders, the boys run the show.

The boys in the Troop will be working toward their First Class and then Eagle ranks. As they travel on their trail to Eagle they will not only learn how to lead a team to a goal, but they will actually lead teams of scouts in a number of situations. Many Eagle Scouts put their accomplishments on their résumés and find they are often considered in obtaining acceptance into college or the work force.

Boy Scouting also provides for growth of moral strength and character, teaches citizenship, and enhances the development of physical, mental and emotional fitness. This is all done in the spirit of fun and adventure.

## **PATROL METHOD**

The Scouts in a troop are organized into patrols. A patrol resembles a Cub Scout den in that it is a group of about eight boys, and just as several dens make up a pack, several patrols make up a troop. But there are also some important differences. The most enlightening difference is that a Den Leader is an adult, appointed to the job by other adults – while a Patrol Leader is a boy, elected by his fellow Scouts.

The Patrol Method is one of our most useful tools for achieving the Citizenship Aim. The boys in a patrol have the opportunity to practice democracy, teamwork, and problem resolution. The patrol may not always function as smoothly as we adults would like, but even the rough spots provide opportunities for the boys to learn from their challenges.

## **NEW SCOUT PATROLS**

Many patrols consist of Scouts of various ages and ranks, but in Troop 146 New Scouts are members of special "New Scout" Patrols. The New Scout Patrols (there may be more than one) are advised by an ASM/New Scout Advisor (an adult) and by one or more Troop Guides (older Scouts).

The emphasis in the New Scout Patrols is on teaching fundamental outdoor skills and providing opportunities for advancement to Tenderfoot.

New Scout Patrol Meetings are usually held during a segment of every troop meeting. It is important for New Scouts to attend as often as possible, especially to get advancement work done. On the rare events when the new scout patrols meet on a separate day such as a Saturday, we need at least one additional parent (besides the Assistant Scoutmaster) to stay for each meeting (to satisfy the BSA two-deep leadership requirement).

Also, we'd like parents to help teach skills. This includes a lot of things that you don't need to have been a Scout to know. Examples might include:

- First Aid
- Swimming
- Physical Fitness
- Citizenship
- Nature study--identifying plants and animals

## **ADVANCEMENT**

Advancement is a method (one of the 8 Methods of Scouting) that we use to focus and motivate boys in acquiring useful skills. We believe that the skills – not the badge – are what's important. Boys advance on an individual basis as quickly or slowly as they want and are able.

Instruction may be by anyone who has or can acquire the needed expertise -- SM, ASM, parent, or (preferably) a more experienced Scout. We design our program to make training and demonstration opportunities available to boys who need them at a time appropriate to their advancement. Nearly every troop meeting, patrol meeting or campout will include opportunities for New Scouts to learn, to practice skills, and be checked on their advancement requirements. *Taking advantage* of those opportunities remains the responsibility of the scout and his family. While we will try to be flexible, some activities, by their nature, are hard to schedule as “make up” sessions. Some requirements can *only* be done on campouts, for example. If a boy misses a skill, he may have to wait a while until it is offered again.

Advancement signoff is only done by certain individuals: An ASM, SM, or qualified senior Scout. Troop Guides can sign off many advancement requirements for New Scouts. When they transition into regular patrols, their patrol leader may be able to sign off some requirements. Other senior scouts will be designated as instructors in certain areas.

Scouts should not wait for a leader to offer to sign them off on requirements. If they feel they're ready, they need to seek us out. This will sometimes require making an appointment.

Advancement goes hand-in-hand with attendance -- boys who come to troop meetings, field days and outings will advance quickly -- those who don't, won't. Boys who participate fully should be able to finish Tenderfoot at summer camp. Also at camp, they will be able to make good progress on Second and First Class. Camp Ockanickon offers the Dan Beard program for new scouts that does a good job in achieving these objectives. The goal is First Class in one year.

A Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review are required for each rank. The Scout (not a parent) needs to schedule these in advance. Scoutmaster conferences are done at the troop activities. They can take 30 minutes or more. Boards of Review ARE usually done at the troop meeting but must be scheduled a week in advance.

## **UNIFORM**

The Uniform is an important part of the Scout Method.

The *Field Uniform*, also known as the Dress Uniform or "Class A", refers to the regular Boy Scout uniform, including shirt, scout pants (jeans are not an option), scout socks, scout belt, and

troop neckerchief. Boys may express their individuality by wearing non-uniform neckerchief slides. All insignia should be worn in the proper position on shirt. General guidelines can be found on the inside cover of the Scout Handbook -- if in doubt, ask. Hats are optional. The hats approved for uniform wear by scouts in this troop are the olive-and-red scout cap, the troop baseball cap, or the official BSA expedition hat.

The Class A Uniform is required for troop meetings, Courts of Honor, Scoutmaster Conferences (even if held outside the troop meeting), Boards of Review, and travel to and from outings unless otherwise announced. Some merit badge counselors require Scouts to be in Class A for merit badge meetings. It is also required for some parts of Camporeea and is worn for breakfast and dinner at Summer Camp. Merit Badge sashes, Order of the Arrow sashes, and medals such as religious awards should be worn on formal occasions such as Boards of Review and Courts of Honor but are not worn on most other occasions.

The *Activity Uniform* or "Class B" refers to the red (or older green from previous years for older scouts who purchased these) Troop 146 T-shirt or polo shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Scout belt, with socks and hat as appropriate for the activity. The Activity uniform is worn for most camping and hiking activities. For Camporee, for the patrol to earn full points, all Scouts must be in matching clothing, including pants, socks, and hats. For other activities, Scout pants and belt may not be required, at the discretion of the adult leader in charge, depending on the nature of the activities, but the red troop T-shirt should be assumed as a minimum.

The uniform for New Scout Patrol Meetings (which may be announced) is at the discretion of the ASM/New Scout Advisor.

When in doubt, Scouts should wear the Class A uniform. Adults are expected to set a good example by wearing the uniform correctly, or a red troop T-shirt if you are not a uniformed leader.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Participation in Scouting is a privilege, not a right. When a boy becomes a Scout, he promises to do his best to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Boys who persist in being disruptive or disobedient at troop meetings, patrol meetings or other events--including campouts--will be sent home. In this case, it is the parent's responsibility to come get the boy. On site, the decision of the adult leader in charge is final. If you disagree, we can discuss it at a later time.

## **OUTINGS**

Generally, we have a campout every month except August. Campouts are usually held the third or fourth weekend of the month but sometimes other weekends.

The Troop program year starts in September. Planning for next year begins in May or June with a Patrol Leaders' Planning Conference. An annual calendar is put together over the summer.

Each outing is led by an adult Trek Leader, usually Assistant Scoutmaster or Troop Committee member. The Trek Leader is responsible for working with the boy leaders to plan activities for the campout and is the individual in charge during the outing. Each outing also requires a Trek Administrator, who is a non-ASM adult. The Trek Administrator assists the Trek Leader in arranging reservations and permits, communicating information about the outing, taking signups, and planning transportation. The Trek Administrator doesn't necessarily need to attend the outing.

For most outings, adults are also needed to help with transportation, to act as cooks (for the adult "patrol") and to assist in other ways, depending on the outing.

Parents are strongly encouraged to attend their son's first campout. However, bear in mind the Patrol Method. Boys should sleep and eat with their patrol; parents should sleep and eat with the Adult Patrol.

## **ANATOMY OF A CAMPOUT**

Here's how a campout typically works:

Generally, we'll have an information sheet out about one month before the event. Signups end and money is due the second Wednesday prior to the event (big outings like summer camp have a longer lead time). Cost for a weekend campout may range from \$20 or so up to \$50 or \$60, occasionally more. This includes transportation (we give drivers a small allowance for gas), campsite fees, equipment and rentals (climbing gear, canoe rentals, etc.), as well as food. Scouts may sign up for camp outs and other events on the troop web site calendar at [my.troop146.info](http://my.troop146.info).

Each patrol will plan a menu and select a Grubmaster from among the boys who are attending the outing. The Grubmaster is responsible for making up a shopping list and buying the food for the weekend. This expense will be reimbursed. See the separate "Grubmaster Instructions" handout for more details.

Equipment lists are provided at the back of this handbook and in the Boy Scout Handbook. Your son should pack his own gear – after a couple of times he'll know far better than you what he really needs. Encourage him to pack neatly – one backpack or duffle bag, with a sleeping bag tied securely to it. Loose gear is liable to get lost along the way.

In most cases, we'll leave the Rocky Run parking lot on Friday night about 5:00 or 6:00. Boys should be in Class A uniform for the trip. Seating is pre-assigned by the Trek Administrator or other organizer. Usually a truck or trailer is available for overflow gear. Please be flexible about seating – we often have 30 or 40 people and not a lot of extra seats, so we can't deal with a lot of last-minute special requests.

We usually stop at a fast food restaurant along the way (the boys should bring money if they want to buy food), arrive at the campsite late, pitch tents and go to bed.

Scouts will share a tent with another member of their patrol and will sleep in the patrol's camping area. Adults sleep in a separate area nearby.

Saturday we rise early, have breakfast and have a full day of planned activities. Where there is free time, boys should be spending it with their patrols, not hanging out with the adults or wandering alone.

We try to schedule dinner early enough so we can clean up before dark. Afterward there may be some planned evening activities, including a group campfire.

We may sleep a little later on Sunday, eat breakfast, have a limited program, then strike camp, load the cars and depart before noon. Everyone, both boys and adults, is responsible for helping to clean up the campsite and load the gear. If your stuff is finished, help someone else. If you are a driver, you should **STAY UNTIL EVERYONE IS READY TO GO** and the Trek Leader releases you.

We will often stop for lunch on the way home, particularly on longer drives. We usually meet back at Rocky Run to sort out boys and gear.

Boy Scout camping is a group activity designed to develop skills and self-reliance, and to foster teamwork and cooperation between the boys. We encourage family camping – but a Boy Scout campout is not family camping. When you attend a campout, please encourage your son to spend as much time as possible with his patrol, and to participate fully in the planned activities.

## **SUMMER CAMP**

We attend summer camp for one week (Sunday through Saturday) each year, usually in July. Summer camp is Scouting at its best, and Troop 146 goes to different camps every year, including some of the finest on the East Coast area.

We strongly encourage every boy to attend summer camp his first year. Experience has shown that New Scouts who do not attend summer camp do not bond as successfully with their patrol and troop, nearly always fall behind their peers in advancement, and are at high risk to drop out of Scouting after their first year.

Cost varies but is typically around \$300. Boys and adults sleep in two-man, 8 x 8-foot wall tents provided by the camp, and eat in a camp dining hall.

First year Scouts will spend three or four hours each day participating in a "Trail to First Class" program ("Dan Beard" program at Camp Ockanickon) where they will be taught basic skills. There may be time for them to work on one or two easy merit badges. Older boys may work on three or sometimes more merit badges – but we encourage them to allow time for having fun as well. Free-time activities usually include swimming, canoeing, rifle shooting, archery, hiking, fishing, and crafts; some camps also offer sailing, horseback riding, rock climbing, golf, and other activities.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We need your help to keep the troop running smoothly! And we can just about guarantee that the more involved you are, the more fun you'll have--and you'll contribute to providing your son with a better scouting experience. Al Keith will provide you with a list of positions we currently need filled.

We need a parent to represent this "class" on the Advancement Committee. The primary responsibility is to track (not teach or sign off) advancement for New Scouts, and keep the ASM/New Scouts informed about who needs what requirements so he can schedule needed instruction and testing.

We can always use another Assistant Scoutmaster or two. Each ASM is responsible for organizing at least one outing per year, teaching scout skills as needed, and perhaps mentoring a patrol leader or other troop officer.

Boy Scout Basic Leader Training is required for ASMs and encouraged for other adults. Classes are offered by National Capitol Area Council nearly every month.

Help with transportation is needed for most outings. If you plan to attend be sure to sign up when your son does and inform the leader in charge whether you are willing to drive and what kind of vehicle you will be taking.

You are encouraged to volunteer to help out with skills instruction, especially if you have a special skill or hobby. Possibilities include fishing, ham radio, shooting, cooking, model rockets, computers, sports, and more, as well as traditional scout skills.

Adults need to model the behavior we desire from the boys, including:

1. Prompt attendance at meetings
2. If you wear the uniform, wear it properly.
3. Be quiet when others are speaking or when "the sign" goes up.
4. During troop meetings, take conversations outdoors or into another room.

It may go without saying, but we'll say it anyway: during any Troop activity, no alcohol or drugs, no smoking, and watch your language. On campouts, lights out and quiet time means adults, too.

## SOME SCOUTING LINGO

**Camporee:** Annual assembly of scouting units from throughout eastern Ventura County, featuring scout skills competition

**Jamboree:** National “convention” of scouts from all over the U.S., held every four years. The next one is in 2010.

**Philmont:** A huge scout camp in New Mexico, offering a once-in-a-lifetime backpacking experience for scouts 14 and older. Hopefully we can take a "crew" there during your son’s tenure with the troop.

**Florida Sea Base:** High adventure BSA sailing trip.

**Northern Tier:** High adventure BSA canoeing trip on the Canadian Border

Hopefully we can take a "crew" to some of the above during your son’s tenure in the troop.

**Scout's Own:** A non-denominational religious service held on Sundays during campouts.

**The Scout Shop:** National Capitol Area Council office and store, 9190 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20814-3897. (see [http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/1303\\_scout\\_shop\\_mssc\\_.cfm](http://www.boyscouts-ncac.org/pages/1303_scout_shop_mssc_.cfm))

**The Sign, "Signs Up!":** The scout sign, especially when used as a signal for quiet and attentiveness to the one in charge.

**Ockanickon Scout Reservation:** Bucks County Council Boy Scout Reservation (Camp). Troop 146 Summer Camp is here the week of July 28 – Aug 2, 2008.

**Wood Badge:** Advanced training for Boy Scout Leaders.

ASM Assistant Scoutmaster

BSA Boy Scouts of America

BOR Board of Review--Interview by a group of parents to confirm that a scout is ready to be awarded his next rank advancement

CC Committee Chairperson

COH Court of Honor--Boy Scout awards ceremony, usually held four times a year

COR Chartered Organization Representative--Liaison between the troop and its chartering organization

DE District Executive--A professional Scouter

JLT Junior Leader Training--A special training session for Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders, conducted by the troop twice a year

OA Order of the Arrow--An honorary service organization to which scouts may be elected by their peers when they are First Class or higher and have completed 15 nights of camping, and meet other requirements.

PL/APL Patrol Leader/Assistant Patrol Leader

PLC Patrol Leaders Council--The troop's governing body, presided over by the Senior Patrol Leader and including Patrol Leaders and other troop officers. Meets monthly to plan troop meetings and outings.

SM Scoutmaster

SPL Senior Patrol Leader--An older scout elected by the troop as its leader.

## Camping Equipment List (weekend camping, mild weather)

### Clothing

- 2-3 Underwear of your choice
- 2-3 T-shirts
- 1 Long sleeve shirt -- cotton or flannel
- 1 Pants – may be Scout pants or other long pants
- 1 Shorts, if desired
- 1 Swimming suit (if swimming is planned)
- 1 Fleece jacket (poly fleece, not cotton) or wool sweater
- 1 Jacket, with waterproof nylon shell and hood.
- 1 (optional) Long underwear, top and bottom. Wool, silk or polypropylene, not cotton.
- 1 Hat with brim
- 1 Boots or other sturdy shoes
- 3 Socks (for hiking these should be wool or synthetic, not cotton)
- 2 or 3 Polypropylene or nylon liner socks (backpacking only)
- 1 Gloves or mittens

Sleeping Clothes -- worn ONLY in your tent

- 1 Clean t-shirt
- 1 Clean underwear
- 1 Clean socks, pair
- 1 Beanie or stocking cap
- 1 Pajamas or sweats, if desired

DO NOT bring: portable electronics, large knives, or extra food, unless approved in advance by the group leader.

If it's not on this list, don't bring it without checking with a leader.

### The Bedroom

Tent – Lightweight, two-person tent, with poles and stakes. Remember, you may have to carry it.

Tarp – 5 x 7 or large enough to fit under tent

Sleeping Bag – Eventually, you will want to get a synthetic fill mummy bag, rated for 20 degrees or colder

Insulating Pad – ensolite or other closed-cell foam pads

### Toiletries

Toothbrush, toothpaste (small tube)

Small towel (hand towel), pack towel, or use a bandanna

Other items as you wish. Bring only what you are sure you will use.

### The Kitchen

Plastic cup

Plastic bowl – a small Tupperware container works well

Spoon, fork, knife as needed

*Stoves and cooking gear will be provided*

### The Ten+ Essentials

Pocket Knife (small)

First Aid Kit (basic; see Handbook, page 289)

Extra Clothing (see above)

Rain Gear (see above). Bring a poncho if your jacket is not waterproof.

Water bottles – enough to hold at least 2 quarts (3 for longer hikes)

Flashlight, small (type that uses 2 AA batteries is ideal)

Trail Food (provided)

Matches (provided)

Sun protection (hat and sunscreen)

Compass and map (maps provided)

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## **Grubmaster Parent Instructions**

Having your son assigned to be Grubmaster for his patrol may seem annoying or burdensome at first glance, but remember that every boy is required to perform these duties as part of his First Class advancement requirements. Note, however, that simply “being Grubmaster” in itself doesn’t meet the requirements; there are a number of very specific tasks that he must perform and have each step approved by an ASM or designated senior scout.

This is a good opportunity for you to get involved in helping to teach your son some important life skills (food planning, portion control, budgeting, shopping) but remember it’s his job: You can help, but please don’t do it for him.

- Follow the menu the patrol planned. Good or bad, it’s what the group agreed to. The menu SHOULD have been checked and approved by a senior scout or ASM. If you feel strongly that there’s something wrong with the menu, have your son go back to his Patrol Leader and if necessary talk to a Troop Guide, the SPL or an ASM about the problem. Please don’t make changes without checking first; there may be a reason why things were done a certain way.
- Your son should have a firm attendance count by the second Wednesday prior to the outing. If he doesn’t know he (not you) should call his patrol leader first to get the information; if that doesn’t work, try the senior patrol leader who will have a copy of the roster; as a last resort call the ASM in charge of the outing to get an accurate count.
- Boys often have trouble with quantities. Presented with excess food, most boys will eat the junk (cookies, chips) and throw away the healthy stuff. You want enough to feed everyone but no leftovers.
- You don’t always need to buy the most expensive brands. Shop smart. If you’re buying large quantities you might want to try Costco or Smart & Final.
- It is often better to buy things like cookies or chips in single-serving packages. This makes portion control easy and cuts down on squabbles over who got the most cookies – everyone just gets one package.
- Stay away from Coke and other sodas. They get the kids amped up and contribute to dehydration. Powdered drink mixes with sweetener already in them (Gatorade, Country Time, etc.) are better and less expensive. Instant cocoa or hot cider mix is good for cold weather, especially at breakfast. Milk and juice (not the frozen kind) are good for weekend trips if you have a cooler to keep them in. Again, be realistic about how much the boys will drink (not how much you wish they would drink) so there’s no waste.
- Have your son save your receipts, help him add them up and divide by the number of people from the patrol who are going on the outing to determine the cost per person.
- The cost shouldn’t be much over \$2.50 to \$3 per person, per meal on average, or \$10 to \$12 for a weekend.
- Your son should show the menu, shopping list, and receipts to an ASM or Troop Guide to be signed off on this part of the First Class cooking requirement.
- For most campouts, the troop will collect food money with other campout fees and reimburse you when your son turns in his receipts.
- Pack perishables in an ice chest with ice.
- Pack non-perishable food neatly in cardboard boxes or plastic storage bins. Do not bring a bunch of grocery bags. Everything is going to get crammed into a trailer and bags are likely to get lost, spilled or smashed.
- Troop Quartermaster Jonathan Lenaburg with adult assistance from his dad, Jerry Lenaburg (Troop Committee Member and Adult Quartermaster), maintain patrol boxes with cook stoves and utensils for each patrol.
- The Grubmaster is also responsible for buying water if needed. The troop provides propane tanks for cook stoves. Two canisters of propane are usually enough for a weekend. There may be leftover propane canisters in the patrol box. Buy charcoal if needed. Sometimes some gallon jugs of drinking water will also be required. We’ll announce this at the troop meeting.
- Your son should talk to his patrol leader about what pots, pans, etc. will be needed. The patrol leader needs to give his equipment request to the Troop Quartermaster or the SPL. Do not assume that needed gear will just magically appear. If you have questions ask your Troop Guide or the ASM in charge of the outing.
- It is not your son’s job to do all the cooking unless he needs it for First Class cooking requirements or Cooking Merit Badge. He should do his share along with everyone else. Disagreements about cooking and cleanup will be minimized if the patrol follows its duty roster.
- All patrol cooking gear needs to be returned to storage clean, neat and in good repair. Report any loss or breakage to the quartermaster in writing. Leftover food should not be stored in the patrol box. Perishable leftovers can be distributed to patrol members or taken home by the Grubmaster.

## Example calendar (2007-2008) for Troop 146 (showing typical activity schedule)

### Troop 146 2007-2008 Calendar

#### September 2007

- 3 Labor Day
- 5 Troop Meeting - Elections & Check Handbook Night
- 5 Board of Reviews
- 8 NCAC Merit Badge Day, Camp Snyder
- 12 Troop Meeting
- 14 - 16 Jr Leader Training (Camp Snyder)
- 14 Troop Road Clean up
- 19 Troop Meeting (Board of Review)
- 22 - 23 Shenandoah River Cleanup Campout
- 26 PLC Meeting
- 27 Committee Meeting

#### October 2007

- 1- Sully District Golf Tournament
- 3 Troop Meeting - Check Handbook Night
- 10 Court of Honor
- 17 Troop Meeting \_ Need Alternate Meeting location
- 19 - 21 Sully District Camporee (Front Royal, VA)
- 24 PLC Meeting
- 25 Committee Meeting
- 31 Halloween - no Troop meeting

#### November 2007

- 3 - 4 Camp High Roads (COPE, Zip Line, Orienteering)
- 7 Meeting (Check Handbook Night)
- 10 Scouting for Food Pick Up
- 10 - 11 Science Museum of VA
- 14 Troop Meeting
- 17 Troop Road Clean up

#### February 2008

- 2 NCAC Merit Badge Day, Camp Snyder
- 6 Troop Meeting (Check Handbook Night)
- 9 - 10 Skiing Weekend (Overnight)
- 13 Troop Meeting
- 16 Americas Most Wanted TV Show 7-10PM Washington, DC
- 20 Troop Meeting
- 23 Troop Road Clean up
- 27 Patrol Leaders Council
- 28 Committee Meeting

#### March 2008

- 5 Troop Meeting (Check Handbook Night)
- 8 - 9 Camping at Bull Run Park
- 12 Troop Meeting
- 15 Mulch Delivery (St. Tim's parking lot)
- 19 Troop Meeting
- 22 Americas Most Wanted TV Show 7-10PM Washington, DC
- 26 Patrol Leaders Council
- 27 Committee Meeting

#### April 2008

- 2 Troop Meeting (Check Handbook Night)
- 9 Troop Meeting
- 11-13 Camporee at Camp Snyder, Haymarket, VA
- 16 Troop Meeting
- 18 - 20 High Cope or Shooting Weekend
- 23 Patrol Leaders Council
- 24 Committee Meeting
- 30 Troop Meeting

**18 Chad Sussman Eagle Court of Honor (1:00 PM)**  
(Sully Government Center)

21 No Meeting - Happy Thanksgiving!!!

28 PLC Meeting

29 Committee Meeting

#### **December 2007**

**1 - 2 Taney overnight, Aquarium, in Baltimore**

5 Troop Meeting (Check Handbook Night)

**12 Court of Honor**

19 Christmas Party -- Virginia Run Elementary School

26 No Meeting - Merry Christmas!!

27 No Dec Committee meeting

#### **January 2008**

2 No Troop Meeting (St. Tim's School Christmas Break)

9 Troop Meeting (Board of Review)

16 Troop Meeting

**19-20 Lock in at St. Tim's (6:30 PM - 8:00 AM**

**Sun.)**

**19 Metro PD Visit (7:30 PM) Crime Prevention MB**

23 Patrol Leaders Council

24 Committee Meeting

**26 Americas Most Wanted TV Show 7-10PM**

**Wash. DC**

30 Troop Meeting

#### **May 2008**

7 Troop Meeting (Check Handbook Night)

14 Troop Meeting

**16 - 18 Canoeing**

21 Troop Meeting

28 Patrol Leaders Council

29 Committee Meeting

#### **June 2008**

**4 Court Of Honor**

**7 NCAC Merit Badge Day, Camp Synder**

**7 Troop Road Clean up**

11 Troop Meeting

18 Troop Meeting

**20 - 23 Kayaking in Pittsburgh**

25 Patrol Leaders Council

26 Committee Meeting

#### **July 2008**

28 - 2 Summer Camp

#### **August 2008**

3 - 9 Northern Tier

(All Troop Meetings @ 7:30 PM in St. Tim's Cafeteria & PLCs in St. Tim's Class Room 12 Unless Otherwise Noted)