

**TROOP 1 Milford**  
**Boys Troop 701 Girls Troop 711**

Milford, Connecticut  
Scouting America



# Handbook

Sponsored by The Plymouth Men's Club  
First United Church of Christ Milford

*Troop 1 has been serving the Milford Community since 1919  
and is proud to serve now as Troop 701 and Troop 711.*

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# **Introduction to Troop 701 and 711**

## **Scouting America**

Boy Scout Troop 701 was originally established as Troop 1 in November 1919 in Milford, Connecticut and has operated continuously for more than 100 years which makes it the oldest troop in Milford. Over the years with Scouting combining Councils and Districts Troop 1 has evolved to be Troop 701. The Plymouth Men's Club of the First United Church of Christ sponsors the Troop. Beginning in 2024 a new Troop for girls, Troop 711, was chartered under the Plymouth Men's Club.

Each troop has their own Scoutmaster. Adult Leaders are shared between the troops as needed. A shared troop committee oversees both the boy Troop 701 and the girls Troop 711.

The Troop's hold meetings every Tuesday evening, year-round, normally at the Margaret Egan Center (second floor), 35 Mathew Street, Milford from 7 to 8:30 PM. If the meeting location is changed you will receive an email prior to the meeting announcing the change. During the school year, the Troop meetings center around Patrol activities, rank advancement, and Merit Badge work. In the summer, the Troop continues to meet but the focus is more on fun outdoor activities such as bike rides on one of the local rail trails, hiking, volleyball at the beach, miniature golf, or service work such as cleaning up trash at a local park.

Both troops provide a well-rounded Scouting program guided by experienced and knowledgeable adult and youth leaders. Our main objective is to provide an environment where the Scouts can learn, develop skills (such as self-reliance, leadership, and teamwork), and have fun while advancing through the Scouting America program. Both troops do this through active participation of the Scouts, Leaders, and parents. By maintaining a high level of training and living by the ideals of the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Outdoor Code, many of Troop's Scouts and Scouters have risen to become leaders in the Milford community.

The Troop Committee believes in providing an active outdoor program which includes camping trips to area Scout camps, state parks, historical sites, day hikes, special event outings, and a week-long summer camp program. Past summer camping trips have been to Camp Sequassen, Camp Richard on Nantucket Island, Block Island, Gettysburg National Historic Site, United States Military Academy at West Point, United States Naval Academy, Washington DC, Disney World, and the National Boy Scout Jamboree. The jamboree trips included stops at the Fort Dix Military Reservation in New Jersey, Maryland State Parks, and Washington, D.C. (touring sites such as the Smithsonian and Washington area monuments). To fulfil advancement requirements Scouts must participate in overnight camping trips.

# Troop Eagle Scout Honor Roll

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Our Eagle Scout Honor Roll dates back to 1923. Since then, there have been 178 Eagle Scouts with 131 Eagles since 1985 under the current adult leadership.

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- 1985 – Anthony Preiss
- 1986 – Mark Krom Jr., Todd Richards
- 1987 – Martin Coderre
- 1988 – Richard Freeth, Gideon King
- 1989 – Burvee Franz III, Keith Satterlee, John Paul Wise
- 1990 – James Donegan, William Lambiase, Brian Ogrisek, Grant Seelgen, Lindsay King
- 1991 – Matthew Coviello, Daniel Reynolds, Bart Krom
- 1992 – Christopher Mezza, Scott Preiss
- 1993 – David Reynolds
- 1994 – Andrew Mitchell
- 1995 – Richard Obert
- 1996 – Christopher Healy, Patrick Kuba
- 1997 – William Healy, Jason Kubicko, Eric Mohr, Brett Reilly
- 1998 – Brandon Bruce, Robert Healy, Joseph Puskar, Seth Willox
- 1999 – Robert Black
- 2000 – Russell Henschman, Douglas Poole
- 2001 – Christopher Pramuka, Daniel Henschman
- 2002 – Tim Healy, James Castignoli
- 2004 – Geoff Dean, James Murray, Matthew Tougas
- 2005 – Kevin Krusewski
- 2006 – Sean Manson, William Carroll
- 2007 – Paul Albanese, Seth Rule
- 2008 – Ryan Bradley, Justin Leonard, Christopher Contaras, Kent Dunlevy, Joseph Hanna
- 2009 – Andrew Kowalski, Matthew Natalie, Evan Rule, Alexander Podpolucha
- 2010 – Josh Paton, Nathaniel Jones, Bryan Niebanck
- 2011 – Scott Booth
- 2012 – Stephen Povroznik, Jason Saviski, William Weishaupt, Mark Bluemer, John Lawless, Christian Lofthouse, Dan Murray, Jacob Wilcek, Patrick Leary, Matt Ouellette
- 2013 – Colby Brennan, Christopher Mercaldo, Joshua Sussan
- 2014 – Garrette Glynn, Pierce Holveck, Diego Paige
- 2015 – Tyler Lambiase, Zach Ourfalian, Thomas Kennedy, Connor Shaw, Nicholas Shaw, William Panzella, James Mercaldo, Kyle Soviero, Richard Kratzer
- 2016 – Shawn Ferrente, Joseph Mugford, John Castello, Jacob Hollander, Kyle Krois
- 2017 – Jack Finnegan, Ryan Leary, Kenneth Wright, Liam Nuttall, Matthew Rodrigueus, Brian Elliott, Owen Brennan, Ronald Gaul
- 2018 – Ryan Lapadula, Matthew DeLucia, Giuseppe Mavuli, Gavin Krois
- 2019 – Anthony DiStefano, Benjamin Nuttall, Jack Iaffaldano, Marco Buschauer

# Troop Eagle Scout Honor Roll - continued

2020 – William Auscavitch, Ryan Bailey, Brandon Bartholomew, Anthony Capua, Ethan Harrigan  
Corey James, James Rodrigues, Dylan Schwartz, Bryant Wardman

2021 - Jacob Papazoglou, Brian Zirkel

2022 – Tucker Donegan, Logan Griffin, Ryan Medvegy, Ryan Treat, Kiernan Wilson

2023 - Raagav Kuraganti, Christopher Rickard, Matthew Wright, Kyle Chy, Braden Munn,  
Matthew Berendt, Parker Michels

## Membership in the Troop

Membership in Troop 701 and Troop 711 is open to all youth who are at least 10 years old and have completed the fifth grade or are 10 years old and have earned the Arrow of Light or are at least 11 years old but not yet 18 years old.

Boys and girls who have met these requirements may attend Troop meetings and participate in the Troop activities, ONLY if an application to join the Troop has been filled out and signed by a parent or guardian and is on file with the Troop and Connecticut Yankee Council.

As soon as a scout becomes a member in Troop 701 or Troop 711, so do their parents or guardians. Personal involvement of a scout's parents in Troop activities is expected. We have noticed over the years that there is a significant correlation between the degree of interest and involvement by the parents and their scout's success in Scouting.

When your son or daughter turns in their membership application, it is recommended that the parents accompany them to his first Troop meeting so that they may meet the Troop Leaders and Scouts in the Troop. Parents are always welcome and encouraged to participate in Troop activities. The Troop always welcomes parents who are interested in becoming adult leaders, members of the Troop Committee, or Merit Badge counselors. If interested, please see the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chairman for an Adult Leader application.

A Scout must be active in the Troop by attending troop meetings, camping trips, and other Troop activities. Participation in these activities is required for advancement. However, it is not expected that a Scout will attend every troop meeting, camping trip, or other events. It is understood that there are many opportunities available to scouts today. School and family should always come first. The Troop will be there when the homework is done and when the sports season is over.

## Troop Organization and Leadership

The organization of a Scouting America Troop consists of three key groups: 1) Troop Youth Leadership, 2) The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scout Leaders; and 3) The Troop Committee.

The Scoutmaster is the adult leader with overall responsibility for the program and day-to-day activities. The Scoutmaster and their Assistant Scout Leaders work directly with the Scouts by providing training, guidance, and assistance in planning and running Troop activities.

All activities are conducted under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of the chartered organization and the Scouting America organization.

Troop 701 is currently under the leadership of Mr. Mark Krom. Mr. Krom was a scout earning the Eagle Scout Rank in 1967 and has been the Scoutmaster for Troop 701 since 1981. Mr. Krom completed the Scoutmasters Training Course in 1970 in Bridgeport, CT. He received the District Award of Merit; the highest award the district can award a volunteer leader and the Silver Beaver Award, the highest award given to a volunteer by the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Krom is a Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow and has been awarded the National Eagle Scout Association Award for Scoutmasters.

Troop 711 is currently under the leadership of Jessica Zamachaj. Mrs. Zamachaj has been active in scouting since 2020. She started her adventure at the pack level as a den leader and then took over as cubmaster. She is ready to move to the troop level to support older scouts as they learn essential life skills. Mrs. Zamachaj has successfully completed many scout training opportunities including Woodbadge. She is a 20-year veteran educator at the secondary level and is essential on her school building leadership team. Her and her family have won the Scouting family of the year award.

The Troop committee's primary responsibilities are supporting the Scoutmaster's in delivering a quality Scouting program and helping in the administration of the troop. The Troop Committee advises the Scoutmaster and adult leaders on policies relating to safe Scouting; encourages/supports quality leader training; manages the finances of the troop; supports the troop's programs and activities; arranges camp reservations and permits; participates in Scout activities and boards of review; and supports both youth and leader recruitment for the troop.

Mr. Krom and Mrs. Zamachaj are assisted by a team of over 25 experienced Assistant Scout Leaders and Committee Members including: a Committee Chairman, Advancement Chair, Life to Eagle Advancement Coordinator, Treasurer, and numerous Merit Badge Counselors. Many of the adult leaders are Eagle Scouts and have been a Troop 701 leader for over 30 years. The leadership of the Troop continues to grow each year with new adult leaders joining as their scouts become active in the troop.

## **Scout Organization**

The Scouts within each Troop are organized into Patrols consisting of between 5 to 8 scouts who work together during the year. Each patrol has a Scout who is elected to be the Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader appoints one of the other scouts in the patrol as the Assistant Patrol Leader. Patrols meet on a regular basis to work on advancement or plan Patrol activities for campouts.

Each September the Troops conduct a Troop election for new Youth Troop Leaders who will run the Troop for the upcoming year. Scouts are nominated for positions and an election is held during a Troop meeting where the Scouts vote to elect the new Scout leadership for the Troop.

Each Troop Leadership consists of a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, Librarian, and Historian. Other positions that can be filled include Troop Guide, Instructor, Chaplains Aide, Bugler, Web Master and Troop Order of the Arrow (OA) Representative.

Holding a leadership position in the Troop is a requirement for advancement to the higher Scouting ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle.

## Scout Troop Leadership Positions

**Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)** – Is in charge of organizing the Scouts and running the troop meetings, events, and activities. The SPL leads the patrol leaders' council. They assign specific responsibilities to Scouts, as needed, and in consultation with the Scoutmaster.

**Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)** – The ASPL fills in for Senior Patrol Leader in their absence and assists the SPL in running all troop activities.

**Quartermaster** – Is responsible for maintaining the troop supplies and equipment.

**Scribe** – Keeps records on meetings and records weekly attendance at troop meetings.

**Troop Historian** – Gathers, collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on troop activities and maintains a historical scrapbook.

**Librarian** – Maintains the Troop's library of merit badge books, pamphlets, and materials. Oversees the process of loaning and returning Troop material.

**Troop Guide** – Assists and guides new Scouts that have recently joined one of the troops. They help new Patrol leaders and encourage new Scouts to earn the rank of First Class in their first year in the troop.

**Instructor** - Works with the Troop Guide and Assistant Leaders for new Scouts. They instruct the Scoutcraft skills needed for Tenderfoot through First Class ranks.

**Chaplain Aide** - Assists in troop religious services during Troop meetings and promotes Scouts to take part in religious program.

**Bugler** – Bugler for troop activities and campouts

**OA Troop Representative** – Represents the troop at local OA meetings and arranges for the annual OA elections with the Troop.



## **The Scout Oath**

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.



## **The Scout Law**

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

### **New Scout Patrol**

New Scouts who join a Troop after crossing over from Cub Scouts are kept together as a "New Scout Patrol". This Patrol will generally include Scouts that have joined the Troop from several different Cub Scout Packs from the area. This gives the Scouts a good opportunity to make new friends of their own age.

New Scouts are assigned an older Scout to act as a Troop Guide in their adventures with their new Patrol. New Scouts are encouraged to have their friends join the Troop and be members of their Patrol. New Scouts are organized together in a Patrol and will work together on advancement. Typically, the new Scouts will stay together as a Patrol for their first year with the Troop.

## **Weekly Call Around**

Part of the responsibilities of the Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders is to contact each Scout every week. Scouts will receive an email or phone call from their Patrol Leader to remind them of upcoming activities for the Troop meeting on either Sunday or Monday nights. A Scout who does not receive an email or call should contact their Patrol Leader or the Senior Patrol Leader.

## **Troop Meeting Cancellations**

Troop meetings are canceled only by the Scoutmaster when there is bad weather making it unsafe to travel to and from the meeting. When a meeting is canceled, the Scoutmaster will send an email to all scouts and parents notifying them of the cancellation. It is important that parents and scouts provide their current emails to the troop leaders. **Meetings are canceled on the days that Milford schools are canceled.**

## **14 Eagle Required Merit Badges**

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## Scout Advancement

Troop 701 and 711 believe and actively promote Scout advancement by providing opportunities in the form of training classes, merit badge classes, and direct instruction at Troop meetings and camping trips led by senior Scouts and adult leaders. A merit badge schedule is published monthly by the troop listing the merit badge classes that will be conducted by the Troop during the year.

Scouts are encouraged to earn scout ranks and merit badges. Parents should keep track of their scout's advancement progress to ensure that they are advancing and staying on track to become Eagle Scouts. If there are any questions, the Scout or parent should contact the Scoutmaster.

Parents cannot sign off on requirements in their scout's Scout Handbook. Requirements in the book may be signed by their Patrol Leader, a senior Scout, or scout leaders who works with your scout's Patrol.

The Scouting America advancement program leads Scouts from the rank of Scout through to the highest rank of Eagle Scout. For new Scouts, the Troop's focus is on their initial advancement on the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. Generally, new Scouts are not permitted to work on Merit Badges until they have achieved the rank of First Class. This is done so younger Scouts don't become distracted from earning rank advancements. The one exception for younger scouts earning merit badges is summer camp where younger scouts below the rank of Star can earn merit badges.

After a Scout has completed the rank of First Class, they will begin working toward earning a total of 21 Merit Badges in varying fields to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. Of the 21 badges, 14 are specific required merit badges, leaving 7 optional Merit Badges that can be chosen from the 138 merit badges authorized by Scouting America. When a Scout wants to work on a Merit Badge, they must first speak with the Scoutmaster and obtain approval on a blue merit badge card. This card is presented to the Merit Badge Counselor and will be returned to the Scout upon the successful completion of the badge requirements. The completed blue card is then returned to the Scoutmaster for final signature after which the Scout must turn the card into the Troop Advancement Coordinator. Scouts, not their parents, should be the one to contact the Merit Badge Counselor to arrange for an appointment. Parents in the Troop are encouraged to work with the Scouts in the Troop as Merit Badge Counselors; however, a parent may not sign their scout's Merit Badge work.

## Scout Ranks

As a Scout advances, they will earn Scout Ranks. Each rank has its own requirements which are in the BSA Handbook. As each Scout completes their rank requirements, they will complete a Troop Leader conference and Board of Review.

**Scout** – The scout Badge represents the first step to achieving your goals as a Scout. New Scouts will have learned the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Sign, Salute and handshake.

**Tenderfoot** - This is the second rank achieved as a Scout. One key requirement is preparing for and experiencing an overnight camping trip, including pitching a tent and helping to cook a meal. Another required activity is to show improvement in physical performance (push-ups, pull-ups, sit-ups, etc.) over a 30-day period. Other requirements at this level are being able to identify poisonous plants and demonstrate various first aid procedures.

**Second Class** - The Tenderfoot Scout is now ready to explore more of the world. Second Class Badge requirements will help prepare him. Activities include learning how to use a compass and map, more campouts, tool safety and building a campfire. The Scout also begins community service projects, demonstrates water safety and rescue methods and more advanced first aid procedures.

**First Class** - Becoming a First Class Scout prepares the Scout to be more of a leader. Planning a patrol menu for one campout — including which pans, utensils and other gear will be needed to cook and serve the meals—is a key requirement at this level. So is passing the BSA Swimmer Test—a test of safety as well as knowledge of several swimming strokes and techniques.

**Star** - To achieve the rank of Star Scout, a Scout must be active in his troop or patrol for at least 4 months as a First Class Scout, must earn 6 merit badges (including any 4 of the Eagle required badges), complete 6 hours of service work.

**Life** - To become a Life Scout, a Scout must be active in his troop or patrol for at least 6 months as a Star Scout, must earn at least 5 additional merit badges (including any 3 of the Eagle required badges), complete 6 hours of service work, and serve actively for 6 months in a position of responsibility within the troop.

## Life Scout to Eagle Advancement

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Scouting. Since Troop 701 was started in 1919 over 175 Scouts have become Eagle Scouts, 132 of these Scouts became Eagles since 1985 under the current Troop Adult Leadership.

### Eagle Scout Requirements (Reference Eagle Application)

**Requirement #1** - Be active in your troop for a period of at least six months after you become a Life Scout.

**Requirement #2** - Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your daily life.

**Requirement #3** - Earn 21 merit badges

**Requirement #4** - While a Life Scout serve actively in your unit for a period of six months in one of the following positions of responsibility, patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, senior patrol leader, troop guide, Order of the Arrow troop representative, den chief, scribe, librarian, historian, quartermaster, junior assistant scoutmaster, chaplain aid, instructor, Webmaster, outdoor ethics guide. *(Troop elections are held every September, if you have not held a leadership position for at least six months after becoming a Life Scout, see the Scoutmaster Mr. Krom)*

**Requirement #5 - Eagle Scout Service Project** - Plan, develop and give leadership in a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. Troop One's Eagle Scout projects over the years have included many worthwhile projects that have benefited the greater Milford community. Some examples include school playgrounds, outdoor school classrooms, straightening and repairing gravestones in local cemeteries; clearing and establishing hiking trails around the state; Vials for Life; Food Drive for Pets; Toys for Children with cancer at Yale New Haven Hospital; building a Native American Wigwam at the Coastal Audubon in Milford and building display cases for the Milford Historical Society. Each project provides the Scout the opportunity to develop his leadership, planning and organizational skills and provides a benefit for the beneficiary of the project.

Service Projects are considered part of a unit's program and are treated as such with regard to policies, procedures, and requirements regarding Youth Protection, two-deep leadership, etc. The health and safety of those working on Eagle projects must be integrated into project execution.

**Certification By Applicant - Life Statement** - Write a statement of your ambitions and life purpose and a listing of positions held in your religious institution, school, camp, community, or other organizations during which you demonstrated leadership skills, include honors and awards received during this service.

## **Scoutmaster's Conference**

Every rank advancement requires the Scout to have a conference with the Scoutmaster. This meeting with the Scoutmaster is to discuss what they have learned, review the Scout's advancement activities and discuss the Scout's Scouting Goals for the future. A Scout who needs a Scoutmaster's Conference must request one from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks in advance of a board of review. The board of review will be conducted outside of the regular troop meeting area and a uniform must be worn and the Scout's Scout Handbook must be brought to the Board of Review.

## **Board of Review**

Once all the Eagle Advancement Requirements have been completed the Troop Life to Eagle Coordinator will schedule an Eagle Scout Board of Review with the District Advancement Committee.

**Eagle Palms** - Scouting doesn't end after becoming an Eagle Scout! In fact, the BSA recognizes achievements beyond the Eagle Scout rank by awarding Eagle Palms representing additional merit badges at Bronze (5 badges), Gold (10 badges) and Silver (15 badges) levels. Eagle Palms can be earned until a scout's 18 birthday.

## **Courts of Honor**

Each year the Troop holds Courts of Honor where Scouts are recognized for their achievements, merit badges, rank advancement and other special awards. These are important family events, and ALL family members are welcome.

Scouts reaching the rank of Eagle Scout are recognized during a special Eagle Court of Honor. As this is a significant achievement by a Scout, all active Scouts are expected to attend to show their support and recognize the hard work of their fellow Scout. Parents and family are encouraged to attend as well. Scouts must wear their Class "A" uniform to all Courts of Honor.



## **Proper Scout Behavior**

While attending Scout meetings and activities, all scouts are expected to act in a manner in accordance with the Scout Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code.

## **Uniforms and Insignia Code**

All Scouts are required to wear a Scout uniform (Class "A") at all Troop meetings and at most Troop activities. A Class "A" uniform for Troop One consists of the official Scout shirt with all required insignia, shoulder loops, neckerchief (one is provided by the troop), and a neckerchief slide. Scouts are expected to present themselves neatly with shirts tucked in.

The Troop provides new Scouts with a Troop neckerchief upon earning the Scout Rank. Periodically new Troop neckerchiefs are issued to each Scout in a new color and the troop logo. Additional troop neckerchiefs can be bought for a minimal charge.

Scouts who come to a Troop meeting without a uniform will be asked to wear a "Loaner" uniform shirt from the Troop office during the meeting.

Scouts who have reached the rank of Life Scout or higher may wear Troop Staff Polo shirts at all meetings except Courts of Honor. During summer meetings and fun events Scouts may wear Class "B" uniforms which consist of a Red Troop One tee shirt. Uniforms and insignias may be purchased at the Scout Store at the CT Yankee Council office on Wellington Road. Used uniforms are sometimes available from Troop One uniform exchange. Old uniform parts are gratefully accepted. Troop One tee shirts can be purchased by contacting the Committee Chairman. Questions regarding uniforms and insignia should be directed to the Scoutmaster.

## Attendance

After a Scout becomes a registered member one of the Troop's, they are expected to attend as many of the Troop activities as possible. If a Scout is going to be absent from a Troop activity, it is their responsibility to notify their Patrol leader in advance. If a Scout is going to miss a few Troop meetings and activities due to school, sports or other commitments they should let their Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster know in advance. Remember, participation in certain troop activities and camping trips is required for advancement.

The Troop's are active camping troop's and as such Scouts are expected to attend camping trips during the year. Camping trips are also required for various rank advancement since certain outdoor skills can only be done on camping trips. As Scouts advance to more senior ranks, they are still expected to attend campouts, the younger Scouts learn from senior Scout examples. Camping and advancement go hand in hand. Scouts who actively go on camping trips have greater opportunities to complete rank advancement or merit badges.

A Scout arriving late to or leaving early from Troop meetings **MUST** have written permission from their parent or guardian. At the end of Troop meetings, Scouts must go directly home. Parents, who drive their Scout's to the meeting, should arrive at the meeting location no later than 8:30 PM to pick up their son or daughter. If parents want to listen to Troop announcements at the end of the meeting, they should come at 8:15 pm.

Scouts are expected to bring their Official Scout Handbook, note paper, and a pen or pencil to every Troop meeting or campout.



## Registration

**Scout Registration and Fees** - Registration fees and Troop dues are collected annually. You will be notified when your registration fees are due. The annual registration fee covers the National Scout Registration, Scout insurance and Council Fees. The cost of running the troop, Cabin rentals, patches, etc. is paid by the annual Holiday Wreath fundraiser. Registration may be paid either by cash or check.

**Cub Scout Crossover to Scouts** – Cub Scouts Crossing Over from a Pack must fill out the BSA Youth Application and Troop 701 and 711 forms. There is no additional Registration Fee when Crossing Over because you are already registered through your Pack.

**Adult Registration** – To become a leader or committee member you must fill out the Adult Leader Application, Additional Disclosures & Background Check Authorization form, Troop 701 and 711 Adult Leader Registration form and take the Scout Leader training courses for the position you are registering for. Fees cover BSA registration, Council Fees, and Scout insurance. You will be notified when your registration fees are due. If you would like to be a Merit Badge Counselors, you must register but there is no fee.

***Parents must be a registered adult scout leader if they want to stay overnight at troop activities.***

## Financial Responsibility

The primary fundraiser is selling Holiday Wreaths between Thanksgiving and Christmas. This supports all the Troop activities held throughout the year. All Scouts and families are encouraged to participate in this fundraiser as it supplements our monthly camping trips and our merit badges and advancement awards for the Scouts

Scouts who raise money through the Wreath Sales will be eligible to go on the annual Troop Mystery Trip with the cost of the trip subsidized by the Troop. The Scout must sell at least ten (10) wreaths to be eligible.

The Troop's financial goal is to ensure that all Scouts can participate in all of our Scouting activities. Financial Aid is available to all Scout families. If your family needs assistance, please contact our Scoutmaster, Mr. Krom for a confidential meeting.

## Over Night Campouts

Troop 701 and 711 are camping troops. In addition to a week at summer camp, there are overnight campouts held throughout the year.

For some campouts the troop leaders plan the menu and buy the food, while for other campouts each Patrol may plan its own food menus and purchase the food. The Senior Patrol Leader will create a duty roster for each campout and Scouts will be assigned duties such as cooking, kitchen patrol (clean-up), cabin cleaning, or cleaning the latrines.

For trips where the Patrol plans its own menu, the Scouts will cook and then clean up afterward as a patrol. Menus are to be approved by the Scoutmaster two weeks in advance of the campout. Parents are encouraged to know and approve of what their scout eats on campouts, as well as help them shop. A balanced menu is expected for every meal. **Parents must let the Scoutmaster know if their scout has food allergies.**

The troop supplies tents, cooking pots, pans, utensils, and stoves. It is expected that the equipment will be returned in good, clean condition and that all lost parts will be replaced by the Patrol members. Scouts and their families are responsible for damage to Troop equipment.

If both Troop 701 and 711 are on the same campout sleeping and latrine arrangements will be based on gender. In most cases the troop will have different sites with different bathrooms. In the event this cannot occur the scoutmasters will decide the best arrangements. All scouts are expected to follow these arrangements or be sent home. This is a non-negotiable rule that must be followed.

Permission Slips are required for all Scouts before they are allowed to attend any trip or campout.

Scouts pay a nominal cost for food for the weekend camping trips. Occasionally there are additional costs, such as entry fees for District and Council events.

If a Scout finds that they cannot attend the camping trip after signing up and paying the necessary fees and notifies the Scoutmaster ahead of time, every effort will be made to refund the fees. However, after the food has been purchased, no refund will be made.

PLEASE NOTE: Financial Help is available for those who cannot afford the camping fees. If this is the case, please see your scoutmaster, Mr. Krom or Mrs. Zamachaj.

# Camping Rules

As Scouts and Scouters, we all agree to conduct ourselves according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Outdoor Code.

- I will use the buddy system.
- I will abide by the Camp's dress code.
- I will show respect and consideration to my fellow Scouts, visitors, staff, and leaders.
- I will always be respectful and tolerant of others.
- I will respect the privacy and boundaries of all individuals, regardless of age or gender.
- I will respect and take care of camp property.
- I will respect other people's property.
- I understand that bullying or intimidating behavior will not be tolerated. • I understand that the use of profanity or abusive language will not be tolerated.
- I will not use or possess any alcohol, marijuana or illegal drugs. If found or detected, my parent/guardian (and/or police if necessary) will be notified immediately.
- I understand that, according to BSA regulations and State law, tobacco products may only be possessed/used by adults and then, only in designated areas.
- I understand that Camp visitors must check in with the Scoutmaster.
- I understand that Camp visitors are not permitted in campsites without the permission of an adult leader assigned to that campsite.
- I understand that Scouts may visit other unit campsites only by invitation and with the expressed approval of an adult leader from the visited campsite. Adult leaders must be at the campsite anytime a visitor is present.
- I will respect quiet time from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am.
- All Scouts and leaders should be in their campsite by 10:00 pm. Exceptions can be made when returning from specific camp programs.
- I will always follow BSA youth protection guidelines and policies.
- When in doubt, I will let the Scout Oath and Scout Law be my guide.
- I will take responsibility for my own actions and behavior.
- Troop gear must be unloaded and brought into the camp site or cabin before Scout personal gear.

- Only Cooks allowed in kitchen areas. Anyone who is in the kitchen area and is not a cook becomes a dishwasher – staff included.
- No one is allowed out of the cabin or tent site area without boots. Sneakers may be worn if kept dry.
- The Scoutmaster, SPL, and adult leaders must know where each Scout is at all times. No one is allowed to leave the cabin or tent site area without permission of the Scoutmaster, SPL, or adult leader.
- No electronics (video games, iPods, etc...) are allowed on camping trips. Use of cell phones should be kept to a minimum and approved by the Scoutmaster prior to use.
- The Senior Patrol Leader oversees all programs (with the approval of the Scoutmaster).
- The SPL will make out all Duty Rosters. Everyone will appear on the duty roster except the SPL, ASPL and Eagle Scouts.
- Advancement time on campouts is for advancement. This means everyone!!! If you would like to do more advancement during free time, you can ask any of the adults or older Scouts to work with you.
- All planned events must have two adult leaders present.



## Transportation

Transporting Scouts and their gear to and from camping trips or other scout activities is the responsibility of the parents/guardians. Occasionally the adult leaders going on the trip may have room in their cars to transport scouts and their gear, however this should not be counted on.

## Patrol Responsibilities for Camping Trips

The patrol will have a planning meeting and report to the Senior Patrol Leader two weeks in advance of the campout. The names of the patrol members attending the campout and menus must be given to the Scoutmaster for his approval. The Patrol MUST have either the Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader attend the campout.

## **Personal Camping Gear for Scouting**

All Scouts are responsible for their own personal equipment. Many of the items on this list are suggestions for gear that will help your Scout on camping trips. If you need some guidance on equipment, please see the Scoutmaster or any of the adult leaders in the Troop. All equipment should have the Scout's name on it to avoid mix ups with other Scout's gear.

### ***Minimum Required Equipment for all Campouts:***

- Sleeping Bag (or 2-3 blankets)
- Mess Kit (includes plate, cup, pot, and pan)
- Eating Utensils (knife, fork, spoon)
- Backpack or Duffle Bag (please no wheeled suitcases, this is camping)
- Scout Handbook (with notepad and pen/pencil)
- Hiking Boots & Hiking Socks (waterproof is best)
- Sweatshirt or Coat (depending on season)
- Clean Clothes (including extra dry socks)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc...)
- Winter Outerwear (snow boots, hats, gloves, snow pants – all winter trips)
- Scout Class "A" Uniform (Camporees, Jamborees, and Summer Camp)
- Scout Class "B" Uniform

### ***Recommended Equipment:***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Foam Pad or Air mattress                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Money (for trading post)                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poncho or Raincoat                       | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid Kit (Troop always has one)        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Pair of Shoes or sneakers          | <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Knife (only if Scout has Totin' Chip) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extra Clothes (pants, shirts, underwear) | <input type="checkbox"/> Flashlight with extra batteries             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit (summer trips)                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Watch                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pajamas or sweat suit                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Soap in a plastic container              | <input type="checkbox"/> Camera                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wash Cloth and towel                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comb or brush                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hat / Sunglasses / Sunblock              | <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry Bag or trash bag                    |

### ***Prohibited Items:***

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Fireworks   | <input type="checkbox"/> Aerosol spray cans        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Firearms  | <input type="checkbox"/> Lighters or lighter fluid |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco or drugs  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Candy, Cookies, Soda  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronic equipment (video games, iPods, etc. (using cell phones should be kept to a minimum)) |  |

## **Troop and Patrol Day Hikes**

Troop day hikes (not already listed on the schedule) will be announced at least two weeks in advance. Patrols/Scouts are responsible for providing their own transportation. Day hikes MUST have permission from the Scoutmaster. A minimum of two adults must be present with the Patrol during the hike. If a Patrol wishes to plan a hike, a request must be made to the Scoutmaster at least two weeks in advance of the hike.

## **Summer Camp**

The Troops attend a week-long camp every summer. Our usual summer camp is Camp Sequassen with additional trips to Nantucket or other Scout Camps. Summer camp is a great opportunity for Scouts to work on rank advancements and merit badges while having fun. The Troop organizes and begins to collect sign ups and camping fees in the spring of every year. Deposits will hold a spot on the trip for a Scout, but full payment must be made by the dates announced or the Scout will not be able to attend. All summer camp programs require an up-to-date medical form and permission slip.

PLEASE NOTE: There is financial assistance available for those who cannot afford summer camping fees. If this is the case, please see the Scoutmaster, Mr. Krom or Mrs. Zamachaj.

## **Senior Scout Program**

At times the Troops will have special campouts and additional events are available only to Scouts who have satisfactorily exercised positions of leadership in the Troop. This includes all leadership positions from Senior Patrol Leader through Assistant Patrol Leaders. To attend the special activities, the senior Scout must have attended a majority of the campouts and Troop meetings prior to the special event to be eligible for the discounted fees.



## Sample of Troop 701 and 711 Permission Form

As the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_, I hereby give my permission for this child to participate in \_\_\_\_\_ with Troop.

We (I) give the adult leaders permission to act on our (my) behalf should any emergency arise and they are unable to contact us (me) immediately. The adult leaders of the Troop will make every effort to contact the parents of the Scout listed using the information provided us on this form. We will use this information for this purpose only. Please note that no Scout will be allowed to attend any outside functions unless this form is filled out completely and signed.

I further agree to hold the Troop and its leaders blameless for any accidents that might occur during this outing except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies or guidelines.

NOTE: Cell phones and electronic devices are not allowed on trips unless pre-approved by the scoutmaster.

Please list all medications currently prescribed for your scout below. Include reason, dosage, and times to be taken.

All medication(s) shall be turned over to the adult leaders with written instructions for their use. Please list any and all medical condition, limitations and/or allergies that we should be aware of.

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_

If I cannot be reached, please contact \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Parent or Guardian)

## Troop Committee

There is one Troop Committee that oversees both Troop 701 and Troop 711. The Committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the Scoutmaster and Scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities.

Members of the committee help guide the program and development of activities such as campouts and day trips. They discuss and review BSA policies and ensure leadership is aware and trained in safe Scouting practices. The Troop Committee Chairman is the person responsible for the smooth running of the adult segment of our Troop. The Committee consists of several sub-committees which focus on specific areas of Troop operation. A member of each sub-committee is expected to attend the monthly Committee Meeting.

The Troops encourages active involvement of the Scout's parents or guardians. It is helpful if a parent or guardian serves in some capacity on the Troop Committee or a sub-committee. It also helps the parents/guardians to stay up to date with Troop activities.

### Committee Meetings

The Troop Committee generally meets once a month during the school year. Meetings are held each month after the district networking night. See the Troop Calendar for dates and times.

### Sub-Committees

**Treasurer:** Keeps records of all Troop financial activities; handles ALL Troop funds; provides ideas and organization for fundraising.

**Advancement:** Keeps all advancement records; sets up Boards of Review and Eagle Boards; works with Troop Librarian to maintain Merit Badge material; and plans Troop Courts of Honor.

**Camping:** Develops and plans camping trips; manages reservation forms, collects fees and permission slips.

**Equipment:** Assists Quartermaster to maintain and inventory all Troop equipment; and recommends and makes purchases of new equipment.

**Fund Raising:** Develops and runs all Troop fundraising activities; collects money for deposit with the Treasurer; and manages delivery of holiday wreaths.

The traditional closing of all Troop meetings is the singing of TAPS.

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# TAPS

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Day is done, Gone the sun  
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky  
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight  
And a star gems the sky, gleaming bright  
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days  
'Neath the sun, 'neath the stars, 'neath the sky  
As we go, this we know, God is nigh.

Sun has set, shadows come  
Time has fled, Scouts must go to their beds  
Always true to the promise that they made.

While the light fades from sight  
And the stars gleaming rays, softly send  
To thy hands we our souls, Lord, commend.

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