



# BOY SCOUT TROOP 120

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## About Troop 120

- Chartered by Marvin Ridge Middle School (MRMS) PTSO
- Weekly Troop meetings are held at MRMS, Monday nights from 7:30pm-9:00pm, year round except for holidays.
- We will plan on one outing per month (campout, hike, day trip, etc.) and one service project per quarter.

## Advancement

- Scouts will advance at their own pace.
- Skills and program topics will be covered at meetings, but it is each scout's responsibility to demonstrate completion of a skill and get it signed off by the appropriate adult leader.
- As each level is signed off, the scout must schedule a Scoutmaster Conference.
- The Scoutmaster will schedule the scout for a Board of Review, held the first meeting of each month, where he will be asked to demonstrate competency for the level he has completed.
- Upon successful completion of the Board of Review, the scout will be registered with the Council at that level and receive his new rank patch.
- Advancement cards and other awards will be presented at quarterly Courts of Honor (Awards Ceremonies).
- Scouts must have the Scoutmaster's permission, a signed blue card and have contacted the appropriate merit badge counselor prior to working on any merit badges.

## Camping

- Troop 120 holds several camp outs each year which may also include district and council events. We also attend a week of summer camp at one of the BSA scout camps.
- Each scout will be required to bring his own backpack, mess kit and personal gear.
- Troop 120 will provide tents, cooking equipment, lanterns, and wood tools.
- Menus will be planned by the scouts and shopping for food will be done by the scouts with adult supervision.

## Code of Conduct

- The Scout Oath-On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, to help other people at all times, to obey the scout law, 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.
- Behavior that is not "Scout-like" will be addressed accordingly:
  - **First offense**-meeting with the Scoutmaster
  - **Second offense**-call meeting with parents and Scoutmaster
  - **Third offense**- suspended from the troop for 2 weeks
  - **Fourth offense**-expulsion from the troop
- No fees will be refunded due to missed meetings related to Code of Conduct offenses.

## Finance

- There will be no dues
- Fund raising will be event-specific

## Medical Forms

- All scouts must have on file with Troop 120 a completed BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Parts A, B, and C.

## Parent Responsibilities

- Assist scout in attending meetings and outings.
- Fill out necessary paperwork, forms, and permission slips.
- Volunteer to serve as a committee member and/or merit badge counselor

**Permission Slips**

- Troop 120 obtains yearly permission slips for all scouts, signed by parents.

**Scout Responsibilities**

- Attend meetings on time, in appropriate Class B uniform
- Bring Scout Handbook and appropriate equipment to meetings and outings
- Participate in 50% of all meetings, 50% of all outings, and 50% of all fundraisers. This 50/50/50 rule shall be a requirement for rank advancement without exception. This encourages scout involvement and growth and will facilitate advancement.
- Relay necessary forms, information, and handouts to parents

**Structure**

- The Troop Committee is comprised of parents of boys in the Troop, Charter Organization members, and adults formerly in the Troop or parents of former scouts . Individually they can be responsible to help develop scouting programs, selecting leaders for the Troop, assisting in fund-raising, serving on Boards of Review, helping organize Courts of Honor and keeping Troop finance and advancement records.
- Adult Leadership consists of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters
- Junior Leadership consists of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. These positions are determined by peer elections every six months.
- Other Troop positions that may be held by scouts are Quartermaster, Scribe, Order of the Arrow Representative, Troop Historian, Librarian, Instructor, and Chaplains Aide.
- The Patrol Leaders Council is composed of the Junior Leaders listed above and will meet monthly. Their responsibility is to plan and run the Troop’s program and activities with appropriate guidance from the Scoutmasters.
- Patrols are small groups of boys (ideally 6-8) who work together as a team, each with their own name, yell and flag. Our Troop will accept a maximum of 50 scouts.

**Uniforms**

- Class A uniform will consist of scout uniform shirt (tucked in) with appropriate insignia, scout pants or shorts, scout belt, scout socks, Troop cap, and closed-toe shoes. Merit badge or OA sash should be worn for special occasions, ceremonies, or Boards of Review.
- Class B uniform consists of scout uniform shirt (tucked in) with appropriate insignia, scout pants or shorts, scout belt, scout socks, Troop cap, and closed-toe shoes. This is the standard uniform for all weekly meetings, unless otherwise specified.
- Class C uniform consists of Troop T-shirt, pants or shorts, and closed-toe shoes. This is the standard uniform for all outings, unless otherwise specified.
- Alternate uniform may be allowed at the discretion of the Scoutmaster for some activities. Failure to present for a meeting or activity in proper uniform will result in the scout being asked to leave and return when properly attired. This measure exists to ensure consistency and discipline.
- Troop 120 will maintain a uniform closet to assist any scout that may be in need of help acquiring a full uniform. If assistance is needed, please contact one of the adult leaders.

**I agree to follow the rules and guidelines established in the Troop 120 Handbook.**

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(Parent Signature) (Date)

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(Scout Signature) (Date)