



BOY SCOUT TROOP 120

About Troop 120

- Chartered by Weddington United Methodist Church
- Weekly Troop meetings are held at Marvin United Methodist Church (MUMC), 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 all Rank requirements *and* get those requirements signed off by the appropriate adult leader.
- After all Rank requirements are signed off, the Scout must schedule a Scoutmaster Conference (SMC).
- Upon successful completion of the SMC, the Scoutmaster will schedule the Scout for a Board of Review (BOR), held the first meeting of each month.
- Upon successful completion of the BOR, the Scout promotion will be registered with Council and receive his new rank patch.
- Advancements, and other awards, will be presented at quarterly Courts of Honor (COH); formal ceremonies where Scouts are recognized in front of their peers and Scouting families.
- Scouts must obtain a Blue Card, and have contacted the appropriate Merit Badge Counselor (MBC), *prior* to starting any new Merit Badges.

Camping

- Troop 120 holds several camp outs each year which may include District and Council events. We also attend a week of summer camp at one of the BSA Scout Camps.
- Each Scout will be responsible to bring his own backpack, mess kit, canteen, and personal gear.
- Troop 120 will provide tents, cooking equipment, lanterns, and other camping-related tools (e.g.: saw, water filter, etc)
- Trip menus will be planned, and associated food shopping completed, by the Scouts - with appropriate 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 - 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 events related to Code of Conduct offenses.

Finance

- There will be no dues
- Fundraising will be event-specific

Medical Forms

- All Scouts must have, on file with Troop 120, Parts A, B, and C of the BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.

Parent Responsibilities

- Assist Scout in attending events and completing Rank requirements.
- Fill out necessary paperwork (e.g.: BSA Health forms, permission slips, etc)
- Volunteer to serve in formal or informal capacity (e.g.: adult volunteer, Committee Member, MBC, etc)

Permission Slips

- Troop 120 will obtain completed, event-specific permission slips (e.g.: annual, event-specific, etc) for all Scouts.

Scout Responsibilities

- Attend meetings on time, in the prescribed uniform; this may change, based on events, weather, etc.
- 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. Satisfaction of the 50/50/50 rule is a requirement for Rank advancement - without exception.
- Relay necessary forms, information, and handouts to parents

Structure

- The Troop Committee is comprised of parents and Charter Organization members.
- Individual Committee Members can be responsible to help develop Scouting programs, selecting adult leaders for the Troop, assisting in fund-raising, serving on BOR, helping organize COH, 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 include, but are not limited to, Quartermaster, Scribe, Order of the Arrow Representative, etc.
- The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is comprised of the Junior Leaders listed above and will meet monthly. Their responsibility is to plan and run the Troop's programs 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.
- We believe the Troop should not grow beyond 50 scouts.

Junior Leadership

- In order to establish a clear, consistent definition of success in a given JL role, the following minimum expectations are established
- **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL):**
 1. Run all weekly Troop meetings, PLC's, and ensures appropriate leadership is identified for all outings
 2. Be observed mentoring ASPL and other junior roles
- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL):**
 1. Aid SPL in conduct of weekly Troop meetings, PLC's, and outings
 2. Be observed supervising the conduct of B billets, ensuring good order and discipline
- **Patrol Leader (PL):**
 1. Run all weekly Patrol meetings and ensure appropriate leadership is identified for all outings
 2. Be observed sharing information and preparing the Patrol for upcoming events
- **Assistant Patrol Leader (APL):**
 1. Aid PL in conduct of weekly Patrol meetings and outings
 2. Work with PL to develop one proposal for improving Patrol morale and/or performance

Other Troop Positions

- In order to establish a clear, consistent definition of success in a given Position (B billet), the following minimum expectations are established
- **Troop Guide:**
 1. Be observed setting the tone for new Scouts; help them understand behavioral expectations
 2. Lead new Scouts through plan to reach First Class within their first year (+/-)
- **Quartermaster:**
 1. Make one proposal for improving gear handling procedures
 2. Checks gear out/in prior to all outings
- **Scribe:**
 1. Produce log of PLC attendance, discussion topics, and actions
 2. Assist the Advancement Chair with tasks, as prescribed
- **Historian:**
 1. Create physical or virtual book, consisting of pictures and relevant info, from at least one Troop outing
 2. Produce photo slide show of Troop/Patrol events conducted during their rotation
- **Librarian:**
 1. Add (3) new MB books or other approved learning material
 2. Make one proposal for improving materials check out/in process
- **Instructor:**
 1. Teach at least one basic skills session to new Scouts
 2. Coordinate adult/leader to teach at least one portion of an approved Merit Badge
- **Chaplain Aid:**
 1. At a Troop meeting, discuss the process and requirements for obtaining a Religious Emblem
 2. Discuss the history and observance practices for approved religious events
- **Den Chief:**
 1. Produce a report of senior Cub Scouts (Web I, II, and AOL) with head counts and early interest in crossing over
 2. Coordinate at least one combined activity between Pack and Troop
- **Webmaster:**
 1. Post (3) new items to Troop web site
 2. Make one proposal for improving the look, feel, and flow of Troop web site

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 join a meeting or activity in proper uniform may result in the Scout being asked to leave and return when properly attired. This measure exists to ensure uniformity 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.

(Parent Signature)

(Date)

(Scout Signature)

(Date)