

Wapehani District Troops

Bloomington	812 345-4452	St Marks United Methodist Church
100 Bob Kessler	812 333-6772	First United Methodist Church
104 Jeffrey Whitmer	812 331-7663	Boys & Girls Club Of Bloomington
110 Leonard Thurman	484 995-8329	LDS - Clear Creek Ward
120 David Hardy	812 825-7972	Loyal Order Of Moose #1081
121 Clayton Slaughter	812 361-0409	New Prospect Baptist Church
136 Jason Martin	812 824-5454	St Paul United Methodist Church
148 Bart Bretsch	812 320-1507	Sherwood Oaks Christian Church
164 John Adamson	812 876-8689	St Charles Catholic Church
170 Bill Wootton	812 335-1355	LDS - University Ward
Elettsville	812 876-3434	First United Methodist Church
119 Dean Wells	765 528-2197	Eminence Christian Church
Eminence	765 342-4755	LDS Martinsville Ward
223 Russell Gibson	765 342-2804	Knights of Columbus Council #6273
Martinsville	765 342-0671	Monrovia Christian Church
213 Kevin Hayden	317 831-4742	American Legion Post 103
219 Steven Lamar	765 352-1824	Brooklyn Volunteer Fire Dept Inc
Monrovia	317 831-7548	Mooreville First Christian Church
224 Robert Stevens	317 414-2714	Damar Services
Mooreville	317 834-2822	Mt Gilead Church of Christ
203 Damon Turpen	812 988-8007	Church of the Lakes
229 Douglas Kirk	812 988-6823	Nashville United Methodist Church
231 Stephen Saucerman	812 988-1268	Unity Baptist Church
232 Oakie Shepherd	812 829-1228	Spencer United Methodist Church
250 Morris Shover		
Morgantown		
156 James Gardner		
Nashville		
190 Judy Burns		
193 Jamie Cline		
Spencer		
284 Brett Levy		

What Happens If We Don't Like the Troop My Son Joins?

By all means, if you find that the troop you have joined is not a good match for your son and your family, please visit other troops in your area. Everyone in Scouting would prefer that you join another troop rather than leave the Scouting program. It is also simple to transfer your membership and advancement records to another troop.

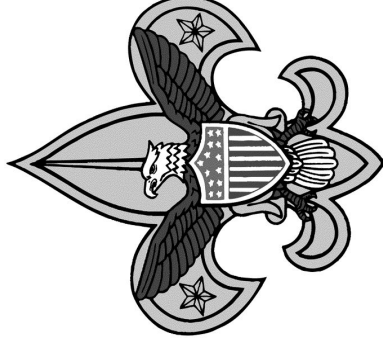


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Joining a Boy Scout Troop

A Parents' Guide



Wapehani District Hoosier Trails Council Boy Scouts of America

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What is Boy Scouting?

Boy Scouting is very different from Cub Scouting or Webelos. (Participation in Cub Scouting is not required for participation in Boy Scouting.) Here are some characteristics of Boy Scouting:

- ✦ Requires more personal initiative in advancement program as overall program is more relaxed and less structured.
- ✦ Increased outdoor program. Most troops camp once a month and for a full week each summer. Many participate in High Adventure programs for boys who are at least 13 years old.
- ✦ Troop meetings and outings are led by youth under the guidance of adults; however, volunteer parental support of the troop is still essential.
- ✦ Less emphasis on crafts.
- ✦ Increased emphasis on life-skill development.
- ✦ Merit Badges in over 100 career and hobby subjects.
- ✦ Seven rank advancements; the highest award being the Eagle Scout. This will take several years to achieve.

Top Ten Reasons Why Boys & Parents Like Scouting

1. Hanging Out
2. Extreme Adventure
3. Water Fun
4. Summer Camp
5. Getting Outside
6. Sports
7. Games
8. Cool Gear
9. Building Stuff
10. Great Grub

Boy Scout Oath or Promise

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.

When can a boy join Boy Scouting?

As soon as he has met one of these requirements:

- ✦ He is eleven years old.
- ✦ He has completed the fifth grade and is at least 10 1/2.
- ✦ He has earned the Arrow of Light award. Please note that a boy cannot earn the Arrow of Light award until he has been a Webelos Scout for six months after completing the fourth grade (or after becoming ten years old).

Steps to Choosing a Boy Scout Troop

- ✦ Visit as many troops as you can before deciding on which one is right for your son. Start making visits early, as you may want to visit some troops more than once.
- ✦ Before visiting call the Scoutmaster to confirm the meeting time and place.
- ✦ Talk with some of the parents of Scouts in the troops where you have interest.
- ✦ Find out what is expected - cost, attendance, troop rules, etc.
- ✦ Find out what is offered - program, camping, leadership, troop size, advancement, etc.
- ✦ Consider these factors: Who do you know in the troop? Will your son have friends there? When will your son be joining a troop?

Boy Scout Joining Requirements

At your son's first troop meeting, his Scoutmaster will explain the following joining requirements of the Boy Scouts of America.

- ✦ Submit a completed Boy Scout application and health history signed by a parent or guardian.
- ✦ Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
- ✦ Demonstrate the Scout salute, sign, and handclasp.
- ✦ Show how to tie the square knot.
- ✦ Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, the Scout slogan, and the Outdoor Code.
- ✦ Describe the Scout badge.
- ✦ With a parent or guardian, complete the exercise in the pamphlet How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse.
- ✦ Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

When your son has completed these, welcome! He is a Boy Scout! The Scoutmaster will give him a certificate of membership, and he can proudly wear the Boy Scout badge and uniform. He may also subscribe to *Boy's Life*, the monthly magazine that is full of exciting articles for and about Scouts.

Boy Scout Motto

Be Prepared!

Boy Scout Slogan

Do A Good Turn Daily!