

Dear Troop One Parent,

Scouting helps adolescents develop into young adults. The focus is on **character** (personal and group responsibilities, values, and outlook), **citizenship** (relationship and obligations to other people, society, and government), and **fitness** (physical, emotional, and moral). The principles of scouting are stated in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Motto, and Slogan (see below).

Troop 1 offers 5th grade, middle and high school students many unique and rewarding experiences. Boys who participate in the troop have fun, experience new adventures, learn outdoor skills, go camping, develop leadership skills and make life long friends. The adventures experienced and life skills learned are not typically part of the school curriculum or sports program. Scouting is a wonderful complement to a boy's academic and physical education.

The Scoutmaster corp of Troop 1 scouts provide an active program of meetings and outdoor activities. When asked what the best thing about the troop is, many scouts talk about their favorite outings, e.g. snow camping, rock climbing, backpacking, white sands, fishing, extended high adventure spring break and summer trips or summer camp at Camp Dobbins.

Each scout's accomplishments are recognized by the troop as he masters various skills, takes leadership positions and earns progressively higher ranks. Our scout leaders help plan and run the program that includes camping, skill development, community service, leadership and fun. Troop 1 offers all scouts leadership opportunities in patrol and troop activities.

Troop 1 requires the involvement of **every** scout family. Parents guide, support and mentor scouts serving in positions of responsibility and parents help organize and support all troop activities. Parents are required to help out some way every year. This requirement is a key factor in the troop's long history of success. Historically, scouts who benefit most and advance the furthest are those whose parents are actively involved in the program. Parents often find this very rewarding. They get a lot from interacting with scouts and everyone wins because "many hands make light work."

The troop welcomes your interest and participation. We look forward to working with you to maintain and enhance the wonderful programs that the troop offers. If you have questions please contact me at 730-3671 or e-mail me as troopone_bsa@yahoo.com

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.

Scout Law:

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

Scout Motto:

Be Prepared.

Scout Slogan:

Do a good turn daily.

Yours in Scouting,

Mr. Meyer
Scoutmaster
Troop One