
TROOP 92
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TROOP
HANDBOOK

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Welcome to Troop 92!

Welcome to Troop 92, part of the Great Ponds District, Old Colony Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Troop 92 has been a chartered Boy Scout Troop for over 50 years. We would like to welcome you and your family to a wonderful atmosphere that is not only fun but also safe, if you follow the rules. This handbook contains some important, interesting facts about the troop and about Scouting.

The success of any troop depends on the involvement of parents, either in active roles as Assistant Scoutmasters or Committee members, or in a less active role of fundraising or transportation. Whatever the role you elect to do, it is important for us to have leaders and scouts who are willing to help.

Visit our website www.troop92.com

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Meetings

The Troop meets on Thursday evenings from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Pre-openers, service patrol, patrol meetings for program or camp prep, etc. starts at 6:45 pm.

Meeting Place

Troop 92 is fortunate to have a meeting room in the basement of Trinity Episcopal Church at 241 Broad Street, Weymouth, We are still guests in the hall and are expected to behave as such. Scouts are not allowed to be out of the meeting room without another scout and permission from the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.

Dues

Dues are currently \$90 per year. Second or third sons in the troop do not have to pay dues. Notices will be sent out to all families at the end of November with all payments due by December 31st. This money helps to pay for Scout registration, equipment, campsite fees, advancement, awards, etc.

Attendance

We expect scouts to be at the meetings each week and on as many of the weekend trips as they can make. We understand that school and family matters are of primary importance and may cause the scout to miss some meetings. Please try to call the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) or the Scoutmaster (SM) to tell them that you will not be able to attend the next meeting.

Other Costs

Along with the annual dues, there are other costs associated with some Troop functions. Campout food costs, District events, or special event patches and other items may require some additional costs. Food for weekend camping trips, whether cooked by patrol or by the troop will normally run between \$10-15 per scout per weekend. The money will be collected at the time of sign-up. A scout is still responsible for the food expense if he backs out of the trip after the food has been purchased. Camporees and other district events can be slightly more, if the scout wants patches. We try to keep costs as low as possible while still providing a quality program.

Fundraising

Dues do not come close to financing the Troop's functions for the year. Special fundraisers are held to help defray these costs. For example, renting a cabin for a weekend can cost about \$150. If we had to charge for the cabin, food, etc. we might not have any scouts who could afford to go. Your suggestions for fundraisers and any assistance in planning and execution are greatly appreciated.

Troop Committee Meeting

The Troop Committee is the executive authority for the Troop's activities and meets once each month, usually the third Wednesday. We need parent participation at the meetings! The Troop Committee is also called upon for advancement. Members may be needed on the first and last Thursday of the month for Boards of Review so the scouts can advance.

Newsletter/Website

Our website will not only keep you informed of upcoming events, there are photos of past camping trips and links to other Scouting websites.

Campouts

The Troop tries to go camping as often as possible. The camping trips normally start on a Friday night and end on Sunday mornings. Oftentimes we do not have enough transportation to get the scouts there and back. We ask any adults who have a vehicle and are able to provide transportation to please contact the Scoutmaster. Your help would be appreciated.

Boots must be worn on all camping trips or hikes. Sneakers or other footwear can be brought to wear around the campsite, but boots are a requirement in order to help ensure the safety of the scout.

Permission Slips

The Troop requires parental/guardian permission before any scout may participate in a scout activity. Permission slips are signed when the scout joins and are good indefinitely. Parents/Guardians may withhold permission for certain events by letting the Scoutmaster know in advance. In addition, when the scout joins the Troop certain medical information is required. If there have been any changes (i.e. medication, allergies, medical coverage etc.) please let the Scoutmaster know.

Uniforms

It is expected that all scouts will wear the official Scout uniform to all meetings. The official uniform consists of:

Boy Scouts

Khaki short-sleeve shirt

Scout shorts/pants

Scout socks

Troop neckerchief or bolo

Scout belt

Troop hat (optional)

Venture Scouts

Forest green short-sleeve shirt

Scout shorts/pants

Scout socks

Troop neckerchief or bolo

Scout belt

Troop hat (optional)

Patrol Meetings

Scout troops run under the “patrol method”. Scouts are put into patrols of up to 8 scouts and they function as a team. They will elect a Patrol Leader. Essential to this is the Patrol Meeting where all the patrol members can have a say and help to plan upcoming events. Patrol meetings are usually held at a time other than a scout night. Sometimes they can be held before a troop meeting. Please try to arrange for all scouts to be there. If a scout finds that his patrol leader is not having regular patrol meetings then he should alert the SPL.

Advancement

A scout can advance in rank by completing the requirements found in the Official Scout Handbook. Each scout must bring his book to the troop meeting each week. This makes it easier to work on advancement during the meetings. Advancement is held on the first and last Thursday of each month. We encourage the parents to look at their son's advancement periodically. This will show you how your son is doing. Boards of Review and Scoutmaster's Conferences are also held on the first and last Thursday of each month. All dues must be paid before any advancement will be awarded.

Board of Review Checklist

- Are dues paid?
- Have you attended meetings?
- Have you attended special activities (Eagle projects, fundraisers, etc.)?
- Have you attended most campouts?
- Have you performed as a leader in the troop? (older scouts only)
- Have you attended Junior Leader Training? (older scouts only)
- Have you attended patrol meetings, or if the Patrol Leader, have you held patrol meetings on a regular basis?
- Do you have any merit badges that need attention?

Summer Camp

One of the highlights of the scouting program is summer camp, a weeklong experience to have fun, learn skills, remember old skills and meet new scouting friends. The troop has gone to summer camp at Camp Roosevelt in Maine, Yawgoo in Rhode Island, Camp Tamaracouta in Montreal and Camp Squanto in Plymouth. Items that should be brought to summer camp:

Foot locker (recommended) or a duffle bag. Should be lockable*

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| 6 pair each socks and underwear | Scout handbook |
| Sneakers | Insect repellent |
| Hiking Boots | Bathing suit |
| Complete Class A uniform | Sandals |
| Class B troop shirt | 2 Towels |
| 2 pairs of regular shorts | Knife, fork, spoon, cup/mug |
| 2 regular shirts | Toothbrush & toothpaste |
| 2 pair of regular pants | Kleenex/handkerchief |
| Sunscreen, sunburn ointment | Canteen/Nalgene bottle |
| Money | Camera |
| Sleeping Bag and Pillow | Books |
| Watch | Flashlight |
| Extra shoelaces | Rain poncho |
| Compass | Paper and pen |
| Pocketknife | Laundry bag |
| Sweatshirt or Jacket | Toiletries: soap, comb/brush |

*Combination locks are better than key locks,
in past years scouts have lost their keys.

PLEASE STENCIL YOUR NAME/INITIALS ON
ALL CLOTHES AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Weekend Campouts

Hiking Boots

Change of underwear and socks

Warm clothes (depends on the season)

Sleeping bag/blankets

Knife, fork, spoon

Cup/mug

Canteen/nalgene bottle

Other items from the summer camp list may be needed. The time of year will dictate the amount and kind of camping gear required, as will activities planned for the weekend.

New Scout Information

Your Patrol Name is: _____

Your Adult Advisors are: _____

Your Patrol Leader is: _____

Your Senior Patrol Leader is: _____