

Meetings

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are an integral part of our program. The troop meets on the first and third Mondays of each month from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. in the "Scout Room" at the First Presbyterian Church. Troop meetings are full uniform occasions. Scouts should bring their *Official Boy Scout Handbook*, a notebook, and a pen or pencil. These meetings are run in a business-like fashion by the Senior Patrol Leader with a Troop wide game if time permits.

Many of the announcements and details for upcoming events are made at Troop Meetings and there is almost always an informational handout sent home with each boy.

Advancement Meetings

The second and fourth Mondays of each month are reserved for advancement meetings. Like the regular Troop meetings, advancement meetings are held from 6:30 until 8:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church. These meetings emphasize learning basic Scout skills and reaching First Class rank in a Scouts first year.

Advancement meetings are mandatory for all Scouts who have not yet reached First Class rank. This is to ensure that no scout is left behind as his fellow scouts master the essential Scout skills.

A syllabus is given out at the first advancement meeting following the Webelos Bridging. This syllabus indicates which requirement(s) will be worked on at each meeting and campout. Each requirement in the *Official Boy Scout Handbook* includes a listing of which page(s) cover the subject in question. Scouts are expected to come to each advancement meeting having read the appropriate material and prepared to meet the requirement(s). A Scout's book will only be signed if he can demonstrate proficiency in the particular skill being covered at that meeting. Otherwise the Scout will receive instruction and must demonstrate his proficiency at the next advancement meeting in order to get his book signed.

Additional information regarding advancement can be found in the "Advancement" section of this document.

Patrol Leader's Council Meetings

The patrol leader's council (PLC) meets on the first Monday of each month from 6:30 until 7:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at the First Presbyterian Church. The PLC meeting is the key that makes the patrol method operate. The PLC consists of the Senior Patrol Leader(s), Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol leaders, and the Troop Scribe. Attendance at PLC meetings is mandatory for all Patrol Leaders. In the event that a patrol leader cannot attend, his assistant must represent the patrol at the meeting.

PLC, meetings are intended to allow the Senior Patrol Leader to communicate with the Patrol Leaders and plan details for upcoming outings. Each Patrol Leader is expected to share the details from the PLC meeting with the Scouts in his patrol.

Fifth Monday Meetings

In the event that a month includes a fifth Monday there will be no Troop or advancement meeting for the Scouts. Rather, the uniformed adult leaders will hold a meeting to address special Troop operations issues.

Committee Meetings

The Troop Committee is charged with the responsibility of seeing the Troop's needs, direction, and goals are achieved.

The Troop Committee meets on the second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. in Scout Room at the First Presbyterian Church. Troop operations issues such as finance, advancement, equipment needs and maintenance, awards and any concern of a leader, parent, or other Troop member are addressed and resolved at these meetings. All parents are encouraged to attend as an interested parent or to support your boy(s) and the Troop's program by volunteering for one of the vacant positions.