



Troop 176 Parent Quick Start



Welcome to the Troop, below are a few tips to get you started.

Communication – Slack App - https://join.slack.com/t/troop0176/shared_invite/zt-31oef1ltz-m9jfZWW2krPse5~ELHd93A (link doesn't expire)

Scout Advancement

You can see our Troop Calendar as well as track your Scouts' progress through Scoutbook. It is highly recommended that you register for Scoutbook and link to your scout.

1. Scoutbook - This is your go-to tool for tracking advancement, merit badges, milestone achievements, and events.
 - a. Website - <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>
 - b. App also available for [Apple](#) or [Android](#)

Meetings - Typically on Tuesdays, 1900-2030 at the Scout Hut! Located at 126 Neville Rd, Quantico, VA 22134. **NOTE - Marine Corps Base Quantico Base Access is Required.

1. Scouts should come prepared; bring their Scout Handbook if they have one, a leadership notebook, and pencil and paper.
2. Scouts should wear the uniform of the day, either class A (uniform) or class B (t-shirt or hoodie), depending on the event. Class B is sufficient for weekly meetings.
3. Parents are welcome; this is a good opportunity to meet other parents and gather information on troop plans, events, etc. Don't hover over your Scout. They need to interact with their peers and leaders. Use this time to interact with other parents.
4. *Court of Honor* is a quarterly event to recognize the Scouts' accomplishments. Class A uniforms are requested.

What is required from my Scout?

1. To advance in Scouts, your scout must complete specific requirements for each rank, including demonstrating Scout spirit, learning skills, earning merit badges, and participating in activities, while living by the Scout Oath and Law. They will learn from the older Scouts and Leaders
2. Scoutbook (both the online version and the Scout Handbook) outlines the specific requirements by rank.



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Scout Rank Advancements – Eagle at a Glance

RANK	SCOUT	TENDERFOOT	SECOND CLASS	FIRST CLASS	STAR	LIFE	EAGLE
Time to Advance	No time required	No time required	No time required	No time required	4 Months as 1 st	6 Months as Star	6 Months as Life
Involvement	Basic Scout Skills	Scout Skills/Spirit	Scout Skills/Spirit	Scout Skills/Spirit	Scout Spirit	Scout Spirit	Scout Spirit
Merit Badges	MB not required	MB not required	MB not required	MB not required	6 Merit Badges • 4 Eagle Req • 2 Elective	5 Merit Badges • 3 Eagle Req • 2 Elective	10 Merit Badges • 5 Eagle Req • 5 Elective
Service Hours	No Service hours	No Service hours	1+ hr service proj.	No Service hours	6 Hours Service	6 Hours Service	Eagle Project
Position of Resp.	No Position	No Position	No Position	No Position	4 mo. Position	6 mo. Position	6 mo. Position
Teach Using EDGE	Practice Edge	Teach Using EDGE	Practice Edge	Practice Edge	Practice Edge	Teach Using EDGE	Practice Edge
SM Conference	Scout Leader	Scout Leader	Scout Leader	Scout Leader	Scout Leader	Scout Leader	Scout Leader
Board of Review	Scout Committee	Scout Committee	Scout Committee	Scout Committee	Scout Committee	Scout Committee	Scout Committee

Eagle Required Merit Badges



**Not an all-inclusive list of requirements. For current requirements, refer to scoutbook.org*

Required Forms & Documentation

1. Parents are required to complete Youth Protection Training (YPT) before attending Scout events such as campouts
2. If your child uses medication, there is a special form that is required to be completed. Please check with an Assistant Scoutmaster or Scoutmaster to complete this form.
3. BSA Medical Record Part A, B1, and B2 are required to participate in any Scouting activity or Event. This does not require a doctor's signature.



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4. BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Part C: Pre-Participation Physical is needed to participate in any Scouting event of 72 hours or more.

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

Cost / Dues

1. Annual BSA membership is approximately \$170.00
2. Dues are \$15 per month; you may pay monthly, quarterly, or yearly (\$180 per year).
3. Dues can be paid via our Troop website [link in Troop 176 Financial](#)
4. Dues cover administrative expenses, supplies needed for campouts/meetings (propane, condiments, foil, napkins, wood, etc.), and Court of Honor (awards/merit badges/position of responsibility patches/rank packages/etc.).

*Note - Dues do not cover campouts, merit badge workshops, grub, etc. Those activities will be pay-as-you-go.

For more information – Checkout the Troop's Website at: troop0176.com

[*A Parents Quick Start Guide to Scouting Advancement*](#)