

Troop 157

Weston



Parent Guide to Troop 157
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TROOP 157 LEADERSHIP

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Scoutmaster

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**Chartered Org.
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**Troop Committee
Chair**

Tricia Tilford

Assistant Scoutmasters
Main focus: Scout program
Primary audience: Scouts
Responsibilities: Scout skills, Advancement activities, Troop meetings, Trips (local and high adventure), Service opportunities, Leadership skill building, Fun!

Troop Committee
Main focus: Administration
Primary audience: Parents
Responsibilities: Calendar Planning, Budget, Fundraising, Communication, Registration, Advancement tracking, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor

FAQs

What are the benefits of Scouting?

Scouting provides youth with an opportunity to try new things, provide service to others, build self-confidence and leadership skills, and reinforce ethical standards.

Who provides leadership?

Troop 157 is boy-led, which means the senior boys in the troop (Patrol Leader Council) plan the meetings and outings. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters provide direction, coaching, and support.

What do parents do?

Adult volunteers provide safety, transportation and behind the scenes support of the program and activities. Every parent is expected to volunteer in some way for the troop. See the job descriptions section for details.

It seems like a big jump for my son to go from adult-led Cub Scouts to boy-led Boy Scouts, is he ready?

Scouting is all about progression. Your son will start out working on his Scout rank and by the time he is done with First Class he will have mastered basic Scout skills. It's a progression for parents as well. See the Progression in Scouting (Parent Version) diagram for how you can support your son.

Can you tell me more about Troop 157?

Troop 157 meets at the Weston Scout House. The troop has been in existence since 1965 and is chartered by the Rotary Club of Weston and Wayland. It is part of Mayflower Council (mayflowerbsa.org) and has over 50 registered Scouts in grades 6-12 from 6 towns.

Where can I find all the details about Troop 157?

More information can be found at troop157.org. We send news via MailChimp (please check your spam filter).

When are troop meetings?

Troop meetings are listed on the Google calendar. Generally, troop meetings are Tuesday evenings (unless there is no school that day) from 6:30-8 pm at the Weston Scout House (86 School St., Weston).

My son was never a Cub Scout, can he still join Boy Scouts?

Absolutely! No previous experience necessary. Boys are welcome to join any time during the year.

Is my son too old to join Boy Scouts?

Boys are welcome to join any time up until the age of 18. Every new boy starts working on his Scout rank whenever he joins. While many boys have the goal of becoming an Eagle Scout, there are so many adventures and benefits even if a boy does not attain the rank of Eagle. If a boy is extremely committed, he could join as late as age 15 and still have time to become an

Eagle Scout.

Does the troop go camping?

Yes, the troop has an overnight campout each month during the school year. In the summer, the troop goes to summer camp and often has a trip to one of the BSA high adventure bases (Summit Bechtel Reserve, Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base and Northern Tier).

Can my son try a meeting before joining?

Absolutely! Boys are welcome to attend a Boy Scout meeting before deciding to join.

We have calendar conflicts, can we still participate?

Yes. Troop 157 offers a very rich Scouting experience and a very full calendar. Few can attend every activity. No activities are mandatory.

How much are dues? What do they cover?

Dues are \$135. This covers annual BSA registration (\$72), BSA council program fee (\$36), BSA unit fee (\$1.50), Scout Life magazine subscription (\$12), Scout Handbook (\$18), neckerchief (\$11), neckerchief slide (\$6), Troop 157 numerals (\$5), Class B performance t-shirt (\$10).

What do I need to pay for besides dues?

You need to acquire a uniform shirt for your son with the council shoulder patch and World Crest emblem as well as green shoulder loops. Eventually you will need to buy a 36" sash. Remember to sew the merit badges on the proper side! Some boys like to wear the Scout pants and Scout belt but since boys grow fast these are optional. Boys will also need gear for overnight camping trips. See the gear section for details and note that the troop owns many items that the boys can borrow. Overnight trips have a fee, which is the cost to the troop divided by the number of participants. Summer camp and high adventure trips also have fees.

Is financial aid available?

Yes, no Scout is denied the experiences of Scouting due to financial reasons. Please speak with the Treasurer for details.

How does Troop 157 pay for expenses in excess of dues?

The troop pays for merit badges, awards, troop gear, financial aid and other expenses through the annual pasta dinner. Every Scout is expected to (1) sell tickets to the pasta dinner and (2) volunteer at the pasta dinner.

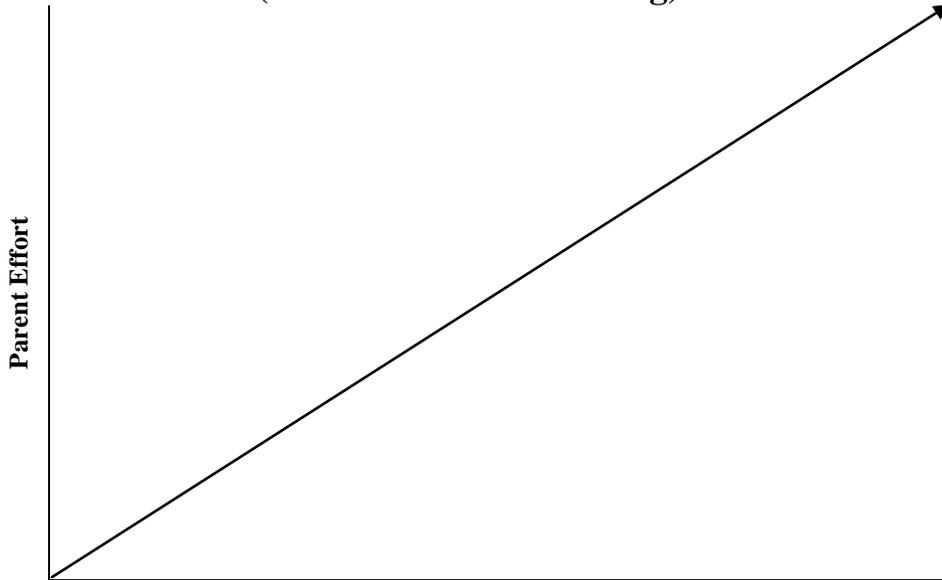
Can you define all the acronyms?

SPL = Senior Patrol Leader

ASPL = Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

PLC = Patrol Leaders' Council

Progression in Scouting (Parent Version - Packing)



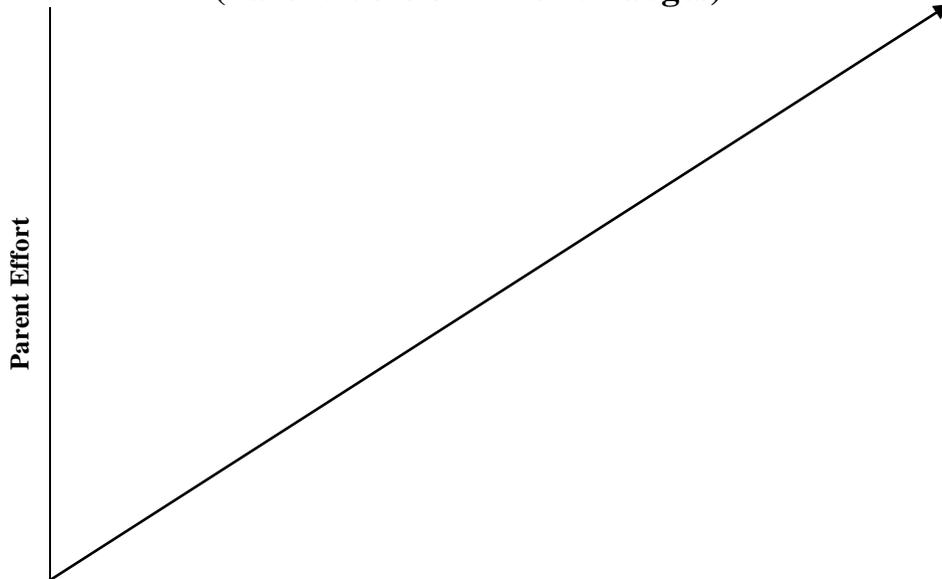
1st Campout:
Parents help pack,
label everything
and agree where
all camping gear
will be stored

2nd Campout:
Parents hold a
shakedown at
home

3rd Campout:
Parents ask to see
the packing list
with checkmarks
but do not inspect
what was packed

4th and
subsequent
Campouts:
Boys pack
without
assistance or
checking by
parents

(Parent Version - Merit Badges)



1st summer camp: SM and
Parents recommend merit
badges

1st full year: Scouts work
with Parents to pick merit
badges for MBU

2nd summer camp: Scouts
choose their own merit
badges

ADVANCEMENT

How does Advancement work?

When boys start in Boy Scouts, they work on the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class simultaneously. These ranks focus on basic Scout skills. This process usually takes 12-18 months but can be shorter or longer depending on the amount of outings and meetings a boy attends. Boys are encouraged to go at their own pace. It is not a race.

Once boys have earned the rank of First Class, they proceed through the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle. These ranks require boys to earn merit badges, give service to the community and serve in positions of leadership.

The requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks may be worked on simultaneously; however, these ranks must be earned in sequence.

	Can do at troop meetings	Complete at 3-5 campouts plus activities	Swimming at summer camp	Service hours	Complete at home
Scout	1a-f, 2a-d, 3a-b, 4a-b, 5, 7				6
Tenderfoot	3a-d, 4a-d, 5b-c, 6a, 6c, 7a, 8, 9, 10, 11	1a-c, 2a-c, 5a		7b	6b
Second Class	2a, 2f-g, 3a, 3c-d, 6a-e, 7b-c, 8a-b, 9a-b, 10, 11, 12	1a-c, 2b-e, 3b, 4	5a-d	8e	7a, 8c-d
First Class	3a-d, 5b-d, 6b-d, 7a-f, 8b, 9a, 11, 12, 13	1a-b, 2a-e, 4a-b, 5a, 9c	6a, 6e	9d	8a, 9b, 10

How do Merit Badges work?

- "A few merit badges have certain restrictions, but otherwise any registered Scout, or qualified Venturer or Sea Scout, may work on any of them at any time. Before beginning to work with a merit badge counselor, however, the Scout is to have a discussion with the unit leader. That a discussion has been held is indicated by the unit leader's signature on the Application for Merit Badge, commonly called the 'blue card'. Although it is the unit leader's responsibility to see that at least one merit badge counselor is identified from those approved and made available, the Scout may already have one in mind with whom he or she would like to work. The unit leader and Scout should come to agreement as to who the counselor will be." Guide to Advancement 7.0.0.3
- When a boy is ready to start a new merit badge, he should contact the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair for the names of available Merit Badge Counselors **prior to starting work on the merit badge**. We want to avoid a situation where a boy spends a lot of time working on a merit badge only to find out that he needs to re-do some of his work since he didn't seek guidance at the outset.

Note: Emergency Preparedness (alternative to Lifesaving) has a prerequisite of First Aid merit badge. Hiking and cycling (both alternatives to Swimming merit badge) are not listed in the above chart due to difficulty level.

Which merit badges are best for first year campers?

Swimming and Environmental Science are a good place to start. Depending on your son's interest, he should consider: Canoeing, Kayaking, Insect Study, Fingerprinting or Leatherwork. He can ask the Scoutmaster for recommendations.

How are tent nights for Camping merit badge (Eagle required) calculated? (See next page)

- Minimum of 20
- Only one long term trip (summer camp) counts
- Must be tent, not cabin

For Life Scout, what counts as "(a)t least three hours of this service must be conservation-related"?

BSA does not provide an official definition of "conservation-related" and therefore it is at the discretion of the Scoutmaster to define it. The most analogous examples are provided in the Boy Scout Conservation Good Turn Award.

- Plant shrubs to provide food and cover for wildlife.
- Build and set out bird and squirrel nesting boxes.
- Conduct stream improvement projects to prevent erosion.
- Plant grasses and legumes to provide ground cover in schoolyards, public parks, and recreation areas.
- Plant tree seedlings as part of a managed forestry plan.
- Help thin and prune woodlands in a managed tree improvement project.

The Conservation Good Turn Award cites removing litter, recycling and participating in a beach cleanup as examples of good Cub Scout projects.

Therefore conservation-related service hours should conserve wildlife, energy, forests, soil, and water. Planting trees, clearing trails of invasive species, erosion control and the like are examples of conservation-related service hours. While removing litter, recycling and participating in a beach cleanup are good for the environment, they do not rise to the level of conservation-related. Keep in mind that these conservation-related service hours are some of the last service hours before embarking on the Eagle Scout project. Remember that all service hours must be approved by the Scoutmaster in advance.

For Star, Life, Eagle; what counts as "be active" and "position of responsibility"?

Troop 157 defines "active" as attending at least 60% of troop meetings and at least 1 troop event (e.g. campout, parade, troop service project) during the position period.

What is Order of the Arrow?

The Order of the Arrow is the National Honor Society of the Boy Scouts of America, composed of Scouts who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives as elected by their

peers. To qualify for election, you must have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping within the two years immediately prior to the election.

When is the Order of the Arrow sash worn?

It is appropriate to wear the Order of the Arrow sash when you are doing official Order of the Arrow business or attend an Order of the Arrow ceremony.

When is the merit badge sash worn?

The merit badge sash is worn during formal activities and events such as Courts of Honor and the Veterans Day ceremony, and not during troop meetings or campouts.

Can you wear the merit badge sash and the Order of the Arrow sash at the same time?

The merit badge sash and the Order of the Arrow sash may not be worn at the same time.

Does helping at the Pasta Dinner fundraiser (or any fundraiser) count toward community service?

No, community service is done without the expectation of reward. During a fundraiser, the reward to the troop is the funds raised and the hours spent do not count toward community service requirements but can be counted as a separate troop/patrol activity for First Class 1a and Second Class 1a.

First Class 1a and Second Class 1a require separate troop/patrol activities. What counts toward those?

Some of the events that count toward this requirement are: summer camp, day hikes, Memorial Day parade, Veterans Day ceremony, campouts, etc. Keep in mind that "separate" means that each activity must be a unique event so multiple days at summer camp still count as one activity, even if you sleep at different sites on the same property (e.g. Yawgoog).

What counts as long-term camping?

Camping merit badge states: "One long-term camping experience of up to six consecutive nights may be applied toward this requirement." The Order of the Arrow membership requirements state: " Have experienced 15 nights of Scout camping while registered with a troop, crew, or ship within the two years immediately prior to the election. The 15 nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of at least five consecutive nights of overnight camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. Only five nights of the long-term camp may be credited toward the 15-night camping requirement; the balance of the camping (10 nights) must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps of, at most, three nights each." A trip to a property counts as one long-term camp even if you sleep at different locations on that property during the trip (e.g. Philmont, Yawgoog). Therefore you could count Philmont or a week at summer camp as your long-term camping experience but you cannot count both of them when calculating the Camping merit badge 20 night minimum and/or the Order of the Arrow 15 night minimum.

What if I have questions?

As boys transition from Cub Scouts to Boy Scouts (or start in Boy Scouts for the first time) we encourage them to take increasing responsibility for their Scout experience. Your son should reach out to the SPL or a leader with a question (keeping in mind to copy another adult on all electronic communication in accordance with the BSA's no one-on-one contact policy).

When parents first start in the troop we understand there will be many questions and the troop leadership is happy to answer those parent questions. With progression in Scouting, once your son becomes a First Class Scout we expect your son to be asking questions/sending emails rather than parents.

Who belongs to the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC)?

The PLC is comprised of the senior patrol leader, who presides over the meetings, the assistant senior patrol leader, all patrol leaders, and the troop guide. The troop scribe also attends to take notes and keep the minutes.

TENT NIGHTS EXPLAINED

Overnight	Minus Cabin	Total Tent Nights (National Outdoor Award in 25 night increments)	Minus extra long-term campouts after the 1 st one (e.g. multiple summers at camp)	Camping Merit Badge tent nights (Minimum of 20 tent nights)	Minus pre-pitched tents	Pitched Tent (Minimum pitched tent campouts for Second Class = 2, First Class = 3 - cumulative)
						
						

Note: To stay on track to earning the Eagle rank, your son should attend at least one summer camp and a minimum of 2 tent nights in each grade from 5th to 11th grade.

Official BSA interpretations:

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2015/06/24/ask-expert-isnt-camping-night-camping-mb/>

<https://blog.scoutingmagazine.org/2012/06/07/ask-the-expert-interpreting-camping-merit-badge-requirement-9a/>

<https://scoutingmagazine.org/2017/12/no-glamping-allowed/>

TroopMaster

All advancement completions are entered into the TroopMaster system. Every parent and every Scout can log in to see their progress (view only access). If anything is missing, let us know.

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Path to Eagle (What's a reasonable pace?)

Rank

Scout	Tenderfoot	Second Class	First Class	Star	Life
					
End of 5 th grade	Winter of 6 th grade	End of 6 th grade	End of 7 th grade	End of 8 th grade	End of 9 th grade

Tent Nights

Time Period	Nights	Cumulative
5 th grade	1	1
Summer camp after 5 th grade	6	7
6 th grade	3	10
7 th grade	3	13
8 th grade	3	16
9 th grade	2	18
10 th grade	2	20

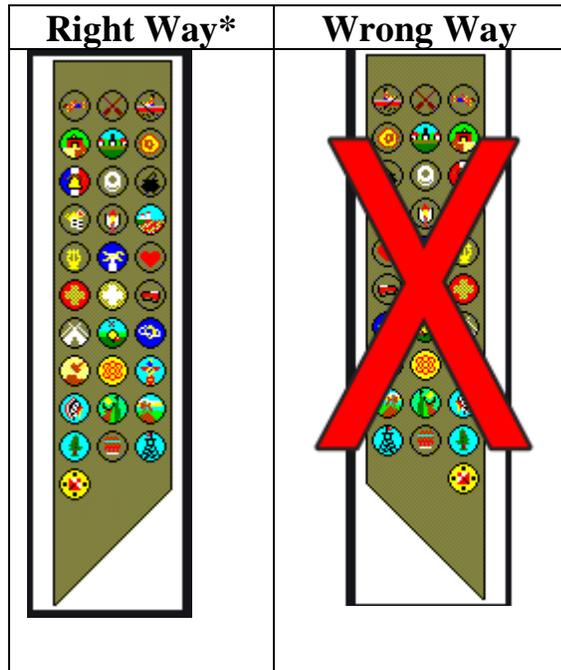
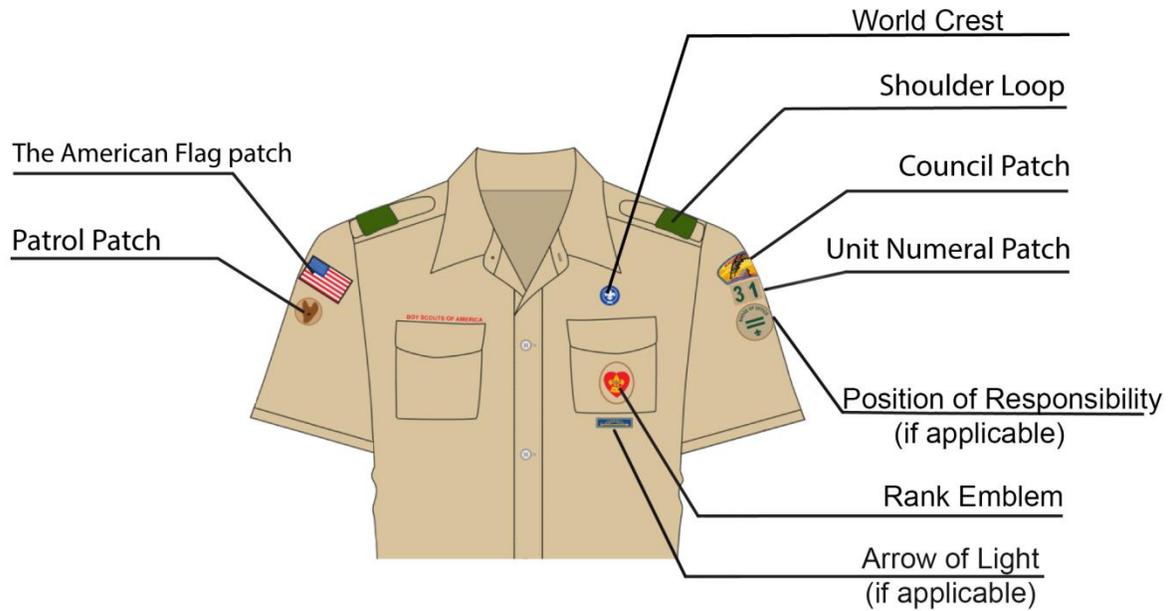
Merit Badges

Time Period	Eagle Required	Cumulative Eagle Required	Non Eagle Required	Cumulative Non Eagle Required
5 th grade				
Summer camp after 5 th grade	2	2		
6 th grade	2	4	2	2
7 th grade	2	6	2	4
8 th grade	2	8	2	6
9 th grade	2	10	2	8
10 th grade	2	12		
11 th grade	1	13		

Campout Cooking Requirements

Tenderfoot	Camping MB 8d
Second Class	Cooking MB 5
First Class	Cooking MB 6

UNIFORM PLACEMENT



Worn over the right shoulder.



The optional merit badge sash pin can help affix the sash to the epaulet of the uniform shirt.

* Start sewing the first row of merit badges 2" from the top seam.

GEAR

Standard Packing List

<p>Clothing (weather dependent)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Waterproof hiking boots• Sneakers• Jacket• Sweatshirt/hoodie• Warm hat/baseball cap• Gloves• Rain gear• Class B t-shirt• T-shirts• Long sleeve shirts• Jeans• Long pants• Shorts• Thermal underwear• Swimsuit• Sleeping clothes• Socks• Underwear <p>Personal Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Toothbrush/toothpaste• Deodorant (non-aerosol)• Sunscreen (non-aerosol)• Insect repellent (non-aerosol)• Toilet paper• Towel	<p>Camping Gear</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Duffel bag or Backpack• Headlamp (check batteries)• Plastic mess kit (plate, bowl, cup)• Utensils (knife, fork, spoon)• Pocket knife• Garbage bag (A Scout is prepared)• Boy Scout Handbook, pen <p>Bedding</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tent• Ground cloth for under tent• Sleeping bag• Inflatable pillow• Sleeping pad <p>Day Pack</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sack lunch• Filled water bottle• Personal First Aid kit (mostly Band-Aids)• Compass <p>Optional</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Folding camp chair• Sunglasses
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Patrol Gear (someone in your patrol should bring)

- If cooking on a stove: stove, propane
- If cooking on a fire: Dutch oven, charcoal
- Pans
- Cooking utensils - spatula, tongs, mixing spoons
- Matches
- Paper towels
- Aluminum foil
- Garbage bags
- Ziploc bags
- Dish soap/bleach
- Dish scrubber

Troop Equipment your son can borrow:

Tents
Propane Stoves
Backpacks
Lanterns
Dutch ovens
Variety of Pots and Utensils
Sleeping Bags
Dining Flies
Tarps
Ground Cloths

Here are the essential starters if you need to buy gear :

Backpack — An internal frame pack is the most practical. The fit is very important, and you should take the time to bring your son to the store and try some on with experienced help. Remember, the most expensive gear is usually NOT the best suited for a beginner. Your Scout will likely outgrow his pack in a few years as he gets taller and stronger. Consider donating his old pack to the troop if he has no siblings.

Sleeping Bag — It is important to remember that some of our trips will not require carrying gear in the pack for any distance, but many will. A modern mummy shaped bag with synthetic fill that is easily compressed into a stuff sack will fill the bill. The thermal rating should be in the area of +10 to +25 degrees. The higher cost fills are softer and more compressible (e.g. Polargard 3D). You want to be sure that the stuffed bag will easily fit **INSIDE** the backpack, leaving room for other clothes and gear. Not a bad idea to buy them together. Your bag should also be fit to your son's size and he may outgrow it sooner than you wish — but an oversized bag is cold and unwieldy. Remember that a +25 degree bag can be used in colder conditions with the addition of a fleece blanket or bag liner, or lots of warm, dry clothes worn inside.

Sleeping Pad/Mattress — Again, think about a light & compact roll. A cheap and practical roll for beginners is a full-length closed-cell foam pad of 3/8 or 1/2 inch thickness. The new generation of semi-inflatable pads (e.g. Therma-Rest) are expensive and somewhat heavier — avoid these for now. Also, don't buy an air mattress. They make great beach toys, but don't use them backpacking.

Hiking Boots — Go for good fit, even though he will outgrow them too soon. Spend the least amount to get a sturdy, ankle-high boot with lug soles. Suede or leather is OK and can be waterproof treated, but synthetics are more durable, drier and cheaper. Try them on with two pairs of socks - a thin liner sock, and a thick hiker sock — both should be synthetic or wool blend (no cotton if possible). Please wear them at home to break them in **BEFORE** you need them on a hike.

Headlamp — The cheaper headlamps available are a better choice than a flashlight because they leave the hands free to do chores like setting up tents in the dark.

Raingear — A new Scout will do very well with a standard vinyl or urethane coated nylon poncho. If he already has a good Goretex or similar rain jacket, that is OK too, but he likely will get it very dirty. Go for value and remember he is growing. Also, he would not be the first Scout or the last one to resort to a large garbage bag when all else fails.

Cooking/Eating — Your Scout needs a sturdy reusable water bottle — a plastic one-quart bottle (e.g. Nalgene) is a good choice. They are cheap & durable — write his name on it. For eating, he needs utensils and bowl/cup — consider unbreakable plastic for these instead of metal. Again, write his name with a permanent marking pen. A standard “mess kit” is OK to start, but these are very limited for cooking especially in a small group (patrol) format. One medium plastic bowl, a plastic cup or thermal mug, plastic spoon & fork — these are the essentials. A spork can also work. The troop owns cooking gear.

Personal Items — Get him a packable toothbrush and small toothpaste. Too many kids either bring their home brush or get away without one. Small investment with big return. A Scout is Clean. A small fleece washcloth or pack towel goes a long way at camp.

Clothing — New Scouts with little or no backwoods experience usually have few choices at home in outdoor clothing. Again, a growing boy will not get many years of use, so avoid expensive choices. However, always be aware that synthetic clothing beats cotton. There are plenty of affordable nylon or polyester cargo pants and polyester fleece shirts/sweaters. Look for poly or blended tee shirts or long-sleeve “base-layer” garments. Cotton absorbs water from rain or sweat and dries very slowly — making it impractical outdoors except in very hot weather.

Tents, Stoves, etc. — The troop has plenty of tents and cooking stoves, so there is no need to invest in these items until your Scout has acquired some experience and expresses some preferences for them.

Knife, Compass — Scout camps forbid one-piece knives, so look for a small folding sheath knife, preferably with a lockback for safety. Smaller is better. A multi-tool knife is OK (e.g. Swiss Army) but look for a cheap generic one. A compass is invaluable and inexpensive. Look for one with a lanyard hole or a carry case. The Scout Shop has good choices, but they are also available in many outdoor stores.

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS

We ask every Scout to have one parent who has taken Youth Protection Training to help us staff our trips and activities.

Difficulty Level: Leadership positions = 5, Chair = 4, Coordinator = 3, Committee = 2, Helper = 1
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ADULT LEADERSHIP (Not formal members of the troop committee but advises the troop committee)

Scoutmaster (level 5, year round)

- Responsible for working directly with the Scouts to help them create the program for the troop
- Trains youth leaders to run the troop by providing direction, coaching, and support

Assistant Scoutmasters (level 4, year round)

- Assists the Scoutmaster in delivering the troop program

TROOP COMMITTEE

Chartered Organization Representative (level 4, school year)

- Serves as the direct contact between the troop and the chartered organization (Rotary Club of Weston and Wayland)
- Serves as the organization's contact with the district committee and the local council
- Obtains signatures on the Charter Renewal application and the Journey to Excellence form and submits to council

Troop Committee Chair (level 5, school year)

- Chairs troop committee meetings and oversees the work of the troop committee
- Appoints and supervises the troop committee and troop leaders
- Oversees calendar planning and troop communications
- Replies to inquiries from prospective families, leads parent orientation
- Verifies that adults have current training
- Completes Journey to Excellence reporting and Rechartering each December

Treasurer (level 4, school year)

- Handles troop funds, pays bills, maintains accounts
- Submits the Unit Money-Earning application to council for fundraisers
- Creates annual budget

- Establishes and maintains the PayPal account and works with the Webmaster to incorporate it into the website.
- Updates signatories on bank accounts

Legal Advisor (level 3, school year)

- Ensures troop forms, policies, procedures and practices conform with the standards of the Boy Scouts of America and applicable laws and regulations.
- Reviews code of conduct and ensures reporting procedures are in place
- Ensures money earning activities are in conformity with BSA standards
- Reviews contracts before signed

Advancement Chair (level 4, school year)

- Responsible for electronic record keeping of advancement (rank advancement, merit badges, tent nights, service hours)
- Submits internet advancement reports
- Prepares awards for distribution at the Courts of Honor
- Works with the Court of Honor Coordinator to ensure Scouts are recognized for their accomplishments

Camping Chair (level 4, school year)

- Oversees trip coordinators
- Ensures monthly adventure program is offered

Troop Committee Members-at-Large (level 3, school year)

- Regularly attend troop committee meetings
- Assists the troop committee as needed

ADULT VOLUNTEERS

Board of Review Coordinator (level 2, school year)

- Organizes the troop boards of review to ensure enough adults will be in attendance to conduct them

Court of Honor Coordinator (level 2, school year)

- Works with the Advancement Chair to support the troop with the needs for the Court of Honor including Scout awards, program printing and refreshments

Eagle Coach (level 3, project based)

- A registered adult leader who will support a Scout through the Eagle Scout service project process

Eagle Courts of Honor Coordinator (level 3, school year)

- Coordinates the planning, invitations, refreshments, etc. for the Eagle Courts of Honor

Equipment Coordinator (level 3, school year)

- Works with the youth Quartermaster and is responsible for the purchase, inventory, storage, and maintenance of troop equipment
- Orders Class B gear
- Keeps supply of Class B t-shirts and gives one to each new Scout

Fundraising Chair (level 4, winter)

- Leads the annual pasta dinner

Merit Badge Coordinator (level 3, school year)

- Coordinates internal and external merit badge opportunities
- Fills vacancies in troop merit badge counselors
- Publicizes a schedule of internal merit badge opportunities
- Publicizes external merit badge opportunities

Merit Badge Counselor (level 2, school year)

- Registers as a member of BSA and completes BSA online training
- Serves as a teacher and mentor to Scouts working on a merit badge in the counselor's area of interest and expertise

Open House Coordinator (level 2, September)

- Coordinates the annual open house with stations run by the PLC
- Tells new families about the benefits of Scouting

Parade/Ceremony Coordinator (level 1, November and May)

- Coordinates the troop's participation in the Weston Veterans Day ceremony and Weston Memorial Day parade

Photographer (level 1, school year)

- Regularly attends events, takes candid shots and loads them to the website

Publicity Coordinator (level 2, school year)

- Submits articles and photo captions for publication in the Weston Town Crier

Recruiting - Webelos (level 3, school year)

- Coordinates with the PLC to host Webelos Scouting Adventure day
- Assigns den chiefs to the Cub Scout pack
- Coordinates with the Cub Scout pack for Boy Scouts to assist at pack events

Registrar (level 2, school year)

- Helps new families complete the youth application and other joining paperwork
- Obtains signatures on BSA adult applications and submits to council

Scout Shop Runner (level 1, school year)

- Coordinates with Advancement Chair to purchase merit badges and awards from the Scout Shop

Scouting for Food Chair (level 3, fall)

- Organizes routes for the annual food drive
- Sorts and distributes materials to the Scouts
- Delivers food to the food bank
- Reports results to the council

Service Coordinator (level 2, school year)

- Serves as the point of contact for organizations desiring service from the Scouts including Weston Winter Festival
- Communicates service opportunities to the Scouts
- Enters service hours into the Journey to Excellence website

Supernova Awards Mentor (level 2, varies)

- Guides boys in STEM activities toward earning the Dr. Bernard Harris Supernova Award and the Thomas Edison Supernova Award

Trip Coordinators (level 2, varies)

- Makes reservations and organizes trips including sufficient transportation needs
- Ideally the troop has 10 trip coordinators (one for each month of September - June)