



**Boy Scout Troop 8
Madison, AL**

**Chartered By
Messiah Lutheran Church**

Introduction and Information



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Promises of Scouting

SCOUTING promises you the great outdoors.

SCOUTING promises you friendship.

SCOUTING promises you opportunities to work toward the Eagle Scout rank.

SCOUTING promises you tools to help you make the most of your family, your community, and your nation.

SCOUTING promises you experiences and duties that will help

These promises provide the foundation for what we do in this Troop.



BSA Troop 8 Atop Baldy Mountain (12,400 feet) at the Philmont Scout Ranch (July 06). Part of a 62 mile Backpacking Trek



BSA Troop 8 - 2007



Wilderness Survival Campout - 2007



Joint Troop – Pack Meeting (Flag Retirement) 2007

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Guiding Principles

The adult leadership of Troop 8 believes in a maintaining a quality troop in the Madison/Monrovia community that fosters, along with parents, mentors, teachers, and church leaders, an environment where young men can;

- Learn essentials of leadership,
- Build the desirable qualities of character,
- Train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and
- Develop personal fitness.

The standards that we place on the young men in this troop are rigorous for rank advancement. They will be proud of their rank achievements when they receive them because they have earned them.

We have a very active schedule. We believe that school, Scouts and other activities (church, sports, band, and extra-curricular activities) are compatible and complimentary. Participation in multiple activities fosters the concept of time management. We strongly encourage Scouts to participate in some type of church, sports, and humanities (band, drama, chorus, .etc) program as a part of their overall development. As a result, we recognize that Scouts will not be able to make every troop meeting, campout, workdays, or other troop activities.

A Note About Boy Scouts

Boy Scouts is much different than Cub Scouts. Cub Scouts is based on an “Adult Driven” program. The foundations of Boy Scouts are built on “Scout Led” activities. The purpose of Troop Committee and Scoutmasters is to provide support, guidance, advice, review, and to ensure that a safe and clean environment is maintained at all times.

Troops are different throughout the country. There are troops that are “Adult Driven” – similar to Cub Scouts. We do not subscribe to that operating principle. In Troop 8, the Troop Committee and Scoutmasters work, as best as possible, through the “Scout-Led” leadership unless there are matters of urgency. This method sometimes results in an inefficient process when compared to Cub Scouts, but it is a process that fosters the concept of leadership and organization at the Boy Scout level.

Location

Boy Scout Troop 8, Talakto District, Greater Alabama Council, meets at the Messiah Lutheran Church, located at 7740 Highway 72, Madison, Alabama. Our troop is chartered by Messiah Lutheran Church. The troop meets on Sunday afternoons from 2-3:30 PM except for Easter, Mother's Day, campout weekends, and during the December Holiday Period. You may contact the Committee Chairman, Mr. Gerry Bjorkman at 721-3957 or the Scoutmaster, Mr. Glen Long, at 830-8033 for additional information. Our website is: www.bsa-troop8.org.

The Sunday afternoon meeting time may seem different from the traditional Monday or Tuesday night Scout meeting format. We have selected a Sunday afternoon troop meeting format for several reasons:

- (1) Our Scouts are involved with athletics, homework, or other school activities that often require weekday nights,
- (2) Our Adult Leaders are often involved with the activities mentioned in (1) above or have a busy business schedule, and
- (3) We meet during daylight that provides the opportunity for outside events – especially during the winter.



Annual Troop Goals

1. As a part of the Boy Scout Program, each Scout continues to:
 - a) Build the desirable qualities of character,
 - b) Train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and
 - c) Develop personal fitness.
2. Each Scout, with parental approval, earns their respective religious emblem.
3. Each Scout contributes to the troop earning the National Quality Unit Award and National Camping Award for 20 Days of Yearly Camping
4. Each Scout contributes at least 12 hours of volunteer time as a part of "Service to America". These service hours are accomplished through our monthly scout workdays or service projects on campouts.
5. During their tenure as a Scout, each Scout earns the Boy Scout World Conservation Award and practices the principles of Leave No Trace Camping.
6. Each Scout advances by at least one rank per year.
7. Each Scout participates in the annual food drive for the Food Bank of North Alabama.
8. Each Scout assists the program of our associated Cub Scout Pack
9. Each Scout participates in Summer Camp.
10. Each Scout participates in some type of High Adventure (High Adventure Base, Advanced Junior Leader Training, Philmont, Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, .etc) or Older Scout Summer Activity during his tenure in the troop.
11. Each Scout participates in at least five weekend camping events during the year.
12. Each Scout participates in the annual fall fundraiser to the best of their ability. The Scout will participate in the fundraiser to:
 - a) Support Scouting
 - b) Pay for his activities and/or camping equipment in Scouting
 - c) Support the Troop.
13. Each Scout participates in the spring fundraiser to the best of their ability. The Scout will participate in the fundraiser to support troop equipment purchases.
14. During their tenure as a Scout, each Scout will attend the Boy Scout National Jamboree or the Boy Scout World Jamboree.
15. Each Patrol earns the National Patrol Award.
16. Each Scout subscribes to Boys' Life.
17. Each Patrol earns the top award at Camporee.
18. The Troop earns the top award at Summer Camp.

Troop Committee

The troop is under the guidance and receives support from the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee performs the administrative work behind the Troop so the Scoutmasters can provide the adult leadership for the troop program.

Our Institution Executive is:

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Scoutmasters provide the adult leadership so the Boy Scout leadership can execute their Troop Program.

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Any Parent or Guardian is encouraged to join the Troop Committee or become a Scoutmaster. We always need help – no matter how large or small – even if you do not want to join the Troop Committee or be a Scoutmaster. **If everyone does a little, no one is required to do a lot.** Contact the Troop Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster. We will train you.

**The best way to keep your son involved in Scouting is
for a parent to be involved in the Scouting effort!**

Troop Organization

Insert 11x17 Troop
Organization Chart

Finances and Costs

1. Troop Dues are \$40 (\$20 paid in April and \$20 paid in October). Dues pay for awards and operating costs of the troop.
2. Fundraisers
 - a. BSA Popcorn Sales - Each year the Troop Committee makes a decision on the profits from popcorn sales. In the past, 90-100% of the troop's profits were returned to the Scout's individual account for paying camping/Summer Camp/activity fees, purchasing individual camping equipment, or purchasing Scout uniforms. Receipts need to be provided to the treasurer that clearly indicates the item is camping equipment or a uniform item in order to receive a check from the Scout's individual account.
 - b. Spring Fundraiser - The troop performs a spring fundraiser to raise money for troop equipment purchases.
3. Costs
 - a. Camping costs are \$9/Scout/trip for food + any admission fees. Food costs are based on \$2.25 per Scout per meal, but the entire food cost for the weekend (i.e. typically \$9) is charged whether the Scout consumes one or four meals. Camping trip meals normally include Saturday breakfast, lunch, dinner and Sunday breakfast. There are normally 10 camping trips through the year – not including summer camp. We do not camp in December and we traditionally go to summer camp over the July 4th holiday. During the winter, we usually leave for camping trips on Saturday morning.
 - b. Summer Camp (≈ \$220)
 - c. Older Scout Summer Activity (Age 14 at time of event or 13 and finished the 8th grade): For Scouts participating - ≈ \$800-\$1,000. Examples: Philmont; Sailing Adventure in Florida Keys; Summer Camp at Santa Catalina Island
 - d. Nominal charges for merit badge jamborees (\$7-\$10 per event)
 - e. Uniform: All boys need a tan BSA shirt, pants or shorts, BSA belt, neckerchief, and slide. The shirt must have all insignia sewed on the shirt. We do not require that Scouts purchase the “BSA Scout pants/shorts”. However, they need pants/shorts that are “BSA green” color – no faded green. If a Scout wears shorts, they will need the BSA socks. See “Equipment Needed for Scouts Joining the Troop” in another section of this document.
 - f. Camping Equipment: Scouts initially need a tent unless sharing with another Scout. A suggested list of equipment for new Scouts is presented at the end of this booklet.

Uniform

1. Boy Scouts is a uniformed organization. The general population recognizes the Boy Scout uniform as a sign of young men with character. As such, we request that our Scouts wear;
 - a. Their BSA tan shirt to all troop meetings. The Scout may wear pants of their choice.
 - b. A complete uniform consisting of the BSA tan shirt, BSA pants/shorts¹, belt, neckerchief, and slide of your choice are required for all;
 - i. Boards of Review
 - ii. Summer Camp
 - iii. Uniform Inspections
 - iv. Other times as designated by the Senior Patrol Leader

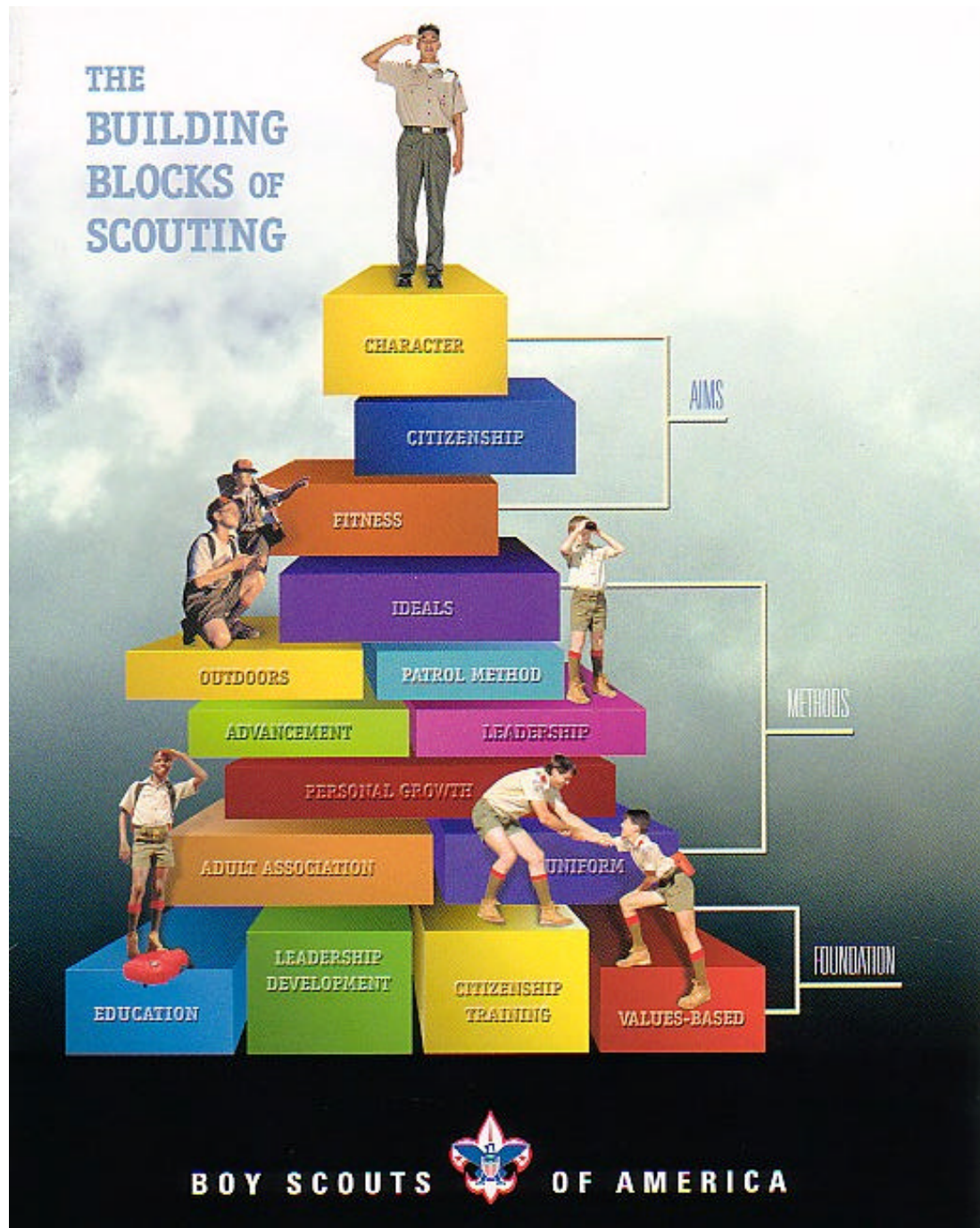
This uniform is called “Class A”. Additionally, a Scout will need a sash once he starts to earn merit badges.

Other than 1st Year Scouts, Scouts will not be introduced to a Board of Review if not in complete uniform. 1st Year Scouts need everything except green pants.

2. Scouts need to purchase a red Troop 8 T-Shirt. Wearing the red T-Shirt with BSA pants¹ is called “Class B”.
3. Depending on the outing, Scouts may wear the red Troop 8 T-shirt with a pair of pants of their choice (i.e. For wildlife refuge work, the Troop 8 T-Shirt with jeans may be appropriate). We typically leave for camping events in the Troop 8 T-shirt with pants of the Scout’s choice. The uniform for any event will be determined by the Senior Patrol Leader and communicated to Patrol Leaders.

¹ BSA green shade pants (not faded green) may be substituted for the official BSA pants or shorts. If shorts are worn, BSA socks are required.

The Building Blocks of Scouting



How Troop 8 Addresses the Building Blocks of Scouting

Education

- Opportunities to learn as Scouts advance in rank or work on 121 merit badges
- A counselor will be identified for any merit badge that a Scout desires to pursue.
- Four Eagle Required Merit Badge and four non-Eagle Required Merit Badge Opportunities are offered throughout the year.

Leadership Development.

- Monthly meeting of the Patrol Leadership Council.
- Troop conducts Junior Leader Training twice per year.
- 1st Class Scouts are encouraged to attend Advanced Junior Leader Training within the Council
- Troop activities are conducted under the leadership of a Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders.

Citizenship Training

- Monthly Scout Workdays reinforce the concept of citizenship and service to the community.
- As a part of each rank advancement, Scouts are required to describe 5 significant activities that exemplify Scout Spirit.

Adult Association

- All troop activities are supervised by at least two adult leaders. Scoutmasters are associated with patrols.
- Adult leaders are approved by the Troop Committee and the Chartering Organization.
- Leaders are expected to set the example for Scouts at all times.
- All leaders are trained.

Uniform

- All Scouts and Leaders are expected to wear their uniforms to BSA events.

Personal Growth

- All Scouts are provided the opportunity for personal growth through advancement and learning

Advancement

- All Scouts are provided ample opportunity for advancement.
- Requirements are well defined in the Scout Handbook.
- Scoutmaster's Conferences are rigorous.
 - The Scout will feel that he has earned his rank
 - All Scoutmaster Conferences requires a knowledge (hands-on if at all possible) of the material for the desired rank and selected requirements from previous ranks. Scouts seeking advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle will be asked questions on Eagle required merit badges credited for that rank.

- Scouts are encouraged to obtain 1st Class within approximately one year. Troop Calendar identifies Tenderfoot – 1st Class Requirements that covered during the year.

Leadership

- Leadership positions are elected every 6 months.
- Scoutmasters work with Senior Patrol Leader to ensure that a Scout is not nominated for a position for which he does not have the maturity or experience.
- Scout Leaders and Troop Staff establish goals. Each Scout Leader/Troop Staff Member is assigned a mentor.

Outdoors

- The troop has a very active outdoor program. See calendar.
- We schedule older Scout high adventure opportunities in the summer.

Patrol Method

- Troop is broken into patrols. Patrols have boys from different ages to foster the aspect of older boys teaching younger boys.
- 1st Year Scouts are placed in their own patrol for the first year under the leadership of a Troop Guide.

Ideals

- The ideals of Scouts are part of the environment of every outing in this troop.

Fitness

- Scouts are encouraged to join athletic teams in the neighborhood or pursue individual sports. Scouts and Sports are compatible activities for a young man.
- Patrols prepare and cook meals on campouts. Meal planning requires identification of food groups.
- High Adventure Activity at spring and/or fall break.

Citizenship and Character

- Forefront of all activities done in the troop. The harder right is better than the easier wrong.

Cycle of Monthly Events

1. Three or four Troop Meetings per month. We do not meet on the Sunday of a campout weekend. Troop meetings devoted to reinforcing basic Scout skills, preparing for upcoming campout and the campout theme
2. One campout. Each campout has:
 - a) A theme
 - b) Opportunity for Scouts to work on a merit badge that matches the theme
 - c) Opportunity for Scouts to work on Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Requirements
 - d) Visit to a historical place (location dependent)
 - e) Patrols set up their campsites
 - f) Patrols cook their own meals
 - g) Service project
 - h) Scoutmaster's Conferences for advancement
3. One Scout Workday (typically two hours) to help to maintain our chartering organization's location, work in the community, assist the district, or assist our associated Cub Scout Pack.
4. One Eagle Required Merit Badge "opportunity" (typically two hours) which spans over a three month period in a Part 1 of 3, Part 2 of 3, and Part 3 of 3 format.*
5. One non-Eagle Required Merit Badge "opportunity" (typically two hours) which spans over a three month period in a Part 1 of 3, Part 2 of 3, and Part 3 of 3 format.*
6. One Patrol Leadership Council (Scout leadership planning activities) meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. A Boy Scout Troop is run under the leadership of the Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders. The Scoutmasters provide advice, guidance, support, and ensure that activities are performed under the rules of the Boy Scouts of America.
7. Troop Committee meets on the 1st Sunday of the month. Boards of Review are conducted after the Troop Committee Meeting. Scoutmasters meet during the first Monday of the month.
8. Scoutmasters meet on the 1st Monday of month to discuss past and upcoming activities.

* Opportunity is a key word. We will provide a counselor to assist the Scout in his effort to complete the Merit Badge. Merely attending does not mean that the Scout is awarded the Merit Badge. Merit Badges are individual work.

Cycle of Yearly Events

1. Annual Planning Conference - preparing calendar for next year (September – September).
 - a) June - Scout recommendations to Patrol Leaders for activities (Campout Themes, Eagle Required MBs, Non-Eagle Required MBs) and goals. SM, ASMs, SPL, ASPL, and PLs conduct a retreat to plan the upcoming year.
 - b) Early July – Requested activities integrated into a draft calendar by PLC. Troop meeting themes are based on:
 - (1) Campout preparation
 - (2) Annual List of Activities that are Considered Fundamental to Boy Scouting (i.e. First Aid, Pioneering, Land Navigation, .etc) See next page.
 - (3) Equipment maintenance and recordkeeping
 - c) Late July - Draft calendar presented to troop for review. Comments incorporated.
 - d) August
 - (1) Calendar refined after posting of Council, District, and Pack 8 calendars.
 - (2) Calendar approved by Troop Committee.
 - (3) Calendar published.
2. Troop Elections (2 times per year) in March and September for SPL, ASPL, and PLs. The Troop Staff is appointed by the SPL. The APLs may be elected by the Patrol or appointed by the PLs. See Troop Organization chart on page 7.
3. Junior Leader Training (2 times per year) after Troop Elections.
4. District Camporees (1 or 2) in May and October.
5. Summer Camp (usually over the July 4th week).
 - a) Planning begins in September with SMs offering list of Summer Camps that SMs are willing to provide transportation.
 - b) Decision made in late September.
 - c) Payments due in Jan, Mar, and May.
6. Older Scout Summer Activity (usually in July) – an activity designed for our Scouts at ages 14-17 (13 and finished the 8th grade are also eligible).
7. Popcorn Sales (Oct) – 100% of popcorns sales are returned to the Scout's individual account to pay for camping equipment or his expenses.
8. Troop Fundraiser (Apr) to pay for equipment replacements/additions.
9. Annual Parents' Meeting (Jun in conjunction with Summer Camp meeting)

Troop Five Year Long Range Plan

2007

- Ski Trip (Jan 07)
- 110 Mile Bike Trip on Chief Ladiga (Mar 07)
- Sailing at Florida Keys (Older Scout Activity) (Jun 07)
- Summer Camp at Camp Woodruff, GA (Jul 07)

2008

- Spring Break Event (Backpacking on Pinhoti Trail / Cycling on Silver Comet Trail to Atlanta)
- Summer Camp at Santa Catalina Island (Older Scout Activity) (Jun 08)
- Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain (Jul 08)
- Fall Break Event (TBD)*

2009

- Spring Break Event (TBD)*
- Philmont (Older Scout Activity) (Jul 09)
- Summer Camp at TBD (Jul 09)**
- Fall Break Event (TBD)*

2010

- Spring Break Event (TBD)*
- National Jamboree at Camp A.P. Hill (Older Scout Activity) (Jul-Aug 10)
- Summer Camp at TBD (Jul 10)**
- Fall Break Event (TBD)*

2011

- Spring Break Event (TBD)*
- World Jamboree in Sweden (Older Scout Activity) (Jul-Aug 10)
- Summer Camp at TBD (Jul 10)**
- Fall Break Event (TBD)*

* Determined as a part annual planning during the previous Jun-Aug.

** Summer Camp locations are determined by the Scouts, with the advice of the Scoutmasters, in September prior to Summer Camp year.

Troop Civic Service

Jan 04 – Moved books from a storage area for the Bessie K, Russell Library Book Sale. Service Hours: 15

Feb 04 – Worked at Kid's Count Expo. Service Hours: 12

Mar 04 – Assisted Pack 8 with the Annual Belt Loop Jamboree. Service Hours: 24

Apr 04

(1) Assisted at the Pack 8 Spring Campout by running stations on pioneering, fire building, and orienteering. Service Hours: 24

(2) Cleaned up on the inside of Christ Fellowship Church. Service Hours: 12

May 04 – Assisted Greater Alabama Council at the Sporting Clays Classic. Service Hours: 20

Jun 04 – Cleaned inside of chartering organization church. Service Hours: 20

Jul 04 – Worked at CASA Gardens. Service Hours: 20

Aug 04 – Working on two Eagle Project at Rosemary's Wildlife Refuge Nature Trail. Service Hours: 150

Sep 04 – Working on two Eagle Project at Rosemary's Wildlife Refuge Nature Trail. Built a bridge and established a gravel parking lot. Service Hours: 300

Oct 04 – Picked up litter on our mile of Wall-Triana. Service Hours: 6

Nov 04 – Scouting for Food. Collected 600 pounds of food. Service Hours: 30

Jan 05 – Worked for our Chartering Organization – Messiah Lutheran Church. Service Hours: 20

Mar 05 – Assisted Pack 8 with their Belt Loop Jamboree. Service Hours: 10

Apr 05 – Cleaned up litter from Knox Creek – Troop 8 Adopt-a-Stream area. Service Hours: 15

May 05 – Gary Frazier's Eagle Project at Morris Elementary. Establish a nature garden. Service Hours: 50

Jun 05 – Worked for our Chartering Organization – Trimmed several bushes in the parking lot. Service Hours: 25

Aug 05 – Worked at Rosemary's Wildlife Refuge – general cleanup. Service Hours: 20

Aug 05 – Daniel's Eade's Eagle Project at Rosemary's Wildlife Refuge Entrance sign for Refuge. Service Hours: 50

Sep 05 – Cleaned up litter from Knox Creek – Troop 8 Adopt-a-Stream area. Service Hours: 15

Oct 05 – General Cleanup at the City of Huntsville Homicide Survivors Park. Service Hours: 15

Nov 05 – North Alabama Food Bank Food Collection. Collected 540 pounds of food. Service Hours: 35

Dec 05 – CASA of Madison County. Repair lock at a home. Service Hours: 10

Jan 06 – Work at Messiah Lutheran Church – Trim bushes around parking lot.
Service Hours: 30

Feb-Mar 06 – Work of Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project. Build shed for
Messiah Lutheran Church. Service Hours: 200

Apr 06 – Move furniture at Messiah Lutheran Church. Service Hours: 20

May 06 – Clean up Adopt-a-Stream. Service Hours: 20

Jul 06 – Work at CASA Gardens – Pick vegetables and install scarecrows.
Service Hours: 20

Aug 06 – Clean up Mile 88-89 of US72. Service Hours: 60

Sep 06 – CASA Gardens Fall Cleanup. Service Hours: 55

Oct 06 – Operation Shoebox for Soldiers in Iraq/Afghanistan. Service Hours:
100

Nov 06 – Work at an Elderly Person’s Home – Yard Maintenance/ Service
Hours: 40

Dec 06 – Worked at Messiah Lutheran Church – Chartering Organization.
Service Hours: 20

Feb 07 – Scouting for Food / Support for Our Associated Cub Scout Pack.
Service Hours: 60 Hours.

Mar 07 – Worked at Rosemary’s Wildlife Refuge. Service Hours: 50

Apr 07 – Work at Messiah Lutheran Church, CASA Gardens, and Limestone
Sporting Clays. Service Hours: 120 Hours

May 07 – Adopt-a-Stream Cleanup, Service Hours: 35

Jun 07 – Cleaned-Up our Adopt-a-Mile on US72. Service Hours: 60

Aug 07 – Worked at Chartering Organization Service Hours: 30

Sep 07 – CASA Gardens Cleanup. Service Hours: 55

Oct 07 – None

Nov 07 – Operation Standown Huntsville (Homeless Vets). Service Hours: 18
Scouting for Food. Collected 690 pounds. Service Hours: 65

Troop 8 Community Adopted Areas

- (1) Maintain the Rosemary Wildlife Refuge Trail
- (2) Registered with AL Department of Transportation to clean up US 72 between
mile marker 88 and 89.
- (3) Registered with AL PALS to clean up Knox Creek adjacent to Wall-Triana.

Troop Annual List of Activities That are Considered Fundamental to Boy Scouting

- 1) Citizenship
 - (a) US Constitution
 - (b) Declaration of Independence
 - (c) Flag Etiquette
 - (d) What Our Nation Expects of You as a Citizen
 - (e) Service to Your Community
- 2) Personal Enrichment
 - (a) Meaning of the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Slogan, and Scout Motto
 - (b) Making the Most of Yourself
 - (c) Getting Along With Others
 - (d) Being Physically Strong
 - (e) What Colleges Look at for Entrance
- 3) First Aid
 - (a) CPR
 - (b) Heimlich Maneuver
 - (c) Recognizing Symptoms
 - (d) First Aid
 - i) Cuts
 - ii) Burns
 - iii) Stretchers/Carrying
 - iv) Actions at an Accident Scene
 - v) Splints
 - vi) Heat and Cold Emergencies
 - vii) Shock
 - viii) Sprains
 - ix) Blisters
- 4) Pioneering
 - (a) Rope
 - i) Different Kinds of Rope – Strengths and Weaknesses
 - ii) Whipping Rope
 - iii) Splicing Rope
 - (b) Knots: Square, Bowline, Clove Hitch, Timber Hitch, Two Half Hitches, Taut Line
 - (c) Lashings: Square, Diagonal, Lashing, Shear
 - (d) Structure Construction
- 5) Rappelling
- 6) Orienteering
 - (a) Compass and GPS Work
 - (b) Map Reading
 - (c) Land Navigation (Day and Night)
 - i) Using Topographic Maps
 - ii) Using Direction and Distance
 - iii) Using Other Methods of Determining North
 - iv) Using Stars
 - v) Using GPS
- 7) Procedures for Properly Using and Maintaining
 - (a) Ax
 - (b) Campsaw
 - (c) Knife
- 8) Fires
 - (a) Building Fires
 - (b) Fire Safety
 - (c) Building Cooking Fire
 - (d) Starting Fires
- 9) Nature
- 10) Forestry
- 11) Cooking
 - (a) Nutrition/Meal planning
 - (b) Method of Cooking
 - (c) Cleanliness
 - (d) Campfires and Stoves
 - (e) Purifying Water
 - (f) Kitchen Waste Disposal
- 12) Backpacking
 - (a) Equipment
 - (b) Purifying Water
 - (c) Loading a Pack
 - (d) Winter Equipment
 - (e) Hiking
- 13) Camping
 - (a) Meaning of the Outdoor Code
 - (b) Leave No Trace
 - (c) Human Waste Disposal
 - (d) Rain Proofing Your Gear
- 14) Swimming
 - (a) Safe Swim Defense
 - (b) Swim Strokes
 - (c) Self-Flotation Devices
 - (d) Safety Afloat
 - (e) Rescue Method

Typical Troop Meeting Agenda

Troop 8 Meeting Agenda – 18 Nov 07

Websites - Troop 8: www.bsa-troop8.org Talakto District: www.iScout.us Council: www.1bsa.org

Next National Jamboree: 2010 at Ft. A.P. Hill, VA ----- Next World Jamboree: 2011 in Sweden

Topic	Alloted Time
Opening Ceremony	0 minutes
SPL Announcements	5 minutes
SM Announcements	5 minutes
Troop Activities	75 minutes
Patrol Activities	0 minutes
Cleanup	0 minutes
Game	0 minutes
Closing	5 minutes
Total	90 minutes

T/F – 1C Skill: None directly for sign-off

Nov 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8

Scoutmaster's Minute: Reading books is part of a comprehensive program of being an educated person.

Recognition: Congratulations to the scouts who went and slept in Raccoon Mountain on the caving trip this past weekend.

Troop Meeting Agenda

- 1) Senior Patrol Leader's Announcements
 - a) Troop Meeting Today:
 - i) Troop Activities:
 - (1) Annual First Aid Challenge
 - (2) Annual Uniform Inspection
 - (3) Individual Pictures
 - b) Calendar
 - i) Next Scout Workday: Dec 1st – Scout workday at MLC, 9AM-11PM
 - ii) Next Campout: Jan 25th-27th. Theme: Snow Sports at TBD. Campout Lead: Mr. Long.
 - iii) Next Merit Badge Opportunities:
 - (1) Eagle Merit Badge Opportunity Personal Management Part 1 of 3, Dec 15th, 9-11 AM. Location: MLC. Counselor: Mr. Cribbs.
 - (2) Non-Eagle Required Merit Badge Opportunity: Wilderness Survival Part 2 of 3, Nov 24th, Time: 9-11 AM, Location: MLC, Counselor: Mr. Spence.
 - iv) Next Troop Meeting: Nov 25th (Theme: Trusses and the West Point Bridge Competition/Overview of Troop Website)
 - v) Next PLC: Dec 2nd
 - vi) Next Opportunity for Board of Review: Dec 2nd – Note: All BORs are scheduled by sending an e-mail to Mr. Bjorkman (gwob@bellsouth.net)
 - vii) Next Court of Honor: Dec 16th
 - viii) T/F – 1C Skill for Next Troop Meeting/Campout - Instructors: None
 - ix) Next Opportunity for Scoutmaster Conference: When the SM associated with your patrol is available and we are not involved with a troop/patrol activity that you need to attend.
 - x) Next JLT: After elections in March 08.
 - xi) Next Talakto District OA Meeting: Dec 6th, 7-8:30 PM at Catholic High School – all OA Members are invited and especially the Troop OA Representative.
 - xii) Other Upcoming Events:
 - (1) See Troop Calendar at www.bsa-troop8.org
 - (2) **Summer Camp 2008:** Decision made for Camp Rainey Mountain. Dates and money due dates to be posted. Payment Dates: 30 Jan - \$65; 30 Mar - \$65; 29 May - \$90. 1st Year

Scouts: Total Payment due 29 May (\$220) for No Penalty. Adult Payments due 29 May (\$70-\$90). CRM Web Site: (http://www.nega-bsa.org/camp_rainey_mountain2.htm)

- (3) **Older Scout Summer Activity 2008:** Decision made for Santa Catalina Island off California. Payment Dates: \$200 per person **PAST DUE**; 13 Jan - \$381 (only if flying with the group), 19 Feb - \$85; 9 Mar - \$85; 13 Apr - \$85; 11 May - \$85; 8 Jun - \$80 estimate (balance depends on hotel and ground transportation costs). Fees are refundable only to the extent for which the troop is not committed. All fees are transferable (by you to another Scout) except for airplane fares – once the airplane ticket is purchased, it is in your name and you are responsible. Island Adventure web site: (http://www.sgvcbbsa.org/camping_ccv.php)

- (4) **Philmont 2009:** Troop 8 has made a request for 2009. Expect notification in early Dec.

- c) Announcements from SPL
- d) Report from ASPL/Troop Staff
 - i) ASPL
 - ii) Librarian
 - iii) Scribe
 - iv) Instructor
 - v) Historian
 - vi) Quartermaster
 - vii) Troop Guide
 - viii) Order of the Arrow Troop Representative
- 2) Scoutmaster Announcements:
- 3) Troop Activities – See 2.a.i above
- 4) Patrol Activities – See 2.a.ii above
- 5) Closing
 - a) Final Announcements
 - b) Scoutmaster’s Minute
 - c) Chaplain’s Aide

Troop Merit Badge Program

During each month, an Eagle Required and non-Eagle Required Merit Badge Opportunity is conducted in a small group format. The counselor is usually an adult from the troop.

2004 Troop 8 Merit Badge Program

Eagle Required Merit Badge

Bicycling
Citizenship in the Nation
Citizenship in the Community
Personal Management

Non-Eagle Required Merit Badges

Cinematography
Archeology
Engineering
Photography
Architecture

2005 Troop 8 Merit Badge Program

Eagle Required Merit Badge

Camping
Environmental Science
Citizenship in the Nation
Personal Management

Non-Eagle Required Merit Badges

Fingerprinting
Pioneering
Truck Transportation
Aviation

2006 Troop 8 Merit Badge Program

Eagle Required Merit Badge

Emergency Preparedness
Personal Fitness
Citizenship in the World
Camping
Communications

Non-Eagle Required Merit Badges

Sports
Graphic Arts
Reptile and Amphibian Study
Radio

2007 Troop 8 Merit Badge Program

Eagle Required Merit Badge

Communications
Family Life
Cycling
Citizenship in the Community
Camping

Non-Eagle Required Merit Badges

Farm Mechanics
Motorboating/Waterskiing
Drafting
Wilderness Survival
Backpacking

2008 Troop 8 Merit Badge Program

Eagle Required Merit Badge

Personal Management
Hiking
Environmental Science
Remainder Determined by 2008-2009 Annual Planning

Non-Eagle Required Merit Badges

Backpacking
Climbing
Waterskiing
Surveying

Troop Calendar

Insert 12 Months of
Troop Calendar

Advancement

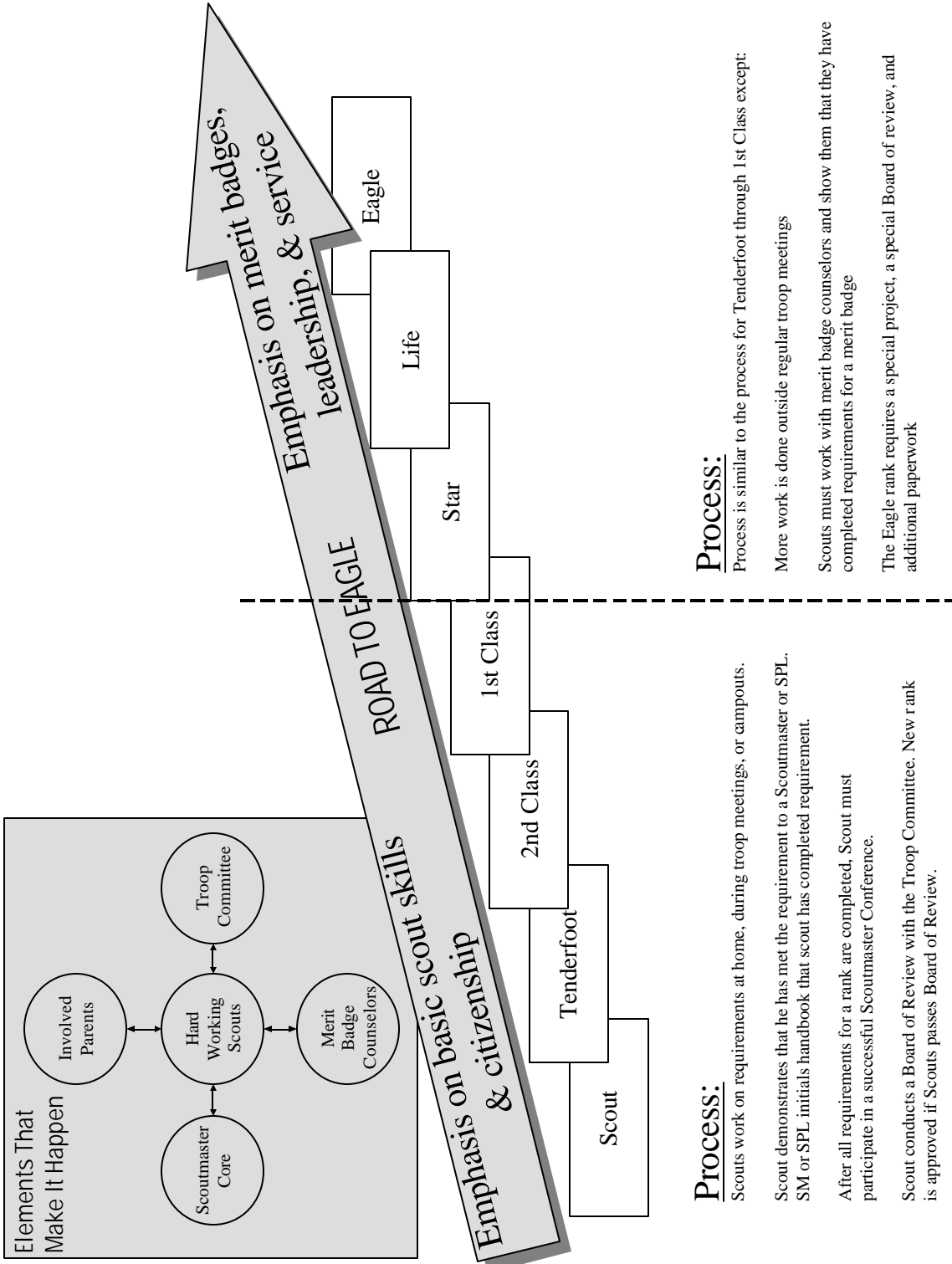
- See foldout on page 39.
- Requirements are defined in the Scout Handbook
- Four requirements are subjective and involve the Scoutmaster.
 - (1) Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference [Required for All Ranks]
 - ◆ Requirements for Sign-Off
 - (a) Complete the Scoutmaster's Conference with an 85% GO rate on all questions asked from the Scoutmaster's Conference Workbook (Troop 8 Booklet 2). The questions in the workbook are the same as the requirements identified in the Boy Scout Handbook. The Scout will be asked questions for their Scoutmaster Conference rank as well as selected questions from previous ranks. All questions asked during the Scoutmaster Conference are identified in the Scoutmaster's Conference Workbook. A Scout may request a copy of the workbook, at any time, from a Scoutmaster. [Required for All Ranks]
 - (b) Successfully pass a uniform inspection over the past year. Uniform inspection sheets are maintained in the Scout's individual file in the troop filing cabinet. [Required for All Ranks Except Scout]
 - (c) Show Fire'em Chit and Tot'in Chit Cards. [Required for All Ranks Except Scout and Tenderfoot]
 - (2) Demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in your Everyday Life. [Required for All Ranks Except Scout and Tenderfoot]
 - ◆ Requirements for Sign-Off: On a piece of paper, describe five significant activities that you have accomplished since your last Scoutmaster's Conference that meet the definition of this requirement. Explain these activities to a Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster. These activities must be significant and require an investment of your time. Record dates and the job that you performed. (Examples: (1) Opening a door for one person at a supermarket IS NOT a significant accomplishment that requires an investment in your time. (2) Mowing the yard, for free, for the elderly woman across the street IS a significant accomplishment that requires the investment of your time.

- (3) While a First Class (Star or Life) Scout, serve actively for 4 (6) months in one or more of the following positions of responsibility (or carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop): Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Order of the Arrow Troop Representative, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Bugler, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, or Instructor. [Required for Star, Life, and Eagle]
- ◆ Requirements for Sign-Off
 - (a) Make a significant contribution in the position. Establish three written goals for your office and describe how you have achieved your goals. Use the Troop Leadership/Staff Goals Worksheet (Troop 8 Form 3). Written goals will be turned in within three weeks after election. You will be assigned a mentor that will assist, evaluate, and discuss your performance in the position at the three and six month periods. At the end of your six month tenure, your mentor will make the decision on whether to sign-off on this requirement in your Boy Scout Handbook.
 - (b) Attend 75% of PLCs if you are the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Patrol Leader, or Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
- (4) Be active in your troop and patrol for at least 4 (6) months as a First Class (Star or Life) Scout. [Required for Star, Life, and Eagle]
- ◆ Requirements for Sign-Off
 - For the past 4(6) months from the time that you are requesting signoff,
 - (a) Attend 75% of Troop Meetings, and
 - (b) Attend 50% of Monthly Scout Workdays, and
 - (c) Attend 50% of Troop Campouts

All three of these percentages must be attained simultaneously. If a Scout cannot consistently make the troop workdays, alternate civic work may be assigned by the Scoutmaster Corps. It is the responsibility of the Scout to determine when he has attained these percentages and have this requirement signed off in his Boy Scout Handbook. Scout percentages are posted on the Troop bulletin board.

Road to Eagle

Scout Learns – Scout is Tested – Scout is Reviewed – Scout is Recognized



Typical Troop 8 1st Class First Year Tracking Sheet

Category	Goal Attainment			Requirement		Date Scheduled	Date Requirement Offered in Troop
	Troop	Outing	Own	Rank	Number		
Camping		X		T	1	30 Apr 05	30 Apr 05
		X		T	2	30 Apr 05	30 Apr 05
		X		T	3	30 Apr 05	30 Apr 05
	X			T	4a	10 Apr 05	10 Apr 05
	X			T	4b	10 Apr 05	10 Apr 05
		X		T	5	21 May 05	21 May 05
	X			T	9	21 May 05	21 May 05
		X		T	11	21 May 05	21 May 05
	X			2C	1a	21 Aug 05	21 Aug 05
		X		2C	1b	26 Aug 05	26 Aug 05
		X		2C	2b	21 May 05	21 May 05
		X		2C	2c*	21 May 05	21 May 05
		X		2C	2d*	21 May 05	21 May 05
		X		2C	2e*	31 Jul 05	31 Jul 05
		X		2C	2f*	31 Jul 05	31 Jul 05
		X		2C	2g	Ind Scout Dependent	
		X		1C	1	4 Sep 05	4 Sep 05
		X		1C	2	26 Aug 05	26 Aug 05
	X			1C	4a	24 Jul 05	24 Jul 05
	X			1C	4b	Ind Scout Dependent	
	X			1C	4c	24 Jul 05	24 Jul 05
	X			1C	4d	24 Jul 05	24 Jul 05
		X		1C	4e	Ind Scout Dependent	
X			1C	7a	5 Jun 05 / 22 Jan 06	5 Jun 05	
X			1C	7b	5 Jun 05 / 22 Jan 06	5 Jun 05	
X			1C	7c	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05	
X			1C	8a	18 Sep 05		
Tot'in Chit		X				30 Apr 05	30 Apr 05
Fire'em Chit		X				30 Apr 05	30 Apr 05
Environmental Awareness		X		2C	5	17 Jun 05	17 Jun 05
		X		1C	6	Ind Scout Dependent	
Community Character Leadership	X			T	7	29 May 05	29 May 05
			X	T	13	On Scout's Schedule	
			X	2C	4	On Scout's Schedule	
			X	2C	8	DARE or Similar Program	
			X	2C	9	On Scout's Schedule	
		X	F	10	On Scout's Schedule		
Citizenship	X			T	6	29 May 05	29 May 05
	X			S	3	Ind Scout Dependent	
			X	1C	5	17 Apr 05	17 Apr 05
Swimming	X			2C	7a	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05
	X			2C	7b	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05
	X			2C	7c	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05
	X			1C	9a	20 Oct 05	20 Oct 05
	X			1C	9b	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05
	X			1C	9c	5 Jun 05	5 Jun 05
First Aid	X			T	12a	15 May 05	15 May 05
	X			T	12b	15 May 05	15 May 05
	X			2C	6a	7 Aug 05	7 Aug 05
		X		2C	6b	26-28 Aug 05	26-28 Aug 05
	X			2C	6c	16 Oct 05	16 Oct 05
	X			1C	8b	16 Oct 05	16 Oct 05
	X			1C	8c	23 Oct 05	23 Oct 05
	X			1C	8d	7 Aug 05	7 Aug 05
Physical Fitness		X	X	T	10a	17 Apr 05	17 Apr 05
		X	X	T	10b	15 May 05	15 May 05
Patrol Name/Yell/Flag	X			T	8	29 May 05	29 May 05
Participation SM Conference Board of Review		X		2C	2a	5 Activities	
		X		1C	3	10 Activities	
			X	T	14	By End of May	
			X	T	15	NLT Jun BoR	
			X	2C	10	By End of Nov	
			X	2C	11	NLT Dec BoR	
			X	1C	11	By End of Feb	
		X	1C	12	NLT Mar BoR		

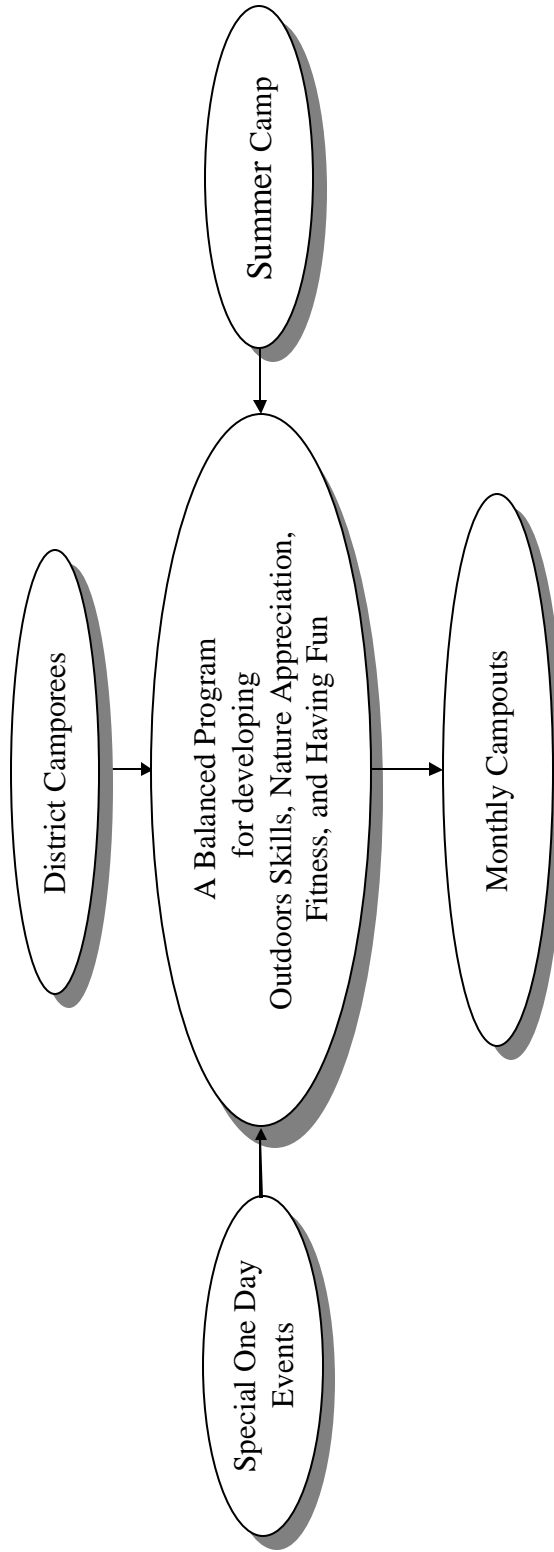
BSA Rank Requirements

Insert 11x17 Rank
Requirements

Boy Scout Merit Badges

Insert 11x17 on Merit
Badges

Outdoor Program



Typical Campout Agenda

Limestone Sporting Clays Campout Agenda (18-20 Oct 02)

OBJECTIVES:

- 1) **Merit Badges** – Allow Scouts the opportunity to complete several or all of the requirements for the Radio, Archery, Rifle, and Shotgun Merit Badges. For those Scouts not interested in merit badge work, they will have the opportunity to experience these activities.
- 2) **History Event** – None planned
- 3) **Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class Requirements** – Older Scouts working with younger Scouts to complete Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, and 1st Class requirements
- 4) **Cooking** – Dutch Oven Cooking

SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY

5:30 PM	Leave Church of the Lamb
6:00 – 7:30 PM	Campsites directed by Campout Senior Patrol Leader. Arrive and set up camp at Limestone Sporting Clays. Patrol campsites need to include the tarp and patrol flag. Want to practice before camporee. (Directions: Go north on Wall-Triana. Go north on Highway 53. Just past Mildred's and after entering Limestone County, take the first left. Go to the stop sign. Turn right. You will see our campsite on the left. Take the dirt road to the campsite.
7:30 – 8:30 PM	Review of next day activities. Assign duties for campout.
8:30 – 10:30	Free time to Work on Tenderfoot – 1 st Class Requirements <ol style="list-style-type: none">(a) Jonathan Henderson work with Adam Drake(b) Kevin Kelley work with Justin Biggs(c) Jeffrey Long work with Kenny Bahr(d) Matt Kelley work with Erik Bjorkman(e) Todd Fulda work with James Long(f) All remaining Scouts work with Mr. Long/Mr. Bjorkman/Mrs. Kelley on remaining Scout requirements and merit badge requirements.
10:30 PM	Lanterns and lights out

SATURDAY

6:30 – 7:30 AM	Arise / Breakfast/Kitchen Clean-up
7:30 – 3 PM	Rifle Shooting
9 AM – 3 PM	Jamboree-on-the-Air
9 AM – 3 PM	Archery
3 – 6 PM	Shotgun
6 – 7 PM	Dinner
7 – 8 PM	Clean-up
8:00 – 10:30	Campfire
8:00 – 10:30	All Scouts may work on finishing merit badge requirements, Scout requirements, and/or Fire'em Chit/Tot'in Chit. See. Mr. Long, Mr. Bjorkman, or Mrs. Kelley
10:30 PM	Lanterns and lights out

SUNDAY

7:30 – 9 AM	Arise / Breakfast / Kitchen Clean-Up/Packing & Site Cleanup
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Church service (voluntary)
9:30 AM	Depart Campsite
10 AM	Arrive Church of the Lamb

Typical Campout Themes

Archery*	Amateur Radio (Jamboree-on-the-Air)
Astronomy	Bicycling
Climbing/Rappelling*	Horsemanship
Canoeing*	Whitewater Rafting
Caving	Backpacking/Hiking*
Orienteering*	Pioneering*
Rifle*	Skiing (Snow Sports)
Shotgun*	Wilderness Survival
Fishing*	

* Fundamental to Scouting (Done annually)

Past Campout Locations

David Crockett State Park	Sharp Mountain
Hook Farm (Taft, TN)	Rickwood Caverns
Joe Wheeler State Park	Chickamauga National Military Park
Monte Santo State Park	Henry Horton State Park
Guntersville State Park	Savage Gulf
Bucks Pocket State Park	Cloudland Canyon State Park
DeSoto State Park	Mammoth Cave
Sipsey Wilderness	100 Acre Farm (Grant, AL)
Cumberland Caverns	Grimes Canoe Base (Linden, TN)
Lost Sea	Camp Sequoyah
Raccoon Mountain Caverns	Limestone Sporting Clays
Union Grove Farm	Savage Gulf
Smoky Mountains National Park	Camp Rainey Mountain
Gulf State Park	Natchez Trace
Cathedral Caverns	Marshall Baptist Retreat Center
USS Alabama Battleship	Ober-Gatlinburg
Ocoee River Campground	Evans' Farm
Camp Comer	Philmont
Camp Jackson	Aycock Farm
Walls of Jericho	Chief Ladiga/Silver Comet Cycling
Camp Westmorland	Trail
Shiloh National Military Park	Pinhoti Trail

Equipment Needed for Scouts Joining the Troop

1st Year Scout Items

- Boy Scout Handbook
- Class "A" Scout uniform (shirt, belt pants/shorts, neckerchief, slide, socks).
- Troop 8 T-Shirt
- Sleeping Bag , Bedroll, or Blanket
- Raingear
- Mess Kit with Utensils
- Flashlight
- Water Canteen or Water Bottle
- Pocket Knife/Totin' Chit (Earned as a part of 2nd Class) (You may not use a pocket knife at a BSA event until you have and carry a Totin' Chit)
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Tent
- Two Small Tarps or Covering (in case there is a hole in your tent, massive rain, and/or ground covering)
- Stool or chair for campouts

2nd Year Scout Items

- Mosquito or bug net for sleeping area (Used at summer camp for the traditional BSA 2 man tents)
- Uniform Sash
- Backpack
- Compass

Significant Troop Accomplishments During The Past Five Years

- Major Quality Initiatives Within Troop
 - Thirteen-Month Calendar Well Planned. Plan to Execute and Execute the Plan.
 - Each Troop Meeting and Campout Have an Agenda.
 - Patrol Leadership Council (PLC) Drives the Planning for the Troop. PLC Drives Troop Goals.
 - Developed Annual List of Activities that are Fundamental to Boy Scouting which are placed on the annual calendar. Topics are Revisited Annually on the Troop Calendar.
 - Troop Merit Counselors Identified for all 15 Eagle Required Merit Badges.
 - “Objectivized” Four Scout Rank Requirements that are Subjective in Nature
 - Prepared a Scoutmaster Conference Workbook
 - Prepared a Standard Operating Procedure for Troop Operations.
 - Ensured That the Troop Attends a Quality Summer Camp. Summer Camp Briefing Booklet Prepared.
 - Established Troop Leadership/Staff Goals Worksheet as the vehicle to satisfy requirements for serving in leadership/staff position within the troop
 - Developed Checklists for Campouts.
 - Re-instituted the Concept of Scoutmasters’ Meeting.
 - Instituted Concept of Civic Service and one Saturday Workday Each Month.
 - Instituted Concept of Monthly Eagle Required and Non-Eagle Required Merit Badge Opportunities
 - Purchased Troopmaster Software as a Vehicle to Ensure that the Troop Maintains Accurate Records on Each Scout.
 - Developed Innovative Methods for Having a Junior Leader Training Experience Following Troop Elections
 - At least Assistant Scoutmaster Associated (Not Assigned) with Each Patrol. We work through the SPL.
 - One Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster Always at District Meetings
- Always a National Quality Unit.
- Top Overall Troop at 2003 Summer Camp – Camp Rainey Mountain Week 4
- ➔ • Three Scouts Completed Requirements for Eagle Rank in 2003, one in 2004, three in 2005, and one in 2006. Two Eagles remain as ASMs.
- Troop is Always First to Volunteer to the District or Cub Scout Pack Request for Help.
- Built Scoutmaster’s Patrol Equipment That is Exactly Identical to Patrols’ Equipment. Lead by Example by Do by Example
- ➔ • Purchased Troop Rappelling Equipment.
- ➔ • Built a Pioneering Kit in accordance with the Pioneering Merit Badge Pamphlet. Acquired a Pioneering Trailer.
- ➔ • Developed comprehensive Land Navigation Program.
- Instituted Concept of Backpacking At Least Once Per Year
- Acquired a Troop Computer and Printer.
- Built “Road to Eagle Board. Built Troop Banner Board
- Constructed Four Rope, Knot, Lashing, and Splice Boards
- Instituted Concept of an Adventure Activity over Spring and/or Fall Break.
- Completed Renovated Troop Trailer - New Axle, New Tires, Complete Cleaning Inside, New Shelves, and Repainted Trailer to Give Credit to our Chartering Organization. Built Boxes to Hold Propane Tanks. Built Load Plan for Troop Trailer.
- ➔ • Committed to Attending a National High Adventure Program (Philmont, Northern Tier, or Florida Sea Base) or older Scout activity on a regular basis
- Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman worked at the 2005 National Jamboree bringing experiences back to the Troop.
- Scoutmaster worked at the 2007 World Jamboree bringing experiences back to the Troop.
- ➔ • Conduct Joint Troop 8 – Pack 8 Meeting/Campfire annually.

Troop 8 Booklets

- Troop 8 Booklet 1 - Standard Operating Procedures for Scout Operations
- Troop 8 Booklet 2 - Scoutmaster Conference Workbook
- Troop 8 Booklet 3 - Troop 8 Introduction and Information
- Troop 8 Booklet 4 - Summer Camp Information Booklet
- Troop 8 Booklet 5 - Troop Lesson Plans

What To Look for in Troop Selection

Criteria	Troop 8				
Planning					
Is there a written 12 month calendar?					
Do troop meetings have a theme(s) and an agenda?					
Do the campouts have a theme(s) and an agenda?					
Is there a focus on recurring activities that are fundamental to Boy Scouting (i.e. first aid, land navigation, pioneering, personal enrichment, rappelling, citizenship, cooking, backpacking)					
Does the Troop have an emphasis on civic service?					
Location, Troop Meeting Times, and Environment					
Is the Troop meeting location convenient to my family?					
Are troop meeting times convenient for my family?					
Is this a troop where I can easily fit in as an adult?					
Is this a nurturing environment for my son?					
Advancement					
Is there quality in the review in process for advancements?					
Organization and Execution					
Is this unit well organized by the leadership?					
Are there written processes and procedures to manage the troop?					
How does the Troop address the Building Blocks of Scouting?					
Are new Scouts placed in a New Scout Patrol (NSP)? Will there be a Troop Guide for the NSP? How does the Troop select the new Scout Patrol Guide? How long does a NSP exist? How long is the Troop Guide committed to staying with the NSP?					
Does the calendar have schedule activities so new Scouts have the opportunity to go from Tenderfoot to 1 st Class within one year? Is that annotated on the 12 month calendar?					
Is there a focus on quality in this troop rather quantity?					
Is the current leadership experienced?					
Communications					
How are parents kept informed?					
How are Scouts kept informed of activities?					
Older Scout Activities					
Is there a program or events as Scouts get older (beyond age 14)?					
Leadership					
Is this a boy-led organization?					
Does the Troop have a Junior Leader Program?					
Does the Troop encourage attendance at Council Advanced Junior Leader training?					
How does the Troop address the capstone Eagle Leadership Service Project?					
Does the Patrol Leaders' Council meet and perform its function?					
Friends					
Is this a troop where my son will have friends?					
Will my son have fun in this troop while also learning critical skills?					