



New Family Orientation

Scouts BSA

Troop 13

Church of the Good Shepherd UMC
Vienna, VA

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Troop 13 Overview

- **Started in 1981**
- **50+ Eagle Scouts**
- **Chartered by Church of the Good Shepherd UMC**
- **Boy Led – for real.....**
- **Annual Dues are \$150/\$300 max per family**
 - Covers BSA registration costs and insurance
- **Tent Camping 12 months a year** (rain, sleet or snow...We go)
- **Scouts decide where to go and what to do**
- **Adult Leaders are there for safety and guidance**

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Troop Meetings

- **Meetings every Tuesday, 7:30-9:00**
 - Follow FCPS closings
- **Immediate Recognition, Scouts awarded new ranks at the meeting they earn them**
- **Bring handbook to every meeting!**
- **Class A uniform worn**

The most fun and beneficial part of Scouting are the Outdoor Activities!

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Rank Advancement and Merit Badges

- Seven Ranks
- 21 Merit Badges required for Eagle
- Older Scouts responsible for signing off on requirements for younger Scouts
 - Parents do not sign off on requirements
- Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Reviews
- Many additional opportunities for awards and recognitions throughout the program



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Troop Leadership Positions

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

- Elected yearly in February by Scouts

Assistant SPL

- Chosen by SPL, make up leadership patrol

Patrol Leaders

- Elected by Scouts in each patrol

Other leadership positions selected by SPL

- Quartermaster
- Outdoor Ethics Guide
- Den Chief
- Chaplain's Aide
- Historian
- Bugler

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Troop 13 Leadership - 2022

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) –Collin Legenhausen

Assistant SPLs –Ashton Becker, Myles Seymour

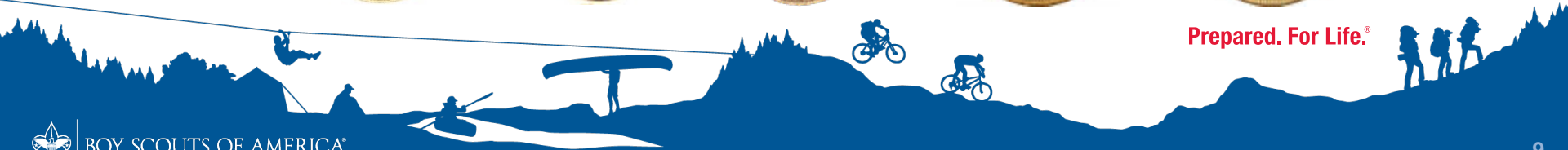
Patrol Leaders –Toren Sutherland, Luke Brauer, Peter Ha

Adult Leaders

Scoutmaster – Michael Gephart

Assistant Scoutmasters – John Payne, Kurt Legenhausen, Conner Gephart, John Chesley

Chartered Organization Rep – Henry Miller



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Patrol Leader Council

Boy led group that plans all Troop activities

- Made up of SPL, ASPL, and PL(s)
- Scoutmaster attends monthly meetings and provides guidance

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Court of Honor

- Troop 13 Holds 'Court of Honor' three times a year
- Scouts formally recognized for rank advancement
- Merit badges awarded
- Other Scout recognition and award

August is the first time this summer – reduce the wait for Scouts to receive awards from Summer activities

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Uniforms

Class A (Field Uniform)

- Includes pants, belt, and neckerchief!

Class B (Activity Uniform)

- Scouting t-shirt, scout pants or shorts, socks
- **Merit Badge Sashes**
- **OA Insignia**
- **Temporary Insignia on Right Pocket**
- **Troop provides neckerchief, woggle, and Troop Number**
- **Class A worn to all meetings, Class B in Summer**
- **Uniform typically not worn on camping trips (with exception of camporee, summer camp, other designated events.)**

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Summer Camp

- **One of the most important Scout events of the year!**
- **Entire Troop votes on which Summer Camp to attend**
 - PLC provides three options
- **Full BSA medical form required, including physician signature**
- **Troop T-Shirt for each year**

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.” --Lord Baden Powell

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Code Of Conduct

- **All Scouts sign Troop 13's Code of Conduct each Spring**
- **No electronic devices in Troop 13! We're here to experience the outdoors as a backdrop for Scouting!**
Exceptions of course....safety, GPS/Orienteering, SPL for organization.
- **If they are seen by an adult leader they will be returned to the parent at the end of the trip**

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Scholarships

Financial means will never stand in the way of a Scout participating in Scouting or any Scout activity!

Contact Scoutmaster or Committee Chair to inquire

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Adult Leadership positions

- An Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned to each patrol
- ASM oversees Patrol activities
- That ASM is the Patrol Leader's first *adult* resource for questions or guidance

Parents are necessary to support Troop activities!

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Committee Members 2022

Committee Chair – Darby Becker

Committee Members

- Michele Kennedy (Summer Camp)
- Nicole Payne (Membership/Training)
- Randy Becker (Treasurer)
- Elizabeth Brauer (Life to Eagle Coordinator)
- Gail Sutherland, Tracy Seymour (Advancement)
- Jeff Cobb (Recruitment)
- Daniel Roberts (Camping)
- Bill Keech (Website)
- Ray and Jennifer Garcia (Secretary)

Needed

- Fundraising Chair

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Scoutbook

- **Now the official BSA system to record advancement**
 - Troop Calendar
 - Primary means of email communications
- **Other Apps for Scouting and parents**
 - myScouting
 - Scouting
 - Path To Eagle (not official BSA)

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Fundraising

Dining For Dollars ...quarterly

- April 20 @ Foster's Grille

Unique Drop Off...May 8

- Donation of Rummage Sale Items

Exploring other options

Money raised pays for Troop equipment, monthly camping fees, patches and insignia

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New Troop Website

Troop 13 is in the process of reviving our online presence

www.troop13vienna.com

New website will serve as a recruiting tool and provide support to Scouts, Scouters, and parents. Helpful FAQs.

- A private Shutterfly site is used to share photos of Scouts in action.
- Password protected section for Troop Leadership and Document Storage.

Does not replace Scoutbook for advancement.

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Payments & Reimbursements

- Troop accepts Paypal, cash, and checks for fees associated with monthly campouts, summer camp, other Scouting events. Include scout's name and reason for payment.

USE FRIENDS & FAMILY OPTION ON PAYPAL

- Grub masters submit receipts to the treasurer for reimbursement
 - Include the patrol name and trip info when submitting

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Camping Procedures

- **Grub master**
 - One per patrol...changes on each campout
 - Responsible for purchasing and preparation of food for Patrol
- **\$15 fee per Scout for weekend campouts**
 - Covers food and sometimes camp fees... troop pays balance
 - Paid via PayPal (troop13vienna@gmail.com), check or cash
- **Bring Permission slip and Medical forms**
- **Depart Friday Night -- Return Mid-Day Sunday**
 - You will receive a call from your son when the Troop is 30 minutes out from the Church

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Camping Equipment

Troop provides all Patrol gear including:

- Tents
- Stoves, Fuel
- Pots and pans, cooking utensils
- Tarps
- Water Containers
- First Aid Kit



Personal Gear Examples

- Sleeping bag and pad
- Backpack
- Day Pack
- Waterproof Hiking Boots
- Rain Gear
- Mess Kit
- Water Bottle
- Headlamp
- Seasonal Appropriate Clothing

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Gear Basics

- We'll start with the basics and refine as the Scout grows and undertakes more challenging outdoor adventures
- Focus on fun and safety – High Adventure has different requirements
- No Scout will miss out on any Scouting experience for financial/equipment reasons

Gear Exchange

- Troop informally maintains a collection of used personal gear
- Please consider donating used gear to the Troop for use by another Scout
- Gear is available to any Scout who needs it

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Basic Personal Equipment

- **Sleeping bag,**
 - We camp in temperatures from 10 degrees to 100 degrees, bag rated for ~30 degrees a good compromise
 - A pad is required, your sleeping bag will NOT keep you warm without one, closed cell foam is a great choice, very cost effective and performs great, scout proof
- **Backpack**
 - All personal gear should ideally fit in one bag. We aim for one trip from the parking lot to the campsite!
- **Day Pack**
 - String bag will work fine to start, enough to carry water, lunch, and extra clothing/rain gear on a day hike.

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Basic Personal Equipment (II)

WATERPROOF Hiking Boots

- A key piece of equipment for safety and comfort. We see our share of mud, and with 11-12 year old boys we tend to spend some time in it.
 - Nylon is fine
 - Waterproof is KEY
 - Do not have to be expensive

Seasonal Appropriate Synthetic Clothing → SOCKS!!

Expensive gear is not a necessity!

We'll work towards “there's no bad weather....just bad gear” but that is not where we start on day one.

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Camping Hints

- **Layers, Layers, Layers**
 - “Cotton Kills” – no warmth when wet
- **Pack in Ziploc Bags/line pack with yard waste bag**
- **Nalgene makes the best water bottle.**
- **Closed Cell Foam pads are perfect to start out with**
 - Thermarest Z-Lite (~\$30)
- **LED headlamp that takes normal batteries (AA or AAA)**
- **Mess Kit can consist of inexpensive dishwasher safe bowl and spoon, a mug is a nice to have – plastic is best, more durable less heat loss**
- **Playing cards!**
- **REI – local B&M with experienced sales staff**

No Scout has ever died of starvation on a weekend camping trip.

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Parents on Campouts

- **Parents are always welcome to join the Troop for any activity**
- **In Scouts BSA parents attend camping trips as leaders**
 - Must complete Youth Protection Training
 - 90 minute online course
- **Eat and camp with other adult leaders**

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Activities on Camping Trips

- **Advancement**
 - Merit Badges
 - Rank Requirements
 - Scouting awards (historic trails, etc.)
- **Service Projects**
- **Hiking**
- **Camporees**
- **Scout Skills**
 - First Aid
 - Orienteering
 - Pioneering
 - Camp Cooking
- **Adventure**
- **Beads Awarded to each participant for each trip**
- **Canoeing**
- **Backpacking**
- **Fishing**
- **Biking**
- **Building and Sleeping in Primitive shelters**
 - Snow Shelters!
- **Have FUN**

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What Does Boy Led Look Like?

**DO NOT BE ALARMED WHEN THINGS SEEM
DISORGANIZED!**

**Troop 13 really is boy led...and disorganization is part
of the learning process for the boys.**

When you see Scouts struggling a bit, or not doing a job as well as you know that YOU could do it, resist the temptation to do it for them. A little guidance is often welcome, but let the successes be theirs as much as possible. The ultimate reward is their success after overcoming those temporary setbacks.

Keep it Safe, Keep it Fun!

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