

Family Scouting with Scouts BSA

Family Scouting

The BSA believes we owe it to families to structure our program offerings in a way that fits into their busy lives to deliver character development and values-based leadership training that Scouting promises.

Linked Troop

Troops are single gender, and the young men and women in them are responsible for the activities of their troop. What will link the Troops are the Troop Committee, Chartered Organization, and meeting/campout calendar. This will allow the unit to take full advantage of the resources available and focus on growing in the areas specifically needed for the new all-girl Troop. So, each Troop will have their own youth leaders and programs and will share meeting times and campout dates/locations making participation more convenient for families.

Scouts BSA

Some kids avoid obstacles. Scouts overcome them. Scouts BSA is a year-round program for boys and girls in fifth grade through high school that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves. In Scouts BSA, young men and women go places, test themselves, and have one-of-a-kind adventures that can't be found anywhere else.

Important Troop 98 Facts

Meetings

Troop Meetings are Monday night's 7-8:30 at Stonybrook UMC.

Patrol Meetings can be planned by the patrol leader as social or planning/preparation meetings for each patrol. Each Patrol decides when & where to have a Patrol Meeting.

Board of Review is the 2nd Tuesday of every month and starts at 7:30 and ends usually by 9. Your Scout attends Board of Review when they have completed the requirements to advance in rank.

Campouts

Troop Campouts are scheduled for each month. The yearly calendar is handed out each January. Scouts meet at Stonybrook at 6pm on Friday and return around 1pm on Sunday.

Summer Camp is a weeklong camp that takes place in July. Troop 98 will be at Seven Ranges from July 14-20 in 2019.

Fees and Fundraising

A Wreath Sale that takes place each Fall is the only Fundraiser that Troop 98 uses. Each Scout is asked to sell at least 6 wreaths. There is a \$85 fee if a Scout chooses not to participate. New Troops members will need to pay the \$85 fee when they join the Troop.

Dues are paid by each Scout at the first meeting of each month. Monthly dues are \$2 and should be paid by the Scout.

Uniform

The complete official uniform includes the Scout long-sleeved or short-sleeved shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Scout belt and buckle, and Scout socks. The Scouts of Troop 98 have voted to also include a Troop Neckerchief and Slide. Scouts wear the Class A uniform for all ceremonial, district, and indoor activities. These include troop meetings, court of honors, flag ceremonies, and Camporee and Klondike events.

The Patrol Method

In Troop 98, you become a member of a patrol when you join us. This patrol is a group of Scouts your own age who work, compete, learn, cook, etc., together. You are an interdependent group where everyone is important. Your patrol is led by a patrol leader, that you elect.

Adult Leaders

The Scoutmaster works directly with the Scouts to help them create the program for their Troop. The Scoutmaster trains youth leaders to run the Troop by providing direction, coaching and support. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters ensure all activities happen under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of BSA and the chartered organization. Each Troop will have their own Scoutmaster. Assistant Scoutmasters can dual register as part of both Troops.

Communication

The Troop uses the Team App platform for the Troop Calendar, storing contact information, and sending messages. Team App can be downloaded to your smartphone or viewed online at troop98gahanna.teamapp.com The Troop also has a public website to access Troop Forms, Troop Finances, Eagles Nest, a public Troop Calendar, attracting new members, linking to official BSA Forms and documents, and tracking training and advancements.

Action Items

- Complete the BSA Youth Application
- Turn in Application with registration fee
- Join the Troop 98 Team App
- Go to the Scout Store and pick up a Scouts BSA Uniform and Handbook
- Check the Troop Calendar for upcoming meetings and campouts.
- Read the BSA Handbook to learn more about how Boy Scouts works.
- Parents please let us know if you are interested in becoming an adult volunteer.