

Troop 278

Scouting Program Overview

Our Mission

To help build values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime to achieve their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on the Scout Oath and Law. We accomplish this working closely with each parent or guardian. The aim of Scouting is to build character, foster citizenship, develop fitness and most importantly have fun.

Our Program

The troop features an outdoor oriented program that follows closely the BSA model of boy leadership. We plan an outing each month that may include hiking, backpacking, canoeing, skiing, fishing, and, of course, summer camp.

Our Methods

There are eight “building blocks” in the program....

IDEALS

ADVANCEMENT

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

PATROLS

UNIFORM

OUTDOORS

PERSONAL GROWTH

ADULT ASSOCIATION

Our System

Each member of our troop is expected to make a commitment to our group success, and individual development. The requirements for advancement are largely hands-on, progressing in difficulty through each rank, following four basic steps:

- THE BOY LEARNS – At all Scout events, “on the job” training.
- HE IS TESTED – When skills are mastered, we record it.
- HE IS REVIEWED – By Troop leaders and the Board of Review.
- HE IS RECOGNIZED – At regular Court of Honor ceremonies.

Your son may work on the first three ranks (Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class) at the same time, but must earn the ranks in sequence. Only the Scoutmaster or a designated Troop Leader can approve rank advancement. Regular attendance and full participation in our program should make it possible for each Scout to progress to the rank of 1st Class within one year. However, each boy is free to work at his own pace, and should not feel pressure. Ideally, his rank advancement should be a natural outcome of his active participation in our program.

Success

Our success comes from active parental participation. As a volunteer group, the adult members of Troop 278 require your help to improve and continue our program. We look forward to working with you as a member of our unit.

Should you have any questions on the program or volunteer opportunities, please call the Scoutmaster or assistant Scoutmasters or a Troop committee member. Contact information can be found on the troop website www.Troop278.net