

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 10

Chartered to Izzak Walton League



Elgin, IL

Scouting in Elgin Since 1925

Parent/Scout Welcome Packet

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INTRODUCTION

Troop 10's parent/scout welcome packet is designed to give parents/caregivers and Scouts an idea of expectations and how the Troop functions. Its purpose is not to repeat in detail information found in the Boy Scout Hand-book. The goal of this welcome packet is to help ensure that each new family gets off to a great start in Troop 10. This is certainly a work in progress and hopefully it will be improved upon each year with the help of both Scouts and parents/caregivers.

Above all, the best way to stay informed about the workings of the Troop is for everyone to stay involved and participate!

Troop 10 has by-laws that are available for anyone to review (WWW.BSA10.ORG).

TROOP MEETING:

- Troop Meetings are held Monday nights year round from 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Izzak Walton cabin located at 899 Jay ST Elgin IL 60120. Court of Honor (Ceremony that Celebrates a scouts achievements) starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. Some troop meetings may be held off site with notice. Please check our web site if you have any questions (WWW.BSA10.ORG).
- Parents/caregivers are welcome and encouraged to attend Committee meetings. Your help and ideas can help our scouts have a great scouting experience. These meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month.
- Troop policy is that meetings will not be canceled when school is closed or dismissed early due to weather. If actual conditions do warrant a cancellation, Scouts will be called and a message will be sent out on Scoutbook. Calls will be made 4 hours before the meeting by the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chair. If in doubt, Scouts should phone their Patrol Leader to verify the status. When school is not in session or is dismissed early for scheduled reasons (i.e. parent/teacher conferences), Troop meetings will typically be held, except on certain holidays. These instances will be announced ahead of time by the Senior Patrol Leader. These policies may be changed on a case-by-case basis. In such case, families will be notified as to whether or not meetings will be held.

UNIFORMS:

- The Official Boy Scout Class A Uniform Shirt and scout pants/shorts is the expected attire at Troop Meetings, while traveling, and at all service projects and other outings. Star rank or above A Scout belt is also expected. Athletic ware is not acceptable. A neckerchief will be presented by the Troop.
- A merit badge sash may be worn with the official shirt at any time to display merit badges earned. In Troop 10, the sash is typically worn at special events such as Court of Honor. The official Boy Scout hat is optional
- Scouts will be able to purchase a Class B Troop 10 t-shirt, which may be worn for certain outdoor and other activities as appropriate.

- Scouts uniforms, pants, hat etc. can be purchased online or at the Norris Scout shop 415 N. 2nd St, St. Charles, IL 60174
<http://www.threefirescouncil.org/index.php/scout-shops-sidemenu-40>

HANDBOOK:

A Scout's handbook is the road map for adventure. It lists all the requirements for each rank, provides a great deal of information about the skills learned for each requirement and has pages for recording completion of each requirement.

- Scouts will be given the Boy Scout Handbook when he joins the Troop and should bring it to Troop meetings and outings.
- They should also bring a notebook with pen or pencil.
- Parents/caregivers are strongly encouraged to read at least the Introduction section of the handbook to gain an understanding of what Boy Scouting is about and how it works.
- Parents/caregivers need to read and sign the Parents Guide in the front of the scout book. This Youth protection training is required when your son joins Boy Scouts.

RANK ADVANCEMENT:

- Scouts advance at their own pace. Participation at meetings, outings, and summer camp is one key to steady advancement.
- Parents **cannot** sign off on advancement requirements. Only the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and other Scoutmaster-designated individuals may sign off advancement requirements. (Higher Ranked Scouts and other leaders)
- Scouts must ask leaders to signoff requirements in their Handbooks. Leaders will not seek out Scouts to sign off. Parents may need to assist their Scout with this.
- Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks focus on basic Scout skills.
- Star, Life, and Eagle Ranks focus on broadening horizons (merit badges), service to others, and leadership Skills.
- Awards and Rank advancements are presented quarterly at the Court of Honor.
- Scouts must try each advancement. Requirements may be altered with approval from the Three Fires Council. This is for special needs scouts only.

MERIT BADGES:

- Only registered counselors for a particular merit badge may sign off requirements for the

badge.

- The Scouts should obtain a merit badge blue card and the name of a counselor from the Scoutmaster prior to beginning work on a particular merit badge. The Scout should then periodically meet with the counselor as requirements are completed. See the Boy Scout Handbook for additional details.
- Scouts must complete all Merit Badge tasks as written.
- Troop leaders who are registered as counselors for a particular merit badge may periodically teach merit badge-related skills at troop meetings. However, these sessions will almost never cover everything required for the merit badge. Scouts will still need to devote time outside of meetings to complete a merit badge.
- Attendance at summer camp provides an opportunity to earn up to four Merit Badges over the course of one-week period.
- Periodically Merit Badge workshops are offered at which a badge can be earned or partially earned in one day. We will let the Scouts know when these will take place.
- If a Scout can't complete an Eagle requirement with approval from National, an alternate may be elected of similar skill.

COURT OF HONOR:

- Court of Honor provides an opportunity for public recognition for boys advancing in rank and earning awards.
- Court of Honor is held in the Izzak Walton Cabin four times a year (December, March, June and September).
- Court of Honor in June and December includes a potluck dinner. Please bring enough food for your family and to share. Then the Meeting will take place after the dinner upstairs.
- Scouts and their families may invite anyone they wish.

CAMPOUTS AND OTHER OUTINGS:

- Outings and campouts are usually scheduled monthly, with meeting place usually at Izzak Walton Cabin with departure time of 6:00 p.m. on Fridays. Contact our web site if you have any questions (WWW.BSA10.ORG).
- The annual calendar typically schedules eight one-two night campouts, one week of summer camp.
- Parents/caregivers are welcome, subject to the following:
 - a) Parent/caregivers should mostly observe, but may intercede with a Scout when

necessary.

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b) Do not interfere with Leader/Scout "chain of command".

c) Parents/caregivers sleep in their own tents, apart from their Scout. (unless prior approval)

- Siblings are not invited, but Scouts may bring a non-Scout friend in a "recruitment" capacity (not on a recurring basis), with permission from the Scoutmaster.
- Scouts and adults plan menus one to two weeks in advance of the campout. The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster may buy the food and bring it to the campout, however, a Scout is usually asked to do this to advance in rank. Scouts prepare their own food with appropriate guidance/safety assurances from leaders.
- Scouts will bring their money(for souvenirs or personal items) at the time of the campout and give to the Scoutmaster.
- All unit persons will help with campsite closure.
- Items from the trailer will be cleaned and returned to their proper designated area before leaving the campsite.
- When returning from a campout, sometimes Scouts will be dropped off at home while others will phone home shortly before arriving back at the Izzak Walton Cabin to arrange for a ride. A ride home can always be arranged, just have your Scout ask.

CAMPING EQUIPMENT: (Tents are provided by the Troop.)

- Refer to Boy Scout Handbook for detailed information.
- Bring appropriate clothing and shoes/boots for forecasted weather.
- Bring appropriate bedding for forecasted temperatures.
- Bring mess kit or other table service.
- ALWAYS bring rain gear.
- Bring personal effects such as toothpaste/brush, deodorant, etc.
- **DO NOT** bring electronics including cell phones, digital music players (MP3, ipod), pagers, TV's DVD players, radios, CD players etc. These items will be confiscated if discovered. Leaders will have cell phones to contact parents if necessary please make sure they have your phone number.

SERVICE PROJECTS:

- In keeping with the Scout Oath and Law, Troop10 participates in service projects each year.

FUND RAISING AND SCOUT ACCOUNTS:

- Troop 10 participates in the Three Fires Council's annual popcorn sales in the fall of each year. A portion of the Scout's sales (decided on an annual basis) is deposited in a "Scout Account" for their use in paying for Scout-related equipment and/or activities. We also do a Spaghetti dinner every fall as well as other things. Scouts need to participate in fundraisers in order to pay for Troop expenses.

PARENT OPPORTUNITIES/EXPECTATIONS:

- Parents are encouraged to become registered leaders. Level of involvement as a registered leader is up to the individual. No matter how much or how little time you have available, we have ways for you to contribute. **AND WE DO NEED YOUR HELP!**
- Parents are expected to drive to and from outings on a case-by-case, as-needed basis.

BOY SCOUTING VS. CUB SCOUTING:

Boy Scouting is very different from Cub Scouting. The boys control their own destiny regarding planning of outings, campouts, and most other activities. Parents should allow the Scouts to make their own decisions, subject to safety and other guidelines. Parents should not interfere with the Scout "chain of command", as defined by the BSA, except where safety is involved. Some of their decisions will not be good ones. This is how they learn responsibility, teamwork, and leadership. Parents are encouraged to advise, consult, encourage, enable, poke, prod, and otherwise Motivate the boys, but should not make their decisions for them nor do their work for them.

TYPICAL EXPECTED EXPENSES:

Class A BSA shirt, badges on shirt, and a sash. Scouts have always been encouraged to pay their own way, to the extent possible, for their activities. Scouts that participate in annual fund raising Will be able to reduce their out-of-pocket expenses, and those of their families. With that in mind, some typical Troop and Scout expenses are as follows: (Financial assistance is available on an As-needed basis.)

FIXED EXPENSES (paid for by the Troop):

Boy Scout Handbook, neckerchief, 1 for each rank, 1 patrol patch, 1 each merit badge, and some Merit Badge University patches. (If you lose one, you will have to replace it.)

OCCASIONAL EXPENSES (paid by Scout/Parent):

Merit Badge University patches, lunches for outings, Scout Camp incidentals, high adventures, and other non-campout events.

TYPICAL OUTING EXPENSES:

Campouts – Depends on the campout around \$20 -\$30

Summer Camp – to be determined by the Camp the scouts choose.

TROOP DUES:

Annual dues of \$60.00 are due in October. If a scout joins later, dues will be prorated.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Troop 10 Website – WWW.BSA10.ORG (Camp Calendar)

Troop 10 Committee Chair: Frank Scheid 630-621-2611

Troop 10 Scoutmaster: Tom Meehan 847-309-2667

Troop 10 Assistant Scoutmaster: Tom Griesmann 847-338-9441

Troop 10 Assistant Scoutmaster: Jeff Naylor 847-736-7487

Three Fires Council - www.threefirescouncil.org

Health Forms - WWW.Scouting.org/HealthSafety/Forms.aspx

WELCOME TO TROOP 10 Oldest Boy Scout Troop in Elgin

Any Problems and or concerns please contact our Committee Chair

Frank Scheid – 630-621-2611

Talent Release Form

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____

Troop #: _____ Troop City: _____

Signed: _____

Guardian: _____

(if under the age of 18)

Witness: _____

Session Date: _____

Boy Scout/Varsity Scout

Uniform Inspection Sheet

Uniform Inspection.

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Boy Scout Handbook

15 pts.

The *Boy Scout Handbook* is considered part of a Scout's uniform.



General Appearance. Allow 2 points for each:

10 pts.

- Good posture
- Clean face and hands
- Combed hair
- Neatly dressed
- Clean fingernails

Notes _____

Headgear. All troop members must wear the headgear chosen by vote of the troop/team.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shirt and Neckwear. Official shirt or official long- or short-sleeve uniform shirt with green or blaze orange shoulder loops on epaulets. The troop/team may vote to wear a neckerchief, bolo tie, or no neckwear. In any case, the collar should be unbuttoned. The troop/team has the choice of wearing the neckerchief over the turned-under collar or under the open collar.

10 pts.

Notes _____

Pants/Shorts. Official pants or official uniform pants or shorts; no cuffs. (Units have no option to change.)

10 pts.

Notes _____

Belt. Official Boy Scout web with BSA insignia on buckle; or official leather with international-style buckle or buckle of your choice, worn only if voted by the troop/team. Members wear one of the belts chosen by vote of the troop/team.

5 pts.

Notes _____

Socks. Official socks with official shorts or pants. (Long socks are optional with shorts.)

5 pts.

Notes _____

Shoes. Leather or canvas, neat and clean.

5 pts.

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Registration. Current membership card or temporary certificate on person.

5 pts.

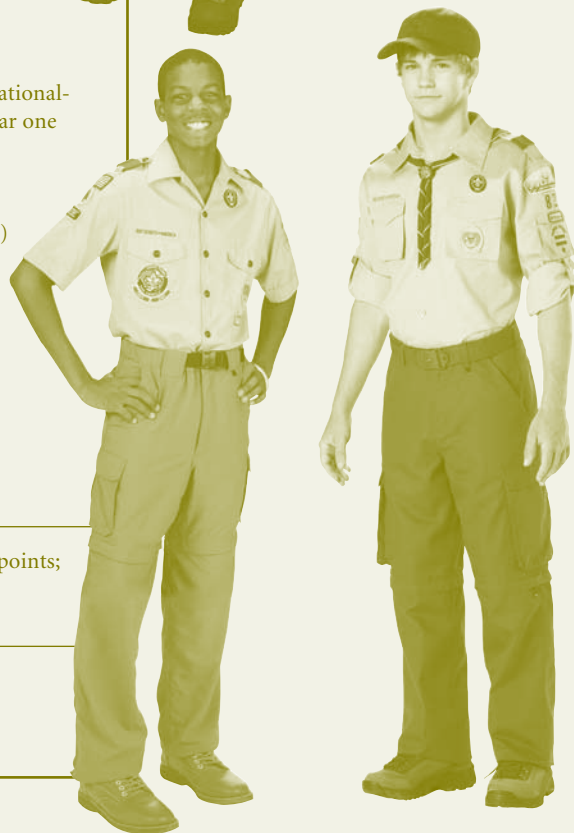
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Uniform points. Total points from above (70 possible)

Insignia.* Correct placement: left pocket, 5 points; right pocket, 5 points; left sleeve, 5 points; right sleeve, 5 points; merit badge sash, 5 points; shoulder epaulets, 5 points.
Insignia points from reverse (30 possible)

Total Uniform Inspection Score

Uniform and insignia points combined.
A perfect score is 100 points.



*For more information about insignia, see the *Insignia Guide*, No. 33066.

Total Uniform Inspection Score ▶

Name _____ Troop/Team No. _____

Patrol/Squad _____

Our unit inspection
will be held on

Bring this form with you.

Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet

Official Placement of Insignia

Conduct the uniform inspection with common sense; the basic rule is neatness.

Merit Badge Sash

- 5 pts.
- If worn, **merit badges** are attached to front (and back, if needed) of sash.
 - Venture/Varsity letter** is attached at bottom front corner.
 - Temporary insignia** may be worn on back.

Notes _____

Shoulder Epaulets

- 5 pts.
- Green shoulder loops identify Boy Scouting (all members of a troop).
 - Blaze (orange) loops identify Varsity Scouting.

Notes _____

Right Sleeve

- 5 pts.
- U.S. flag emblem** centered directly below shoulder seam. Only the most recently earned **Journey to Excellence recognition** may be worn below patrol emblem or below the National Honor Patrol star.
 - Musician badge**, if in band or drum corps, is worn 1/2 inch below patrol emblem.

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Left Sleeve

- 5 pts.
- Council shoulder emblem**, unit numeral, and veteran unit bar are worn as shown snug up, and touching each other.
 - On the official shirt, the **badge of office** is centered on the pocket, as shown. On the official uniform shirt, the **badge of office** is centered and touching the unit numeral, or centered 4 inches below the shoulder seam.
 - On the shirt, the **Trained Leader emblem** is centered as shown at the top of the pocket flap. On the official uniform shirt the **veteran unit bar** (25, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, or 80 years) is positioned above and touching troop numeral and in turn touching council emblem.
 - Den chief cord** is worn over the left shoulder, under epaulet.

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Right Pocket

- 5 pts.
- Jamboree insignia** (only one) worn above BSA or interpreter strip.
 - Order of the Arrow lodge insignia** worn on pocket flap.
 - Temporary insignia** worn centered on the pocket or hung from the button.
 - The **Varsity or Venture strip** is worn above the BSA strip or above the interpreter strip.
 - Nameplate**, if worn, is centered above the BSA strip, interpreter strip, and Venture or Varsity strip.

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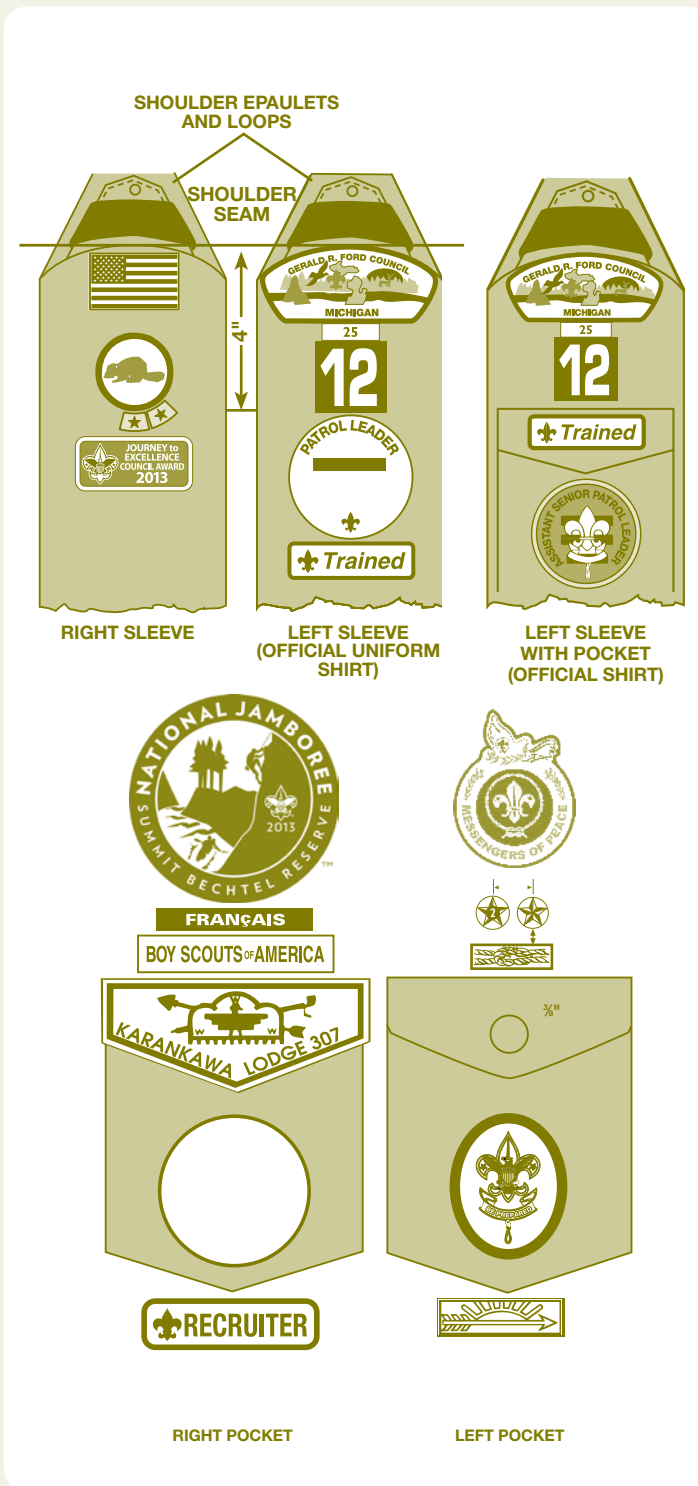
Left Pocket

- 5 pts.
- Service stars** are centered above the pocket, 3/4 inch from top point to top point and 1/2 inch from either the pocket or embroidered knots.
 - Embroidered square knots** are worn centered above the pocket in rows of three.
 - Not more than five medals may be worn, pinned centered immediately above the pocket (extending over knots if both are worn).
 - The order of wearing knots and medals is at the wearer's discretion; typically the medal or knot the wearer deems most important is worn to the wearer's right.
 - Badges of rank** are worn centered on the pocket above the Arrow of Light Award, as shown.
 - The **World Crest emblem** and **Messengers of Peace ring** are worn centered horizontally over the left pocket and vertically between the left shoulder seam and the top of the pocket.

Notes _____

Total Insignia Score (transfer to other side)

30 pts.



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