



Boy Scout Troop 701

Strongsville, Ohio



Dear Future Families of Troop 701,

Congratulations on your tenure with the Cub Scouting Program. Very soon will be the time when your son leaves his current Cub Scout Pack and crosses-over to a Boy Scout Troop. Choosing the correct Boy Scout Troop is an important decision and one that should not be taken lightly. Although our main goal is to have every Cub Scout advance on to a Boy Scout Troop, it is our hope that you choose Troop 701.

Regardless of what Troop you choose, a large amount of information and paperwork will begin coming your way. For those scouts who have chosen to cross-over to Boy Scout Troop 701, we will be holding a special *Early Registration Night* prior to the beginning of the Blue and Gold season. Our intention is to space out as much information as possible to make the transition as easily as possible.

Early Registration Night

Tuesday February 14th

7:01 – 8:30 PM

Chapman Elementary School Library

We encourage you to bring along your son and allow them to spend the evening with their soon to be Troop. This will allow you time to visit with the Adult Leaders and complete some of the required paperwork. During your visit we will cover the following forms:

- BSA Youth Application
- Annual Health and Medical Form (Only Parts A and B are required to begin camping in March. Part C must be completed by Summer Camp.)
- Parental Consent, Authorization and Release Form
- Boy Scout Troop 701 By-laws
- Transportation Information Form (Need your vehicle insurance card.)
- Parental Survey

NOTE: All forms are available on the Troop website, www.troop701.com, under *Forms*. Feel free to begin filling out any forms as time permits. Otherwise, we will address them during your visit.

In addition to the forms above, you will also have the opportunity to meet our Troop Treasurer and setup your son's *Individual Scout Account*. In order to setup your son's account, we require his registration fee be paid. The 2012 registration fee is as follows:

\$16.00	Annual registration with Boy Scouts of America
\$12.00	Annual subscription to Boy's Life Magazine
\$11.00	Troop equipment upkeep and repairs
<u>\$11.00</u>	<u>Cost associated with advancements and awards</u>
\$50.00	Total registration amount due with BSA youth application

Also available that evening will be the following opportunities:

Traveling Scout Shop – rather than driving downtown to the Council Scout Shop, we will have everything your son will need to get started, from the BSA Handbook to uniform patches. All items will be sold at cost; we're just saving you the time and gas.

Uniform Exchange – we offer all of our members the opportunity to borrow their Scouting Uniform from our uniform exchange. Size availability varies but feel free to rummage through our bins and see what you can come up with. Uniform shirts, pants and shorts are available.

Scoutmaster Meeting – when a scout first starts, he and his family are requested to meet with our Scoutmaster. This meeting allows both you and your son the opportunity to meet one on one with the Scoutmaster, learn about the Troop 701 program and complete the first rank in Boy Scouts, the rank of Scout. A meeting signup sheet will be available and slots are filled on a first come, first serve basis.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask. You can contact either:

Mr. Paul Kershey, Assistant Scoutmaster – pkershey@gmail.com or (440) 268-0784

Mr. Scott Horan, Scoutmaster – troop701bsa@gmail.com or (440) 292-7767

We look forward to meeting you and your son on the evening of Tuesday February 14th.

Troop 701 Adult Leader