

Troop Joining Requirements:

1. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Demonstrate the Scout Salute, Sign, Handclasp and describe when they are used.
3. Show how to tie a square knot.
4. Describe the Scout badge and what the different parts of it represent.
5. Understand and be able to talk about the Scout Oath, Scout Slogan, Scout law, Outdoor code, Scout Motto.
6. Participate in a Scoutmaster conference (a general discussion with the Scoutmaster about yourself, family, interests, school, etc.). It is the Scout's responsibility to call for the conference with the Scoutmaster.

Dues and Registration

When a boy joins the troop, he pays a registration fee which is used to register him as a Scout, supply him a neckerchief and 701 patch for his uniform, and to subscribe him to *Boy's Life* magazine. In addition, a portion of the troop dues used to purchase one year of necessary troop supplies, awards, and badges, postage and to help operate the troop program. Troop dues are paid annually in April, or when a boy joins during the year. To join, you son needs to bring his completed application and registration fee to a troop meeting.

Current Annual Dues are:

New Scouts	(w/ <i>Boy's Life</i>)	- \$50.00
Grades 6 – 8	(w/ <i>Boy's Life</i>)	- \$42.00
Grades 9 – 12	no <i>Boy's Life</i>)	- \$33.00

Medical Forms and Policies

Each Scout is to have a current, signed medical form on file with the troop. (Class I at a minimum). This is also used as the parents authorization for camps and trips. If the Scout is attending a summer camp, the Class II portion needs to be completed. This requires a physical exam by a doctor or a sports physical. The Scout form needs to be completed and signed. Class II physical's are good for three years.

Any Scout attending a High Adventure program needs a Class III medical form completed. Scout physicals are good for three years, however, the form needs to be reviewed and re-signed each year by a parent or guardian.

Dispensing of Medicines at Camp

Any Scout requiring medication on a continuing basis or for the duration of a camp, needs to advise the Scoutmaster. The medication will be administered by an adult leader at camp or by the camp medical staff. The medication needs to be in the original bottles with the scout's name on them. It is our policy not to give Scouts non-prescribed medicine without a signed permission slip from the parents or by direction of the camp medical staff. Troop Release Form is in the Troop Forms Section



Uniforms & Equipment

Every boy who has ever entered Scouting will look at the Boy Scout Catalog with big eyes and want one of everything. If your son has crossed over from Cub Scouts you have already encountered such behavior. The following are the different uniform combinations that the Troop requires each boy to have:

Class 'A' Uniform

Regulation BSA shirt –

Khaki either long or short sleeve

Patches -

Cleveland Area Council

American Flag

Arrow of Light (if earned in Cub Scouts)

Leadership position

Patrol Patch (patrol may change every August)

Troop Number 701 patch – (furnished by the Troop)

Neckerchief (Furnished by the Troop)

Regulation BSA pants – Green (look – alike Scout Pants are Not acceptable!)

Regulation BSA Shorts – optional (recommended for summer wear)

Regulation Green Socks – for wear with shorts in summer

BSA Green web belt - optional

BSA Hat - optional (many choices here and none are required for this troop)

Class 'A' uniforms are required at all Troop meetings, including Courts of Honors except advancement nights. When traveling to camp Class 'A' uniform is required unless directed otherwise by the patrol leader in the weekly message.

Class 'B' Uniform

Troop T-shirt (available for purchase directly from Troop 701) replaces the BSA- shirt, the remaining uniform items will be worn.

Class 'B' uniforms are always worn while at camp or at other functions as directed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

Class 'C' Uniform

Troop T-shirt & jeans or other non-scout pants, socks etc.

Class 'D' Uniform

Street Clothes

Note: neckerchief is only worn for formal occasions such as courts of honor or other designated occasions as directed by the Troop and his patrol leader.

Uniform Exchange Program

Our Troop has a uniform exchange program where you can exchange your son's old uniform (out grown) for a larger uniform (used). This can save money. See the Scoutmaster for details.

Sources of BSA Uniforms:

The Scout Shop, located inside the Cleveland Scout Council offices downtown, is a good source for camping gear and official Boy Scout Uniforms. The Scout center is located at E22nd and Woodland. The Scout Shop Phone is: (216)274-0814. The Council Office Phone is: (216)861-6060. Uniforms are also available through J.C.Penneys Catalog (see special Scout catalog) and Whiteys Surplus in Medina. (not available in Berea).

Required Books

Boy Scout Hand Book is required for all Scouts. Your son's rank advancement activities are spelled out in this book along with the information that is needed to pass the requirement. The troop recommends each Scout spend 10 minutes per day reading the handbook to prepare them for rank advancement.

Recommended Books

Boy Scout Field Book is a good source of additional information and in-depth information on material covered in the *Boy Scout Handbook*.