



Troop 701 Philosophy



Organized in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America is the largest non-military youth organization in the world. The Scouting program attempts to build better citizens by encouraging boys to be "physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

Each scout must learn the Scout Oath, in which he promises to do his duty to God and country, to others, and to himself.

Troop 701 has been operating since September 1979, and is one of two Boy Scout troops in Strongsville, Ohio. The troop is sponsored by the Strongsville Rotary Club and holds its weekly meetings at Chapman Elementary School on Drake Road.

A key principle of the scouting program is the emphasis on boy leadership. Scouts are put in patrols, which are groups of 8 - 10 scouts ranging in age from 10 1/2 to 14 years old.

The patrol is led by an older, more experienced scout, who is the Patrol Leader. The Senior Patrol Leader is the scout who is responsible for planning and conducting the troop activities. He is assisted by several other older scouts in staff positions, and together they provide most of the planning, organization and leadership of the troop.

The most important part of the Scouting program is the camping. Those boys who do not actively camp with the troop will not get the full value of the program. Troop 701 conducts a year-round program of weekend camps and a one-week summer camp experience. In addition, a High Adventure trip is offered each summer to the older scouts.

A scout will enjoy camping, regardless of the weather, if he packs the proper equipment. The troop will provide each scout with a packing list of the gear he should bring to camp. We look forward to working with your son in what we consider to be an excellent program for all-around development of a boy.

Our goal is to build your son's character, confidence in himself, and sense of responsibility by providing him with a program that is both dynamic and fun for him. It is our belief that this program should be conducted as a "boy leader" program, and that each scout shall accept the responsibility to participate fully in the activities offered.