



## Welcome to Troop 701

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### **Meeting Place and Time:**

Chapman Elementary School Tuesday nights 7:00 - 8:30

The exceptions to this are nights that there is no school due to snow, holidays, or other days it is closed. In addition, there are nights, such as special elections that we will not meet at the school. The Tuesday night after a campout will be an Advancement Night. Scouts should come prepared to work on passing or learning Scout skills. The session will last from 7:00 to 7:45 for everyone except the older boys.

## **Troop 701 History**

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 24, 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. The Great Western District, of which Troop 701 belongs, has described Troop 701 as "one of the strongest, largest, and best troops on the district", which covers most of the west and southwest suburbs of Cleveland.

## **Boy Leader Program**

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 lead 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.

Each year at Summer Camp, the Scouts vote to fill these important positions. After being elected to one of these positions, the Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader choose an assistant(s) to help him. Several other older scouts in staff positions assist him, and together they provide most of the planning, organization and leadership of the troop. These include Quartermasters who maintain and distribute troop gear such as tents, cooking equipment, and food.

The Chaplain Aide is responsible for the invocation at Court of Honors and for a small non-denominational service at camp. Instructors are used in the training of both new and older Scouts in various Scoutcraft areas, both at the weekly meetings and campouts.

## **Communications**

You will receive a weekly phone call from your patrol leader giving you details for the upcoming meeting and troop activities. In addition, if you provide us with an e-mail address, we will send the message of the week to you that way as well. The third way to get the message of the week is to access the troop web page at [www.troop701.com](http://www.troop701.com). Once a month, we will publish a troop newsletter and distribute it to all of the Scouts. The newsletter will include updates on campouts, troop activities and service projects.

Troop e-mail address:  
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## **Parental Expectations**

We want and need parents to support our program in a variety of ways. All of our meetings and camps are always open for parents to visit and observe. We do discourage parents from attending meeting and camps on a regular basis until your son becomes acclimated to the troop. Experience has taught us that parents tend to be overly protective of their sons and the boys tend to be more reluctant to join in if their parents are present. It is important that your son begins to develop independence and that you also begin to learn to let go. We offer an excellent opportunity for both things to happen in a controlled, supervised atmosphere. Watching your son(s) grow and mature into fine young men is the reward that keeps leaders in Scouting.

At a minimum, we require that parents help the troop by volunteering to serve as a hall monitor twice a year, and also volunteer to drive either to or from camps twice a year. You are free to volunteer more frequently if you desire. In addition, we have a Troop Committee, which meets several times a

year to assist the leaders in running the troop. Parent volunteers can serve in any of the following roles: Committee Chairmen, Fund Raising, Advancement, Transportation, Treasurer, Secretary, Eagle Court of Honor, Food Purchasing, Refreshments, and Senior Program. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## **Scout Expectations**

Your Scout is expected to be in regular attendance for meetings and campouts. We also expect him to attend community service projects that occur during the course of the year. He is expected to conduct himself according to the principles of Scouting as embodied in the Twelve Points of the Scout Law. He will be encouraged and offered every opportunity to learn Scout skills, to demonstrate what he has learned, and to complete the steps required to advance in rank. As he gets older, he will also serve in various leadership roles within the troop. At all times, your son is free to move at a pace that he and you agree is appropriate for him. We would like to see every Scout advance through the ranks and become Eagle Scouts, but only about 2% of the boys who enter Scouting achieve this lofty goal.

As a member of a patrol, your son will learn to work together with this patrol members in an atmosphere of teamwork. As he learns and grows, he will be offered opportunities for increased leadership. Leadership is an opportunity, not a reward or popularity contest. Scouts in positions of leadership are held to higher standards than the remainder of the troop.

## **Advancement**

As a Scout grows, he advances through the ranks from Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and finally, Eagle Scout. For each rank, the Scout must fulfill requirements that are outlined in the Boy Scout Handbook. He must be an active member of the troop, and must pass a Board of Review for each rank. The Board of Review is made up of parents for all ranks. For Eagle Scout, a representative from the District must also be present. The purpose of this Board of Review is to verify that the Scout has fulfilled the requirements, has grown as an individual, and exemplifies the principles of Scouting in a manner appropriate for the rank he is seeking.

## **Camping**

One of the most important parts of the Scouting program is the outdoor 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.

## **Community Service**

Another very important part of the Troop 701 Scouting program is community service. We strongly believe that each Scout has the obligation to give something back to the community in which he lives. In addition to the Eagle Scout projects we undertake during the course of the year, there are several service projects for various organizations within the Strongsville community. Some are in support of our sponsoring organization, the Strongsville Rotary, while others benefit the Backyard Preserve, Camp Cheerful, the city of Strongsville, and more.

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.