

Boy Scout Troop

Twinsburg, Ohio

223

Purpose

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, which was founded in 1910, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. A year-round program for boys 11 through 17 is designed to achieve these aims of Scouting through a vigorous outdoor program and peer-group leadership with the counsel of an adult Scoutmaster.

Local Sponsorship

Boy Scouting is made available to community organizations having similar interests and goals. "Chartered Organizations" include professional organizations, governmental bodies, and religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and citizens' groups. Each organization appoints one of its members as the chartered organization representative. The chartered organization is ultimately responsible for leadership, the meeting place, and support for troop activities.

Troop 223 is chartered locally by the First Congregational Church (on the square) in Twinsburg. Regular meetings are held every Tuesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, usually in the basement of the First Congregational Church. Mr. Jeff Geither, an Eagle Scout himself, is our Scoutmaster.

Troop 223 camps out every month (yes, even in January and February), in tents, cabins, or Adirondack huts (three-sided cabins).

Boy Scout meetings and campouts are always supervised by a minimum of two adults, but troop members themselves are responsible for planning and running the meetings and campouts. And it's not all knot-tying and first aid – here are some pictures from recent Troop 223 campouts and competitions:



Eagle Scout is Boy Scouts' highest achievement, and four Scouts from Troop 223 have earned their Eagle Scout rank in the past few years: Brent S., Martin W., Blake W., John O., Mike C., and Ben H.

National Membership Totals

As of December 31, 2004, total national membership was: 922,323 Boy Scouts with 520,124 adult leaders, in 43,984 troops. Did you know that Neil Armstrong was an Eagle Scout?

The Scout Law. A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

KIND

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

CLEAN

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily