

Introduction to Troop & Crew 56



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Scouts BSA

- Formerly Boy Scouts
- For youth ages 11 to 18
- Co-ed
- Youth leadership development program
 - Hands-on learning
 - (a.k.a. experience-based)
 - Mostly in the outdoors

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Scouts BSA

Scouts:

- Master outdoor skills
- Learn leadership skills
- Explore special interests

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Differences with Cub Scouts

- “Troop” & “Patrols”
(compared to “Den” & “Pack”)
- Self-paced
(not age-segregated)
- Outdoor focus
- **Youth-Led**

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Scouts BSA is Youth-Led



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The youth:

- Run the meetings
- Decide on the trips
- Pack gear, shop for groceries
- Elect the troop's youth leader
- Teach one another

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The adult leaders:

- Advise the youth leaders
- Ensure everyone's safety
- Do the adult-only tasks
 - Pay for the groceries
 - Drive to event sites

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Scouts BSA is Youth-Led

The parents:

- Re-enforce the youth-led model
- Volunteer to help
- Do NOT sign-off on advancement

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Scouts BSA is Youth-Led



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Differences with Other Youth Programs

- Youth Lead
- Open to all
- Self-paced
- Space to learn and grow, often by failing and reflecting
- Parents can participate

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Scouts BSA Advancement

- New Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle

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About Troop 56

September – June

- Meets Tuesdays at 7:00 pm
- One weekend trip per month
- Flat rate for participation
- Three award ceremonies each year

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Summer Opportunities

- Summer camp
- High-adventure options for older Scouts
- Additional cost, but often subsidized

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Dues & Fundraising

- Yearly dues are a few hundred dollars
 - payable twice per year
- Scouts must each pay at least half of the dues for themselves
- Troop has fundraising events to help Scouts earn dues

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Service to the Charter Organization

Each Scout in Troop 56 is required to participate in service to St. James's Church.

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About Troop 56

Health Forms and Medical Policy

- BSA Medical Form is required
- Medications
 - In original containers
 - Scout is responsible
 - No "medication holidays"
- COVID mitigation
 - Vaccination required for anyone eligible
 - Follow CDC guidelines

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About Troop 56

Books and Uniforms

Each Scout will need:

- Scouts BSA handbook
- Uniform shirt (tan or green)
 - With council strip, insignia, “5,6”
- Troop 56 “activity t-shirt”

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Gear

The troop provides:

- Tents
- Camping stoves & cook equipment
- Specialty gear if needed
 - skis, snowshoes, etc.

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Gear

Each Scout should have*:

- sturdy footwear with non-cotton socks
- non-cotton outdoor clothes
- non-cotton thermal top & bottoms
- rain jacket & rain pants
- a headlamp
- a duffle bag and/or backpack
- a sleeping bag and pad
- water bottles

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