

TROOP 567

Information and Procedures Handbook



WELCOME TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 567!

Your son has accepted the challenge to be a member of an organization that is dedicated to the service of our nation's and world's youth since 1910. The Boy Scout program is designed to support the value systems taught in the home and to assist parents in their efforts to develop responsible individuals, future leaders and concerned and active citizens in their community, nation and world. This will be accomplished by following the basic guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. The adult leaders of Troop 567 will accomplish these goals by providing mental and physical activities that will be both fun and challenging to all scouts. We believe that **Together Everybody Achieves More. In this light, we encourage and expect our parents to contribute positive ideas towards building and enriching this Scouting experience of our boys.**

<http://www.troop567.com>

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Section 1 INTRODUCTION

A. Becoming a Scout

To be a Scout your son must be 11 years old, or have completed the fifth grade, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award, but is younger than 18 years of age. He returns a completed application form, which you must sign, to our troop's Scoutmaster or Committee Chairperson along with new scout dues. Your son will receive monthly copies of "Boy's Life", a valuable aid to his Scout program, delivered to your home each month.

Scouting believes that each boy should earn his own way to pay for his dues and personal items. He works on unit-money earning projects to provide the things which his unit needs.

At the time your son's application to be a Scout is accepted, the Scoutmaster will talk with him. He will see that the new Scout understands and subscribes to the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law. He understands the Scout motto, Scout slogan, salute, sign and hand clasp. That he knows the significance of the Scout badge and the Outdoor Code. When your son meets these requirements, he is a Scout. These Scouting ideas are in the Scout Handbook.

Every Scout receives his own personal copy of the Scout Handbook from the troop upon cross over. It contains everything he needs to know about the advancement program, information on the uniform, camping know-how, and many other skills of value and variety.

B. You, Your Son and the Troop

Our troop is organized and administered by a group of volunteer adults. Many of them are parents of boys in the troop who are approved by the chartering organization where the troop meets on a regularly scheduled basis. Please note that our troop currently meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Green Pines Elementary cafeteria.

Troop meetings are planned and conducted by boy leaders under the coaching and guidance of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. This is part of the plan to help your boy grow; to make decisions and take an active part in making the troop program successful. Encourage your son to take his share of the responsibility by taking an active part in all patrol and troop meetings and activities. This is how he will grow in Scouting.

Frequently (every month or so), our troop will conduct a special event. It may be an overnight camp, a visit to some location of special interest or significance, or a troop service project to stimulate his interest and self reliance. Encourage his participation in these events, but let him prepare for them on his own as much as possible. For instance, if he is going on a troop overnight -- let him collect his own gear and pack it. He may make some mistakes, or forget something -- but let him do it -- that's part of the learning experience in Scouting.

The activities of Scouting are vigorous. Each boy is required to have a current Boy Scout Medical Form and Power of Attorney Form on file with the Troop before attending any outdoor activity. Both forms can be found on the Troop website under the 'Forms' tab.

As time goes by, and your son gains experience, he may be selected to serve as a Patrol or Troop Leader. If invited, you'll want him to take advantage of the district leadership development courses for troop leaders to add to his personal growth.

As a concerned and interested parent, the role you play will be vital in determining just how much effect these Scouting experiences will have on your son's development.

Section 2

FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

A. Registration Fee

The Registration Fee is \$15.00 yearly and is *paid for with your troop dues* each February. The Registration Fee includes annual Scout registration and subscription fee for Boys Life.

B. New (Crossover Scout) Dues

New Scouts pay \$75 upon crossover. The fee covers the cost of Registration, The Boy Scout Handbook, neckerchief, and troop dues for the remainder of the scouting year.

C. Yearly Scout Dues

Dues are assessed twice per year.

Fall Dues are associated with Fall Fundraising: \$90/family to buy out. Scout participation in our Fundraising Campaign will avoid some or all of this fee. Remember...A Scout pays his own way.

Spring/Crossover dues: \$75/Scout

*Dues include the following:

- Troop operating costs
 - Monthly camping outings
 - National registration
 - Insurance premiums
 - Boy's Life magazine subscription
 - One troop neckerchief
 - One neckerchief slide
 - Rank advancement patches
 - Merit badge patches
 - Leadership patches
 - One official Boy Scout Handbook
 - Troop 567 Guidelines
 - Camping food and equipment used on troop outings, which includes tents, cooking gear, and dining flies.
- * There may be additional fees associated with some campouts (i.e., raft rental, horse rental, lock-in, etc.)

D. Summer Camp

Summer camp is a week spent at the local council Scout camp. Our troop generally attends summer camp at S Bar F Scout Ranch located near Farmington, MO. Every third year, the troop plans a summer camp experience outside of the St. Louis council. The scout works on several merit badges and other activities typically not available to the troop. Troop 567 attempts to secure camp after summer school for Rockwood School District.

Summer Camp 2011 will be July 17 - 23 at S Bar F Scout Ranch, near Farmington, MO. The cost of that camp is approximately \$230.

E. Fund Raising

Money is needed to support basic troop requirements, such as new equipment, badges, camping fees, etc. There is only one required fundraiser each year. Each family is required to earn an amount of profit set by the Troop Committee. If a family earns less profit than this, they must pay the troop the difference. If a family earns excess profit, the excess is evenly divided between the troop and the Scout's account. Other optional fund raisers may be held to allow Scouts to earn additional money for their Scout accounts to pay for Scouting expenses.

F. Scout Accounts: Scout accounts are considered troop funds that represent individual Scout's prepayments toward future expenses, such as summer camp, dues, or other outings. Scouts who transfer to another troop will have their account transferred to the new troop, not the scout. Scout account funds cannot be withdrawn for any reason other than Scouting expenses.

Section 3

FAMILY PARTICIPATION AND SUPPORT

Although our Scout program is planned, run and enjoyed by the Scouts with adult supervision, some elements are designed for the family. Troop Courts of Honor, where Scouts receive advancement recognition, are designed for parent/family participation. Your enthusiastic participation in the troop will go far in making our whole program successful.

Participation by each family is required to make sure our troop can support our Boy Scouts. The adults who provide supervision, support, and time to make our troop a success are volunteers -- most with sons in the troop. How you support our troop depends on your talent and available time. Both mothers and fathers can give a few hours to provide transportation for a weekend camp-out. You may be asked to help maintain troop equipment (tents, cook kits, etc...), be a merit badge counselor, serve on our troop committee, or serve in some other leadership position. Whatever your volunteer role, our troop needs you for its ongoing success.

A. Troop Rules

Rules and guidelines have been established in this guide in order to maintain order at troop meetings and outdoor activities. It is expected that parents will encourage the Scouts to follow these rules and guidelines.

B. Transportation

Parents are needed to transport Scouts to and from troop activities, as well as help in transporting the troop equipment trailer. Parents of Scouts who register late for an outing will be required to provide their own transportation to and from the outing.

C. Parent Meetings

All parents are encouraged to attend Parent Meetings that are held on the 1st Monday after the 1st Tuesday of each month. The meetings are held at Green Pines Elementary School cafeteria, and begin at 7:00 p.m. (unless school is not in session or Green Pines has scheduled a school activity for the same night. The alternate site in this situation will be posted on the troop website). Scout parents and Adult Troop Leadership approve programs and issues presented by the Patrol Leader Council and any other miscellaneous business.

D. Communication

Website: Troop communication including the calendar, activities, forms, and permission slips comes from the website www.troop567.com, and from the Yahoo! group list. Confidential information (phone lists, scout account information, etc) can be found on the closed page of the website. To access this private section of the site, go to www.troop567.com/closed

username: tbone

password: beprepared

Yahoo! Groups email list: To become a member of the Yahoo! group email list, you may request to be added from www.groups.yahoo.com or submit your email address to the webmaster. Once you are signed up, you will receive any group emails that are sent to the list, including updates on outings, changes in meeting details, service opportunities, etc. Since the troop leadership sends most information this way, it is essential that you become a member of this list to not miss out.

E. Merit Badge Instructors

Because of their education, training, or life experiences, some parents may be qualified to become merit badge counselors. They share skills by teaching a class for one or more weeks during the training part of troop meetings or work with and review the work of Scouts toward specific merit badges. Parents are encouraged to contact the Merit Badge Chairperson for more information.

F. Leaders

The troop is always looking for additional adult leaders. In order to become a Scout Leader, an adult must complete the Adult Leader Training course offered by the Boy Scout Council. Adults interested in the leadership of the Scouts may choose to be Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster and should consult with the Committee Chair and Scoutmaster for available opportunities. Adults participating in the outings are encouraged to attend Adult Basic Leader Training or Wood Badge Training to become better prepared to provide leadership and guidance to the Scouts. All adult leaders must submit an application and be approved by the Committee Chair and the Chartered Organization Representative. Leaders must also complete Youth Protection Training.

G. Troop Support Positions

Parents may choose to be helpful on specific occasions. For example, parents are sometimes needed to sit on a Board of Review. There are also special troop activities, such as special dinners and fund-raisers, for which parents may volunteer their time or expertise. Parents may also serve in one of the following positions:

1. **Committee Chairperson:** The role of the Committee Chairperson is to organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed, maintains a close relationship with the chartered organizations representative and the Scoutmaster, prepare troop committee meeting agendas, call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly troop parent meetings and any special meetings that may be called, records the minutes of the committee meetings and distributes these minutes to committee members and adult leaders ensures troop representation at monthly roundtables, secures trained individuals for camp leadership, arranges for charter review and recharter annually.
2. **Treasurer:** The Treasurer is responsible for finances, including keeping records, making disbursements, providing monthly reports and annual audits to the committee, and preparing an annual budget.
3. **Scoutmaster:*** The Scoutmaster conducts the troop program and assists the Committee Chair in planning meeting agendas. The Scoutmaster is the adult responsible for the image and program of the troop. The Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts. The importance of the Scoutmaster's job is reflected in the fact that the quality of his guidance will affect every youth and adult involved in the troop. Requirements include: training and guiding boy leaders, working with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to boys, using the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting, meeting regularly with the patrol leaders' council (PLC) for training and coordination in planning troop activities, attending all troop meetings or, when necessary, arranging for a qualified adult substitute, attending troop committee meetings, conducting Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements, delegating responsibility to other adults and groups (assistants, troop committee) so that they have a real part in troop operations, ensuring each Scout has the opportunity to experience at least 10 days and nights of camping each year, participating in council and district events, building a strong program by using proven methods presented in Scouting literature, conducting all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.
4. **Assistant Scoutmaster:*** An Assistant Scoutmaster aids the Scoutmaster in conducting the troop program.

5. **Fundraising Event Coordinator:** This individual presents a fund raising plan to the parents and organizes the execution of the approved plan.
6. **Recruiting Coordinator:** This individual is responsible for maintaining contact with the local Cub Scout packs that feed into the troop, organizing an annual campout and troop meeting in which the Webelos from these packs are invited, and reporting to the committee any information that promotes or maintains good pack/troop relations.
7. **Advancement Chairman:** This individual is responsible for monitoring individual Scout advancement.
8. **Quartermaster:** The Quartermaster coordinates the acquisition, maintenance, organization, care, and inventory for all troop equipment.
9. **Outing Coordinator:** This individual plans, arranges, and executes the outdoor program in conjunction with the PLC. Currently, Troop 567 asks for a different Outing Coordinator for each individual campout.
10. **Grubmaster/Grubmistress:** The Grubmaster is responsible for working with the PLC to coordinate meals and purchasing food for monthly campouts.
11. **Merit Badge Coordinator:** This individual is responsible for recruiting and maintaining a list of volunteers willing to work with Scouts on merit badges.
12. **Webmaster:** The Webmaster is responsible for maintaining the Troop website.

**Requires Basic Leader Training (BLT) and Youth Protection Training (YPT).*

Section 4 ATTENDANCE

Attendance is required at all activities. This is, of course, not always possible and it is requested that the Patrol Leader be notified on these occasions.

- A. Troop meetings** are held every Tuesday, except the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria at Green Pines Elementary School, 16543 Green Pines Dr, Wildwood, MO. Scouts must wear the appropriate uniform to troop meetings and bring their Boy Scout handbook. The correct uniform for each meeting is posted on the Troop website.
- B. Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC)** meetings are held the first Monday of the month at 7:00 PM in the Green Pines cafeteria. Attendance of the SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders, Librarian, Quartermaster, Chaplain's Aide, OA Representative, Historian, Den Chiefs, Troop Guide Representative, and Troop Scribe is required.
- C. Court of Honor** is generally held on the last Sunday of October, February, and May at Woodlawn Chapel 16520 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011 at 3 p.m. A Court of Honor is also held on the Thursday night of Summer Camp. Scouts are recognized for achievement, merit badges, rank advancement, and other awards. Attendance by Scouts and parents is expected. A special Court of Honor is arranged when a Scout advances to Eagle rank.

Section 5

TROOP 567 UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

There is one way in which all scouts are alike. Whenever a Scout sees another person in a scout uniform, he knows he is like that person because both have committed themselves to the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Promise.

Class A: Courts of Honor, Out of Council Travel and Special Events

- Neckerchief and slide
- Shirt: BSA Scout Shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Pants: Scout pants or Scout shorts with scout belt & buckle
- Socks: Scout socks
- Shoes: Dark Shoes (i.e., Dockers, Hiking Boots)

The merit badge sash is worn during formal activities and events, and not during Troop meetings or campouts. **Only one sash may be worn at any time.** Merit badges only are worn on the **FRONT** of the sash. On the back of the sash, additional merit badges may be sewn and temporary insignia may be sewn. The Order of the Arrow, Boy Scouting's national honorary camping and service society, has three sashes which are worn during formal Order of the Arrow events, ceremonies, and activities and when **PERFORMING SERVICE FOR OTHERS**. Sashes are NOT worn nor suspended from a belt during regular meetings, activities or unit/district/council camping events.

Class B: Scout meetings, Normal Activities and In Council Travel

- Shirt: BSA Scout Shirt (long or short sleeve)
- Pants: Blue jeans (not torn) or shorts with scout belt & buckle
- Socks: Scout socks if wearing scout shorts, otherwise comfortable socks
- Shoes: Shoes appropriate for the event / outing

Class C: Campout/Hikes

- Shirt: Troop 567 shirt (with additional layers as weather requires) – acquired at first summer camp
- Pants: Blue jeans (not torn) or shorts with scout belt & buckle
- Socks: Scout socks if wearing scout shorts
- Shoes: Shoes appropriate for the event / outing

Section 6

ADVANCEMENT

The single most important record of a Scout's advancement is his Boy Scout Handbook. This must be a cherished and safeguarded item to all scouts, and must be presented to his Eagle Board of Review to document advancement.

A. Boy Scout Ranks

1. Advancement in Boy Scouts requires mastering a set of skills at each rank. The skills become more demanding as the Scout moves through the ranks. The outcomes of attainment of these skills include the enjoyment of the outdoors, the ability to work well with others, the development of leadership skills, self-confidence and physical fitness.
2. The following Boy Scout ranks are listed in the order in which they must be attained: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle and Eagle Palms. The advancement requirements are listed in the Boy Scout Handbook.
3. Scouts may work on requirements for different ranks at the same time, although he must earn them in sequence. Some requirements include an activity requirement, service hours, and/or holding a leadership position for a certain time period.

B. Advancement Through The Ranks

There are four steps in the advancement process:

1. The Scout learns scouting skills by taking an active part in troop meetings and outdoor activities.
2. The Scout is tested by Scout Leaders on the mastery of skills. Upon the satisfaction of the requirements, the Leaders initials and date are recorded in the Scout's Boy Scout Handbook.
3. When the Scout completes all requirements for a rank, he meets with the Scoutmaster for a Scoutmasters Conference (SMC) and then appears before the Board of Review (BOR), which consists of members of the Troop Committee and parents.
4. When the Scout is certified by the Board of Review, he is recognized as being advanced at that troop meeting. His new badge of rank is awarded at the next Court of Honor. A Scout may want to have his new rank badge immediately and should make those arrangements with the Scoutmaster and Advancement Chair.

C. Scoutmaster's Conference (SMC)

1. Each of the six ranks in Scouting requires participation in a Scoutmaster's conference. The purpose of the conference is to develop understanding and trust between the Scoutmaster and the Scout. The Scoutmaster counsels the Scout and guides him in solving his own problems and setting his own goals.
2. Although a Scoutmaster's conference is a private interaction between the Scoutmaster and Scout, the conference takes place in an open area in full view of other Scouts, parents and adult leaders.
3. SMC's are scheduled by contacting the Advancement Chairperson who will verify if a scout is eligible for a SMC. The Scout will then need to contact the Scoutmaster for a conference.
4. The Scout will then need to contact the Board of Review Chairperson to schedule a meeting with the Board of Review.
5. The Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review are typically held during the last meeting of each month.
6. When scheduling the SMC or BOR the Scout will be asked to present his book to verify that the scout has completed the requirements. Requirements for the SMC, BOR will be signed off at the SMC and BOR.

**** Remember, the Scout book is the "official" record and must be maintained by the Scout.*

D. Boards Of Review

1. When a Scout completes all requirements for a rank, he appears before a Board of Review. The Board consists of the members of the Troop Committee and selected parents. The Board of Review is not a skill test. The Board discusses the completion of the requirements with the Scout. The Board asks the Scout how he feels about the troop and its program and encourages him to keep advancing.

E. Court Of Honor

1. Court of Honor is a special troop meeting during which Scouts are recognized for advancement in rank and attainment of merit badges. Special awards to Scouts and adult leaders may also be made at a Court of Honor.
2. A Court of Honor is generally scheduled on the last Sunday in October, February, and May at Woodlawn Chapel, 16520 Clayton Road, Ballwin, MO 63011. Ceremonies begin at 3 p.m. A Court of Honor Ceremony is also held on the Thursday night of summer camp. Parents are urged to attend each and every Troop Court of Honor since we find this to be one of the very important times in a Scout's life.
3. When a Scout has advanced to Eagle rank, a special Eagle Court of Honor is scheduled. This Court of Honor program, location, and activities are the responsibility of the Eagle to be honored. This ceremony is in addition to the regular troop Court of Honor and must be coordinated with the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chair. Special invitations are mailed to Scouts and their parents, which request their attendance at a Scout's Eagle Court of Honor.

F. Merit Badges-General

1. Merit badges are badges awarded to Scouts for fulfilling requirements in specific fields of interest. There are more than a hundred merit badges that can be earned in the areas of careers, sports, hobbies, and scouting skills. There is a list at the back of the Scout Handbook.
2. Certain merit badges are required for advancement to Eagle rank. The Boy Scout Handbook contains the requirements for the Eagle-required merit badges. Information on other merit badges may be obtained from specific merit badge booklets. Troop 567 has many merit badge pamphlets in the troop library. The Troop endeavors to stay current with merit badge availability and requirements, which are periodically modified at the national level.
3. Once the Scout decides on the merit badge he wants to pursue, the following are steps that need to be taken to obtain the merit badge.
 - a. First, a Scout earns a merit badge by getting the Scoutmaster's approval to work with an approved adult counselor. The SM will give the Scout a signed merit badge card to signify his approval for the Scout to proceed with the merit badge. The troop website and the St. Louis Boy Scout website (<http://www.stlbsa.org/Pages/Home.aspx>) has a list names and phone numbers of approved counselors. Troop 567 has merit badge counselors for many merit badges within the troop. The Merit Badge Chairperson maintains the Troop's list of approved merit badge counselors. Parents are encouraged to see the Merit Badge Chairperson to become a merit badge counselor.
 - b. Second, the Scout must make an appointment with the approved counselor before starting work on the merit badge. The counselor will explain the merit badge requirements, help the Scout set goals for the activities and establish dates for further reviews. The counselor will sign the center portion of the Scout's merit badge card on the appropriate line.
 - c. The Scout works on the requirements of the merit badge, meeting with the counselor as necessary to review the progress and help with any concerns.
 - d. When the Scout has completed the requirements, he makes a final appointment with the counselor, who reviews the Scout's accomplishments and signs the card.
 - e. The Scout then provides the card to the Advancement Chair. It will be reviewed for all the appropriate information and signatures. If there are any errors or omissions, the card will be returned to the Scout for correction. Once these errors or omissions have been corrected, the card may then be resubmitted for processing. The MB card will then be entered into the database to obtain the badge. The badge is normally awarded at the next Court of Honor.
 - f. The Scout sews the merit badge onto his sash. He must retain the card he receives with the badge for his records. These cards will be needed for his Eagle Board of Review.

Note: The Duffle Bag is a great source of information about merit badge sessions.

G. Merit Badges-Summer Camp

1. The Scout chooses the badges he would like to earn.
2. The Scout reviews requirements for the badges by using on-line worksheets or by borrowing or purchasing a merit badge book. Camp documents will indicate work to be completed before arriving at camp.
3. Scouts complete prerequisites before coming to camp to insure completion of the badge at camp

H. Religious Awards

1. Although the Boy Scouts is a nonsectarian movement, there is a close relationship between the Boy Scouts and virtually all religious denominations in the United States.
2. Requirements for the various religious emblems are in the Boy Scout Handbook. These requirements have been established by the religious organizations. The Scout works through his own spiritual leader in earning the emblem. Parents should speak with the Chartered Organization Representative for help in finding information about a specific religious emblem.

I. Order Of The Arrow

1. The purpose of the Order of the Arrow is fourfold:
 - a. To recognize those Scout campers who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives.
 - b. To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
 - c. To promote Scout camping.
 - d. To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.
2. Scouts are elected to the Order by their fellow unit members. To become a member, a youth must be a registered member of a Boy Scout troop or Varsity Scout team and hold First Class rank. The youth must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, weekend, or other short-term camps.
3. Adult selection is based on their ability to perform the necessary functions to help the Order fulfill its purpose, and is not for recognition. Selected adult Scouters must be an asset to the Order because of demonstrated abilities, and provide a positive role model for the youth members of the lodge. Adults are elected by the Troop Committee members. The adults must have experienced fifteen days and nights of Boy Scout camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include one, but no more than one, long-term camp consisting of six consecutive days and five nights.

J. Eagle Board Of Review Process

The following are the basic requirements and process to becoming an Eagle Scout.

1. In order to become an Eagle Scout, the Scout must:
 - a. be active in the Troop and patrol for at least six months,
 - b. demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in your everyday life,
 - c. earn a total of 21 merit badges, including those 12 required for eagle,
 - d. have completed or is serving a six month term in a Troop leadership position,
 - e. have completed the Eagle Scout service project.
2. Meets with the Troop 567 Eagle Board of Review who will review the Eagle Scout service project and ensure the Scout is ready for the New Horizon's District Board of Review, and then meets with the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee Chair.
3. Meets with the New Horizons District Eagle Board of Review who will review and approve the Eagle Scout service project. Following approval, the Scout may begin to work on the service project.
4. Completes the service project, writes the final report, prepares the Eagle Scout application, gets four letters of recommendation, writes a statement of life ambitions and purpose, meets with the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chair.
5. After completing all requirements in 2, above, the Scout meets with the Troop 567 Eagle Board of Review.
6. Submits the application, merit badge cards, and other paperwork to the Council for review and approval.
7. Meets with the District Eagle Board of Review who will review the completed project and determine if the Scout is qualified to be an Eagle Scout. If approved, the Scout is an Eagle Scout as of the date of the Board of Review.

Section 7

ORGANIZATION OF TROOP

A. Organization By Experience Level

The current scouting program establishes a breakdown of the troop into the following three groups of Scouts and is further described in "The Boy Scout Handbook" and "The Scoutmaster Handbook": New Scout Patrols, Regular Patrols, and Older Scout Patrols. This structure is intended to provide programs for different levels of skills and experience of the boys within the troop.

1. **New Scout Patrols** include those Scouts from their entrance into Boy Scouts to the end of the first year. The goal for this group is to learn the basic skills of scouting. It is anticipated they will have learned these skills when they have reached the First Class rank during the first year. An Assistant Scoutmaster(s) and Troop Guides works closely with the Patrol(s) to ensure that each new Scout has the opportunity to learn the basic Scouting skills, such as camping, hiking, cooking and other requirements needed to achieve First Class rank.
2. **Regular Patrols** include those experienced Scouts who have completed their first year. They are groups of peers similar in age, achievements and interests. Most have been in Scouting long enough to be comfortable with patrol and troop routines and are well-versed in camping, hiking, cooking and Scouting's other basic skills. The goal for this group is to improve and expand on the skills learned to achieve First Class, to continue advancing by earning merit badges, to demonstrate leadership skills, and to perform service projects. This group assists in training the new Scouts.
3. **Older Scout Patrols** are for Scouts who are between the ages of 13 and 17. This group has exhibited maturity and skills to take on more challenging activities. An Assistant Scoutmaster may be assigned to these Patrols to help the Patrol Leader transform their plans into action. The goal for this group is to challenge the Scout to use the skills they have developed over the first three years while continuing to work on merit badges towards Eagle. This group may assist in training the new and the experienced Scouts and in planning and accomplishing troop activities.

B. Organization By Patrols

1. Troop 567 is currently organized into patrols of approximately six to 10 boys around the patrol descriptions in Section A in order to let the boys develop and maintain friendship with their peers.
2. Each patrol elects its own leader with the exception of a new scout patrol, which may have an appointed Patrol Leader with experience. The Patrol Leader then appoints Scouts to assist him in the various patrol positions, which are listed in the next section.
3. Patrols may be combined on outings to make the best use of available Troop equipment, such as stoves, tents, etc.

C. Leadership Positions

1. Troop elections are held in fall and spring each year. Elections may be held at other times when approved by the PLC. General requirements to be met for all leadership positions:
 - a. Make an effort to advance in rank.
 - b. Display leadership potential.
 - c. Attend a minimum of 70% of the troop's activities.
 - d. Show scouting spirit.
2. The Scoutmaster determines whether a Scout meets the above requirements.

D. Troop Positions

1. **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL):** Having served as Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and elected by the Scouts to run the troop the SPL takes charge of troop meetings, leads the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC), and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns special responsibilities as needed. The SPL should be at least 13 years old, have the rank of Star Scout or higher, have previously held a troop leadership position.

2. **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL):** Appointed by the SPL to assist the SPL and substitute for him when he is absent, the ASPL trains and gives directions to the troop Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, Librarian, Instructor, and Cheer Master. The ASPL should be 13 years old, at least a Star Scout in rank, and have previously held a troop leadership position.
3. **Quartermaster:** Elected by the PLC to be in charge of supplies and equipment, the quartermaster keeps a current inventory of patrol and troop equipment, and sees that it is in good condition. He works with the Patrol Quartermasters to keep track of equipment. He reports to the PLC on missing or damaged equipment. He reports directly to the Assistant Scoutmaster-Quartermaster.
4. **Scribe:** Elected by the PLC to be the troop's secretary the Scribe attends the PLC meeting and takes minutes. He records and reports to the PLC on the attendance and activities at troop meetings and troop outings.
5. **Historian:** Elected by the PLC to collect and care for troop memorabilia, the historian keeps a scrapbook of photos, news stories, and awards relating to current and former Scouts and leaders. He keeps a record of events and activities. He also makes materials available when needed for programs, news stories, or troop history projects.
6. **Librarian:** Elected by the PLC to keep track of the troop's information resources, the Librarian keeps the troop's books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list. He handles the checking in and out of materials and recommends the replacement of old materials or the acquisition of new materials.
7. **Den Chief:** Appointed by the Scoutmaster to work with a den of Cub Scouts in conjunction with an adult den leader, the Den Chief helps with den meetings, helps the Cub Scouts earn achievements, and serves as a role model for the younger boys.

E. Patrol Positions

1. **Patrol Leader:** Elected by the patrol members to lead the patrol, the Patrol Leader is in charge of planning and directing regular patrol meetings and activities. He appoints the other leadership positions in the patrol and represents his patrol at the PLC meetings. He is the person that the patrol member's contact for information on troop meetings, troop outings, and troop activities. The Scoutmaster may appoint a Patrol Leader with experience for a new Scout patrol.
2. **Assistant Patrol Leader:** Appointed by the Patrol Leader to assist him and take over for him when he is absent. The Assistant Patrol Leader carries out special tasks assigned to him by the Patrol Leader.
3. **Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)**
 - a. The patrol leader's council is the group in the Scout-led Troop that plans and runs the Troop's program and activities and gives the long-range direction with an annual program. The PLC includes the SPL, ASPL's, Patrol Leaders and Troop guides of any new-Scout patrols, the SM and ASM's that are involved with programs or activities that may be discussed. The PLC plans each Troop Meeting and makes assignments for each patrol's participation in the meetings.
 - b. The SPL conducts the PLC. Patrol Leaders and Troop guides present the ideas and concerns of their Patrol. The PLC adopts ideas based on a majority vote of those present.
 - c. The SM and ASM's attend the meetings to make suggestions and provide guidance to enhance the program, assure that BSA Policy is followed and that safety concerns are met.

F. Approval

The Scoutmaster (SM) must approve all leadership positions. The SM for disciplinary reasons, poor attendance, or failure to demonstrate Scout spirit may dismiss a Scout leader from his position.

Section 8

OUTDOORS PROGRAM

A. Outdoors Activities

Troop 567 has an outdoor program with an average of ten camping trips and outings per year. Past activities have included the following: canoeing, rappelling, rock climbing, fishing, hiking, backpacking, rifle shooting, pioneering, and horseback riding. Troop 567 also participates in New Horizons District events such as summer camp at Greater St. Louis Area Council Boy Scout camps, out-of-council camps, and national Boy Scout high adventure camps.

B. Weekend Campouts/Outings

1. A one or two night campout is typically held once a month, except during the months of January (typically the Lock-In), June, July (summer camp), and August. The locations of the campouts, as well as the accompanying activities are chosen by the PLC and Troop Committee representatives during the annual planning session.
2. The patrol method is employed in planning and carrying out the campout. The organizational Patrols defined in Section 2 may be combined on outings to make the best use of available Troop equipment, such as stoves, tents, etc. The PLC coordinates the menus and duty rosters. All patrol members participate in setting up camp and performing cooking and cleaning up chores, according to the duty roster.
3. The troop cost of the campout is determined by the Outing Coordinator and approved by the Troop Committee. This fee is collected by the Outing Coordinator.
4. Each campout requires the completion of a permission slip. The slip, along with information on the campout is emailed to each Scout family. This slip includes emergency information and requires the signature of the Scout's parent or guardian. No Scout will be allowed to participate in the campout without a signed permission slip. The permission slips are collected by the Outing Coordinator. Each Scout attending an activity needs to have a valid Health History and Power of Attorney form completed and on file. If a Scout requires medication during the outing, medication are to be given to the Outing Coordinator for the outing prior to departure for the outing. Any unused medication will be returned to the parent at the end of the outing.
5. Class C Uniform is to be worn when traveling to a campout. Class A or B uniform, or other attire, as specified by the PLC, is to be worn at a campout.
6. Transportation for campouts is arranged by the Outing Coordinator. Scout parents are expected to do their share of driving. Scouts and parents meet promptly at the Green Pines Elementary School parking lot at the specified departure time. Scouts are not allowed to leave early from campouts unless they have the permission, in advance, of the Outing Coordinator. All Scouts are required to participate in the setting up and breaking of camp and in the loading and unloading of the trailer.

C. Summer Camp

1. Summer camp is a full week each year. The Troop enters the St. Louis Area Boy Scout Council Lottery for camp location and dates. The lottery is held in October and the troop is notified in November.
2. The cost of summer camp is determined by the specific camp each year. The cost is approximately \$230 for S Bar F Scout Ranch. Additional money may be required for craft merit badges.
3. Scouts may use their "scout account" money, accrued in their accounts during the fund-raiser, to help pay for the cost of camp. Spending money to be used during the trips to and from camp, as well as at camp, may also be required.
4. Medical examinations are required in order for Scouts and adults to attend summer camp. Each Scout must have a current Boy Scout Medical Record/Medical Evaluation. The form is valid for one (1) year and can be found on the at http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf.
5. Summer camp sign-up occurs in March each year. The sign-up fee is sometimes refundable as determined by the council.

6. Parents are needed to provide transportation to and from camp. They are also be needed to augment leadership during the week of camp. Fees for adults to camp are paid by the Troop.
7. A camping equipment list can be found at the back of this handbook.

D. High Adventure Programs

1. The Boy Scouts of America have several high adventure camps throughout the country. Troop 567 has attended Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Because of the popularity of this facility, Troops can only go every other year. We are scheduled to attend in July of 2012. This summer, in addition to summer camp, the troop has elected to attend Sea Base, a high adventure camp in the Florida Keys.
2. Scouts may attend high adventure activities if they are 14 when they leave for the high adventure activity and have reached or passed the rank of First Class. (This age requirement is set by the Boy Scouts of America for high adventure activities.)
3. Scouts are required to complete a special physical form in order to attend high adventure camps.
4. The cost of a high adventure camping trip is determined by the cost of the camp and the cost of the trip to and from the camp. The High Adventure Coordinator determines the cost of the trip and provides a payment schedule to participants. Since moneys must be paid to make reservations at camp and the cost of transportation is determined by the number of participants, all payments are not refundable.

Section 9 PERMISSION FORMS

In accordance with BSA policy, Troop 567 policy requires a parental consent form signed by a parent **prior** to a scout attending any troop outing. There are no exceptions. Permission forms are due the parent meeting prior to the outing. Late permission forms require the parent to provide transportation to and from the outing for their scout. All forms will be on the troop web site activities page <http://www.troop567.com>.

Section 10 DISCIPLINE POLICY

- A. Each Scout is expected to adhere to the following personal behavior guides and standards: the twelve points of the Scout law: "A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent"; the Scout Motto: "Be Prepared"; and the Scout Slogan: "Do a Good Turn Daily ". He is expected to live by the principles of Scouting at all times.
- B. Problems or issues of concern to individual Scouts are addressed in the following way:
 - a. the issue is first addressed with the Patrol Leader;
 - b. if not resolved , the Scout and the Patrol Leader go to the Senior Patrol Leader;
 - c. if not resolved, the Scout, the Patrol Leader, and the SPL go to the Scoutmaster (another adult should be present with the Scoutmaster – two deep leadership);
 - d. if not resolved, the Scoutmaster goes to the Troop Committee;
 - e. Major problems, such as stealing, injuring another person, violating safety rules, etc, are addressed by the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chair. All discipline proceedings will involve two or more adults.
- C. Any Scout may talk directly with the Scoutmaster or any Assistant Scoutmaster, with another adult present, regarding a problem or safety issue. Depending on the circumstances of the issue, the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster may either address the issue directly, or encourage the Scout to use the "chain of command" discussed above.
- D. Discipline during a single activity is administered by first issuing a warning. The second instance of improper behavior during an activity includes a second warning and a call to the Scout's parent/guardian.

The third instance of improper behavior during an activity results in a call to the parent/guardian to immediately come to the activity site and pick-up the Scout. The following may be considered as consequences for improper behavior: conference with Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters, a "reflection period" during a meeting or activity, removal from meeting or activity accompanied by a call to parent to pick up Scout, exclusion from meetings or activities for a specified period, delay or failure to advance in rank, and expulsion from the troop. The Scoutmaster or Acting Scoutmaster determines the appropriate consequences. Normally, suspensions and expulsions require the approval of the Committee Chair.

Section 11 SAFETY POLICY

- A. Since safe scouting is a vital objective, Troop 567 strictly obeys the policies and guidelines included in the "Guide to Safe Scouting," published by the Boy Scouts of America. Areas of concern include the following: adult leadership requirements for trips and outings, aquatics safety; camping; drug, alcohol, and tobacco use and abuse; emergency preparedness; first aid; fuels and fire prevention; guns and firearms; hazardous sports and activities; medical information; special precautions; transportation; winter activities; and youth protection and child abuse.
- B. Scouts and adults are expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law during all Scout activities, and also in their personal lives.
- C. Troop 567's safety policy does not tolerate; teasing or harassment, "put-downs" which make someone feel bad, physical or emotional abuse, hazing, or trashing of another's personal belongings, equipment, tent, or uniform.

Section 12 FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS

A. Troop Year

- 1. The fiscal year for Troop 567 is from September 1 through August 31.
- 2. All records will be closed out effective August 31.

B. Tax Exempt Number

The troop has a tax-exempt number from the State of Missouri. This number should be used for purchases requiring the payment of sales tax. A letter stating the tax-exempt status of Troop 567 is available from the Committee Chair or Troop Treasurer.

C. Insurance

The Greater St. Louis Area Council provides insurance to all registered leaders.

D. Fund Raisers and Dues

- 1. The Fund-Raiser Coordinator presents a fund-raising plan to the Committee Chair and Scoutmaster and organizes the execution of this plan. Fundraising is conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Greater St. Louis Area Council.
- 2. Normally one or two fund-raisers are held per year.

E. Administrative Records

- 1. All administrative records used by the Troop, such as rosters, e-mail lists, advancement records, medical information, should be considered confidential to the Troop and not used for private or commercial purposes.
- 2. Any outdated records should be destroyed in such a manner as to make them unusable.

Section 10

NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY

Troop 567 follows the policy of the Boy Scouts of America. Rules for participation are the same for all boys without regard to race, color, national origin, or disability.

Section 11

GLOSSARY/ NOTES

Beaumont Boy Scout Camp: Located off of I-44, at the Antire Hill Road. It will be approximate 1/2 mile off of the exit, down the hill and on your left.

Board of Review: A review made up of adults associated with the troop who want to learn more about the Scout and better understand what Scouting is doing. The purpose is not to re-test the Scout, but rather to be certain the Scout has passed the requirements for a higher rank, to get a sense of the value Scouting has for the Scout, and to clear the way for further advancement. The board will be interested in discussing the Scout's service to others, what has been learned from the work on the rank advancement, and ways in which the Scout has been acting as a leader. A Scout should be dressed in his Class "A" uniform.

Boy Scout Handbook: Bring to every outing and meeting. Put a cover on it to protect. Place Name & Number on inside pages, outside cover, and the border of the pages. You do not want to lose the book, as it is the Scout's record of accomplishments and rank advancement.

Court of Honor: A formal ceremony to recognize Scouts for rank advancement and other Scouting achievements. This event is held with an audience of family, friends, chartered organization officials, and troop leaders. Typically held September, December, March, and July (with July's being held at summer camp on Parents Night).

Cracker Barrel: A troop sharing of snacks for all scouts.

Merit Badge: Each merit badge focuses on a particular area. Before a Scout may work on a merit badge, they must first contact a merit badge counselor for the badge they wish to work on. A list of merit badge counselors is posted on the troop website. Once a Scout begins work on a merit badge, they have **one year** to complete work on the merit badge, otherwise they will have to start over. The Scout will work on 3 to 4 merit badges at summer camp, but the Scout will need to work on some on his own during the school year to continue a steady advancement. The Duffel Bag is a great source of upcoming merit badges the St. Louis Area Council is sponsoring, and most of these can be completed in 1 or 2 weekend days.

Merit Badge Cards: Do not lose these. These are difficult to replace if lost, and are required for presentation when your son has completed the work on the Eagle rank.

Order of the Arrow: An organization of Scouts and adult Scouts who have been elected by their peers for their commitment to serving others. This organization does service projects for the community and for Boy Scouts.

Outing Tips: Eat before departing on Friday for a weekend troop outing.

Parent's Night: This occurs on Thursday night of summer camp. It is a time for the parents to see what their son has worked on at summer camp, it is a Court of Honor for the troop, and a chance to see the Tap Out Ceremony for the Order of the Arrow. Parents of new Scouts are encouraged to attend this night.

Patrol Guides: Adults who work with a Patrol providing leadership guidance to the Patrol Leader. The adult must have been through Basic Leader Training.

Patrol Leaders Council: The activities of your troop are planned by a Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) made up of the Patrol Leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmaster, and other troop leaders. The PLC discusses future meetings and outings for the whole troop. Your Patrol Leader shares ideas that have come from Scouts in his patrol. The Patrol Leaders' Council considers the suggestions and needs of all the Scouts, then maps out the activities for the troop. Held the 1st Tuesday of each month, when school is in session.

Rank Advancement: Your son will begin as a Scout and work through the requirements to advance to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and finally, Eagle. It is his responsibility to take advantage of training opportunities at meetings and outings, to have his handbook signed, and to make his appointments for Boards of Review and Scoutmaster Conferences.

Roundtable: A monthly meeting held by our Boy Scout District (New Horizons). Meeting is attended by a representative of each troop in that district. Purpose is to distribute information to each troop. Parents in our troop take turns attending this. See Troop Committee Chairperson for location.

Roy C. Manchester Camp: Located near Paducah, Kentucky, right next to Kentucky Lake. This offers opportunities for the boys that are not available at S Bar F. Some of the additional activities are shotgun shooting, sail boating, power boating, and water skiing. This is approximately a four hour drive from Green Pines Elementary.

S Bar F Boy Scout Camp: Located near Farmington. This is the primary location that this troop goes for summer camp. We also do Rock Climbing & Rappelling at this location. This is approximately a one and a half hour drive from Green Pines Elementary.

Scoutmaster Conference: A formal meeting with the Scoutmaster, held after the Scout has completed the requirements for a rank advancement. A conference is an opportunity to reflect on what the Scout has accomplished so far and to get a bigger picture of how to approach the exciting challenges that are ahead. The Scout is dressed in his Class "A" uniform.

Troop Meetings: A weekly meeting when school is in session (exception is 1st Tuesday of a month). Meeting is packed with activities. Meeting is an assortment of Patrol Meeting, skill instruction, game or skill activity, Troop Meeting, and other activities.

Uniform: Suggest new Scouts get new badges, if their old badges will be placed on their Arrow of Light.

Youth Protection: *Parents must read the "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: Parents Guide." It is contained inside your son's BSA Handbook.* The following are BSA rules and policies that protect both youth members and adult leaders:

- 1) Two-deep leadership - Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings. The chartered organization is responsible for ensuring that sufficient leadership is provided for all activities.
- 2) No one-on-one contact - One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.
- 3) Respect of privacy - Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- 4) Separate accommodations - When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate times for male and female use should be scheduled and posted for showers.
- 5) Proper preparation for high-adventure activities - Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.
- 6) No secret organizations - The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- 7) Appropriate attire - Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping is not appropriate as part of Scouting.
- 8) Constructive discipline - Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- 9) Hazing prohibited - Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- 10) Junior leader training and supervision. Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.

CAMP EQUIPMENT LIST

Checklist			
AC	SC	Note	Camping Items
Y	Y		Sleeping bag (recommend +20 degrees or lower)
	Y		Class "A" uniform on a hanger or folded in a bag
	Y		Neckerchief
	Y		Swim trunks
Y	Y		Tee shirts
Y	Y		Changes of underwear
Y	Y		Regular socks
Y	Y		Scout socks -- required with shorts or Class A uniform
Y	Y		Long pants & long-sleeve shirt
Y	Y		Plastic ground cloth 4 ft. By 8 ft. (supplied by Troop)
Y	Y		Bar of Soap
Y	Y		Toothbrush / Toothpaste
Y	Y		Comb / brush
Y	Y		Other personal hygiene items
	Y		Towels (at least two bath size)
Y	Y		Bag to hold personal hygiene items
	Y		Backpack/gym bag for canoe trip (waterproof bag is better)
	Y		Cloth or mesh laundry bag
Y	Y		Trash bags 4 each (30 or 39 gallon) for keeping clean clothes dry and storing wet clothes
Y	Y		Spare sneakers / shoes
Y	Y		Hiking Boots
	Y		Aqua Socks (water shoes / sandals)
Y	Y		Rope for clothes line (20' of 1/4")
Y	Y		Rain jacket and pants, or rain poncho
Y	Y	*1	Pocket Knife (*)
Y	Y		Utensils - Knife, fork, spoon, mug / cup, plate and/or bowl
Y	Y		Nalgene water bottle or canteen
Y	Y		Flashlight with spare batteries or headlamp
Y	Y		Notebook
Y	Y		Pencil / Pen - at least two
	Y	*2	Merit badge books (**)
Y	Y		Scout handbook
Y	Y		Bug spray (seasonal)
	Y		Spending money (\$25)
Y	Y		Duffel bag to put all of the gear in (or back pack)
Y	Y		Personal First Aid kit
Y	Y		Required Medicine
	Y		Completed Medical Forms
Y	Y		Signed Permission Slip

Legend: AC (All Campouts), SC (Summer Camp)

Notes: *1 - Must have Totin' Chip Card.

*2 - Please read merit badge books ahead of time, so you can complete all pre-campwork and have items needed to complete projects. Can check out merit badge books from troop library.

Weekend or Summer Camp Additional / Optional Items:

- Sheet or light blanket
- Spare uniform parts
- Pillow, w/pillow case
- Hangers
- Foam pad / air mattress
- Battery powered hand fan
- Soap on a rope
- Fishing gear (for S-Bar-F only)
- Sun screen
- Camera & film
- Beach or lawn chair
- Post card with stamp -or-
- Paper, envelope and stamp
- Whistle
- Compass

Cold Weather Additional Items:

- Heavy Coat (recommend water resistant)
- Sleeping Bag rated below 15 degrees (recommend “mummy bag”) -or-
 - 2nd Sleeping Bag
 - Silk or Fleece Sleeping Bag Liner
 - Wool Blanket
- Insulated sleeping bag pad
- Stocking Hat -or- Ski Mask (can use when sleeping)
- Ski Pants -or- Jeans temporarily treated with Dry Fab (or Camp Dry) -or- insulated overalls (water resistant is very important)
- Gloves or Mittens (water resistant is very important, wool also a plus) --- two pairs
- Layered clothing (T-shirt, turtleneck, sweatshirt, sweater).
- Insulated underwear -or- Polypro underwear (not cotton)
- Wool socks -and- Polypro socks
- Extra socks
- Waterproof boots -or- Treated leather boots (i.e., with mink oil)
- Complete Extra Change of layered clothes
- 20 to 30 lb garbage bags (makes great backup poncho, upper body insulation, insulation for feet, and for bringing back wet/muddy gear)

Note: Items Critical for the 1st outings:

Quality Sleeping Bag (Rated to 15 degrees or lower, suggest mummy bag)

* Quality Boots (Hiking or Duck)

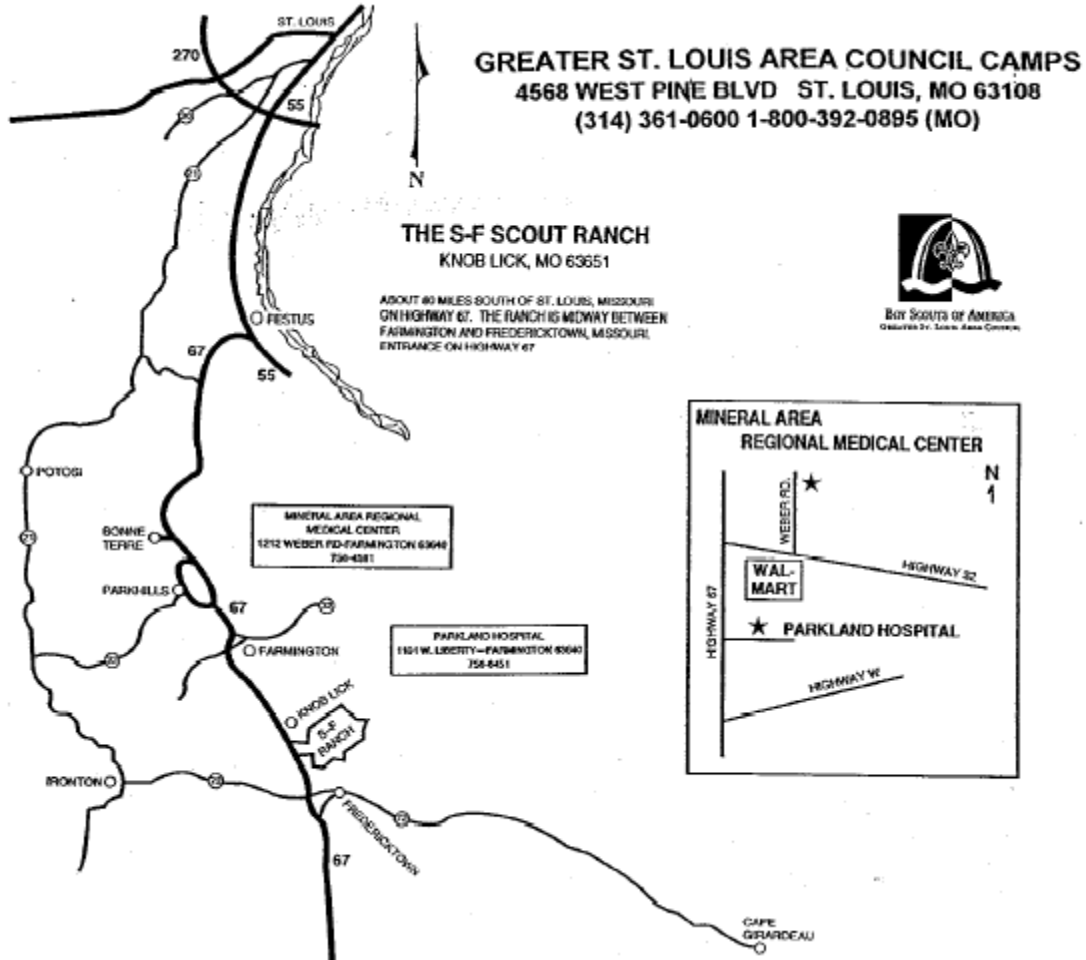
* Good Mess Kit and a Cup (with their name on all items). Lexan is better than aluminum unless you need to cook with it.

* Rain pants and jacket (waterproof and breathable) or rain poncho

There are good quality items available through the Saint Louis Scout Shop, Sports Authority, Dick's, R.E.I., Alpine Shop and Uncle Sam's (10% scout discount).

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