



# How to Join Troop One Akron

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## For New Parents and their scouts -- How to Join and get a good start list.

It isn't just doing the paperwork, but it is making sure the new boys get a great start together. Parents are not optional in that success. Review this document to assist you and your scout to have a great start! You may join at any time, just stop by Tuesday night.

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## Who to work with to join Troop One:

Our Committee Chairman is Dan Gunther. Everything flows through him. Of course all of us can answer questions for you, but Dan handles all of the joining details. You will also meet with Phil Jorgenson who is our new member chairman and will deal with all the paperwork. Mr. Eric Slazinski is the Assistant Scoutmaster for New Scouts meaning he oversees the older scouts who specifically work to guide your son.

## So who can join?

- Someone new to scouting with no current experience in cub scouting
- Someone who is a Webelos II Scout in a Cub Scout Pack anxious to join a Boy Scout Troop
- Someone who is an older scout returning to scouting or transferring from another troop. (You may also be interested in our coed Venturing Crew for those in high school and up to age 21.)

## Joining requirements

- 11 yrs old
- -or- completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- -or- have received the Arrow of Light.

If any of these are happening to you in the next 4-6 months (and you are not yet 18 yrs old) stop by and see us! (over 18 or female, ask us we have programs for you too with our Venturing Crew)

## Paperwork to join

1. Boy Scout Application filled out and signed and dated by parent.
2. Annual Health & Medical record Parts A & B completed, signed and turned in. Only parts A & B are required for weekend camping. Part C requires a doctor's signature and must be completed before Summer Camp in July of each year. Must use the recently updated medical form which is a pdf-fillable form:  
[http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_ABC.pdf](http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf)
3. Send a request to the Scoutmaster at [myers@uakron.edu](mailto:myers@uakron.edu) to be put on the email distribution list. This will assure you that your email is placed in our private Troop One discussion list. This is how we communicate! Be sure to indicate in the email which email addresses you want to include and the name of the user of each email address.
4. Your initial joining fee covers the Troop One dues, BSA National Dues, A Subscription to Boy's Life magazine, and a one-time material cost (which includes the BSA Handbook and Troop One Neckerchief). Other joining dates are prorated to the month you join (higher if before March and less if after March). This cost is reduced in subsequent years and are due in September.

## The Shock of a Boy Run troop

Seeing a boy-planned, boy-led, and boy-run troop can be quite a shock. An even bigger shock is that the adults are not directly involved. Our large troop is divided up into many patrols of 5-10 boys who operate independently under the direction of our elected Senior Patrol Leader. If you see a safety concern you can step in, then flag down a senior scout or the Scoutmaster, but otherwise sit back and enjoy the chaos. Coffee is always on in the kitchen. Parents are encouraged to get involved, but not like you did in cub scouts.

## Parents are needed as drivers and campers and as leaders on the committee and program side

Our active number of scouts is about 50 and when we include our coed Venturing crew we add up to about 75 youth. (We also have a unit of Frontier Girls who are younger than the 14 entry age of our Venturing Crew). We also have our Cub Scouts of Pack 3001. Don't let this scare you, it allows the ***First Baptist Family of Scouting*** to offer opportunities not possible in smaller units, i.e., scouting for your entire family. We need lots of parents and registered adults to support a boy-planned and boy-run program. At the minimum we must have drivers and campers among the adults to make sure every scout has a chance to participate fully. Each patrol that camps will require 2-3 drivers and their cars, so you can see that we cannot do this without you. We must have on record your vehicle information (make, model, year) and your insurance company's name and coverage (\$50,000 / \$100,000 is a minimum requirement to move scouts) before you are allowed to drive. (We will ask this on each monthly campout permission slip on which you drive).

## For Webelos II scouts joining in January or February

### The Induction Ceremony at Camp Manatoc - Saturday February 25, 2017

1. Return the Permission slip for the Induction Overnighter at Manatoc. The fee is usually \$10.00 for dinner and camping overnight. We do not charge the parents and families for the dinner, but ask for the \$10 if the parent stays the night. (This may vary slightly on the permission slip if our costs change).
2. Attend the dinner and crossover ceremony at Camp Manatoc (Forester Lodge) on Sat. February 25, arriving at 5:00 PM. The ceremony is outdoors later that evening. Dress for the weather and wear boots.
3. New Scouts sleep over at Manatoc, February 25-26. (Must have a signed permission slip). Parents must pick up the new scouts at 9:00 AM at Camp Manatoc on Sunday morning at Forester Lodge.

Parents and family should plan to attend with their scouts. Troop One will provide a **great dinner for all**. After dinner there will be a time in the Cabin called "**meet the troop**" where Youth and Adult Boy Scout Leaders will be introduced. There will be some time for socializing, before the new scouts leave on a short night hike which will end at the famous **Spectacular Campfire Induction Ceremony** in the council ring. Parents and family will be led to the Campfire circle to await the entrance of the New Scouts. After the ceremony, the New Scouts are asked to stay the night with the Troop in Forester cabin. Parents must return to camp to pick up their new members of Troop One at the cabin at 9:00 am Sunday. Don't be late; we need to leave camp promptly.

### The first meeting for inducted Webelos is Tuesday February 28, 2017

Scouts attend Troop meetings on Tuesday nights beginning Tuesday February 28 from 7:30-9:00 pm. Parents are always welcome. February 28 will be a **New Scout Celebration** and their patrol organization night. Our new scouts will attend regular weekly meetings of Troop One starting this night. On this night they will be formed into new-scout patrols with an older scout assigned to them as a Troop Guide and a second older scout assigned to their patrol as a patrol instructor. They will elect their first "new Patrol Leader" to serve a one month term. With their Troop Guide they will begin working and planning towards their first Boy Scout camping experience, which will take place at Camp Manatoc or Camp Firelands on March 17-19, 2017. That cabin camp will be a new scout training camp with the older experienced scouts setting up a show-n-do experience.

### February 28, 2017 – New Parents meeting

Parents must attend the **Parents Meeting** on Tuesday February 28 from 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm at First Baptist Church. New parents will be treated to a parade of "experienced" parents and volunteers who will orient each family to how we do it in Troop One. Every family will receive a New Family Orientation Guide. No this will never be online because it contains some sensitive information the "world" doesn't need to see. You have to get your copy in person! You will also get some gear lists, a t-shirt order form, and a permission slip for the Show and Do campout you must complete this night. We will encourage you to get involved.

## What kind of program can you expect

The events below are discussed in detail at <http://trooponeakron.org/whats happening.html>. The what's happening page always rules if there is a discrepancy.

## Troop Specials (if you get bored in this troop, it is your fault)

Hale Farm Service, Troop One Backpackers, Hiking team, Cycling team, SCUBA, Kayaking, Climbing/COPE, Rifle team, and Venturing Crew sponsored backpacking trips and other activities, other service projects, Eagle projects, BSA National Outdoor Badges, BSA National Outdoor Challenge, BSA Ready and prepared training, Wilderness and Remote First Aid certification, and more.

## Troop Monthly Campouts

### February 24-26, 2017 – New Scout Induction Overnight

This is held at our beautiful Camp Manatoc at Forester Cabin. At 5:00 PM the newly crossed Webelos and other new scouts will arrive for the Spectacular Troop One Induction Evening.

### Camp Manatoc or Camp Firelands Show and Do Weekend, March 17-19, 2017

The new scouts will be camping in a cabin while all experienced scouts will camp in tents by patrol. This will be an introduction to camping and scouting that should not be missed. Each older patrol will be putting on a "Show-and-Do" to exhibit to the new scouts a lot of Scout camping and to prepare them for their next campout. Capture the Flag Troop One style is not to be missed either. Parents and adults are invited to camp with us. We will house in cabins what adults we can, but please consider tenting. The Troop does have tents for parents if you need to borrow one.

### April 21-23, 2017 – The Wilds, Safari, Miners Memorial and Lorena Sternwheeler tour.

Come to a great campout that we have never done. Not only will the Scouts have the experience of camping they will participate in the fun plans the PLC has made. This is the new scouts' first tent camp out.

### May 5-7, 2017 – In to the Woods, barn campout, Freedom, OH

The New Scouts second tent camping is currently as of this writing developing as a campout that might give our scouts a chance to learn about horses and work toward the horsemanship merit badge. We will also be running a parallel program track on camping skills for those not ready or willing to be around the horses. (tentative on scheduling and cost)

### June 23-25, 2017 Mohican Wilderness Canoe and Float Trip, Louderville, OH

This is a great weekend, relaxing and quite the adventure for the Scouts as they spend five miles in a canoe and love a two mile float trip on huge inner tubes. Parents and Scouts who attend will be swim ability tested and will take the Safety Afloat training before we go. More fun in the "wilderness" made as safe as possible.

### July 16-22, 2017 – Summer Camp at Manatoc, Peninsula, OH

After camping in three states in three months the next experience will be a week at Summer Camp, the years best experience for a Boy Scout. Visit our summer camp page at [http://trooponeakron.org/TroopOne\\_Summer\\_Camp\\_page.html](http://trooponeakron.org/TroopOne_Summer_Camp_page.html)

August to December 2017 we will camp each month in Ohio... your scout should have the time of his life. If program changes, as it sometimes does, the dates will not, so you can always plan.

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