

## ***Java Patrol***

All adults are welcome and encouraged to come on campouts. On scout events the Adults operate in much the same manner as the Scout's patrols, camping and cooking as a group, separately (but not too far away) from the Scouts. Like the scouts, we teach one another to camp, cook and live comfortably in the outdoors. And you will eat well— each year the Adults compete at summer camp in a Dutch Oven Cooking Contest. Over the last five years the Troop One adults have taken three first places, a third place and a moral victory. There is always the opportunity for personal growth and development, and get to see the Scouts grow individually and experience personal leadership



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Troop 1

Akron, Ohio

Since 1917

## **ADULT VOLUNTEER**



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## Adult Participation and Leadership

Thank you for your interest in Troop One. We are a boy run troop, with much of the responsibilities belonging to the boys, but with plenty of need for parental involvement. Adult participation at Troop One affords you the chance to participate on your schedule. We're all busy, and every minute and hour that is given helps the boys tenfold. We run a full and active program, and it takes adult participation from each scout's family to maintain our high quality program. Come and help us allow your son to experience:

- Personal Development
- Leadership skills
- Learning to work within a group
- Balancing personal and group needs
- Confidence
- Outdoor fun and skills

Parents are encouraged to join Troop One when their son joins. It is a fulfilling experience to watch your son and his friends grow.

## Volunteer Options

There are a variety of options in which you participate:

### Troop Committee

Runs the business side of the Troop, providing operational support to the Scouting Program in areas such as fundraising, Boards of Review and membership. Ask to see our roster of positions. Troop Program Focuses on the youth leadership, scouting program and activities. Goes on campouts, assists the scouts at their weekly meetings and mentors the scouts.

### Merit Badge Counselor

Are you especially good at something, interested in passing that knowledge down? Be a merit badge counselor– if you have the subject knowledge we will show you how to help the boys earn merit badges.

### Tag Along

Maybe signing up is not for you, but you want to help? We can use you– volunteer on an as needed basis. We always need assistance with mailings, drivers for campouts, the setting up of Judson Hall for

## “Youth Led Organization”

You will hear this phrase– what does it mean? It means just what it says– this Troop is led, organized and run by the boys. With the older scouts in positions of leadership, mentoring the younger scouts, they pass on the knowledge that they have from scout to scout. From planning campouts, meetings and activities to cooking their own food, their responsibilities grow with them.

Won't you be a part of their experience, and contribute your time and knowledge to the boys?

To help you determine how you might best be able to help, a Troop committee member will contact you to set up a meeting at your convenience, or feel free to contact either Erick Slazinski, Scoutmaster, or John Judge, our Committee Chair.

As a parent or guardian of a Troop One scout, you can be assured that he will be able to pursue his interests in a safe and supportive environment. Safety is part of virtually every instructional program. Each of the first three ranks involve safety training, including first aid requirements. While the Adults step back and let the scouts run things, they are always in a position to step in and assume control of any situation that is considered unsafe.