



# 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.

## Who to work with to join Troop ONE:

Our Committee Chairman is John Judge. Everything flows through him. Of course all of us can answer questions for you, but John handles all of the joining details. Brett Angle 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 [erick.slazinski@gmail.com](mailto:erick.slazinski@gmail.com) 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 30. We have a coed Venturing crew offers high adventure for youth 14-20. BSA Scouts Troop 7001, offers the scouting program to girls aged 11-17. Our Cub Scout Pack 3001 is a pack open to boys and girls aged 6-10. Our size 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 26, 2022

1. Return the signed Permission slip, and a minor fee to contribute towards the cost of dinner, for the Induction Overnighter at Manatoc.
2. Attend the dinner and crossover ceremony at Camp Manatoc (Forester Lodge). The ceremony is outdoors later that evening. Dress for the weather and wear boots.
3. New Scouts sleep over at Manatoc. 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 March 1, 2022

Scouts start attending regular weekly meetings of Troop One on Tuesday nights from 7:30-9:00 pm. Parents are always welcome. On this night they will be formed into new-scout patrols with an older scout assigned to them as a Troop Guide. 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 in March. This cabin camp will be a new scout training camp with the older experienced scouts setting up a show-n-do experience.

### March 1, 2022 – New Parents meeting

Parents must attend the **Parents Meeting** on 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. 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.