

# Welcome to Troop 735!

We're excited to have you with us! As your son bridges to Boy Scouts, he'll get to experience all kinds of great things—hiking, biking, camping, canoeing, building (and destroying), working together, and learning to lead. We hope you love your experience with the troop! Here are some of our troop FAQs and their answers:

## What things cost money?

- Dues are a little over \$2 per week, but are collected at recharter time (Oct). (\$120/year total per scout) See the treasurer or advancement chair. Scouts must be current on their dues before advancing to the next rank.
- Camping trips usually cost only the food that the scout brings (occasional fees may be charged for special programs or skiing). Summer Camp and High Adventure trips have the largest cost during the year. Summer camp usually runs \$300-\$350. High Adventure (for those who qualify) varies depending on the activity.
- Yearly adult rechartering fees (currently \$44, registration is \$40 plus standard \$4 insurance).

## What do I need to bring to meetings?

During the school year, the boys should wear their Class B uniforms (Scout shirt & pants or shorts, scout socks). For Courts of Honor and Boards of Review they should wear the Class A uniform, which includes all of the above and the neckerchief, slide and hat. During the summer, the boys wear a troop T-shirt and scout shorts and socks. They should bring their Scout Handbook to scouts every week; they will use that to work on rank advancements!

## What equipment do I need for trips?

Troop 735 camps a great deal, and it helps to have the right equipment! Following are the necessary and optional things that you can use for the camping trips.

### *Necessary*

- Your Scout uniform (shirt, pants, and socks for trips - see scout shops below)
- A good pair of hiking boots & warm socks
- Rain gear (preferably raincoat and pants)/Warm coat & gloves/Warm clothes that layer
- Camping backpack
- Sleeping Bag (rated for 15 degree weather!) & sleeping pad
- Mess kit - a simple plastic bowl, fork and spoon work fine and is much lighter.
- Small camp stove (see Mr. Worley for possibilities) for individual cooking
- Compass
- Scout Handbook
- First Aid Kit
- Traveler's roll of toilet paper
- Camelback or good water bottle
- Headlamp or flashlight
- Permission slip for the particular trip
- Your smile!

### *Optional (may be necessary as time goes on)*

- Knife (after you get your totin' chip)
- Matches (waterproof)
- Rope/paracord (approx. 20 ft)
- Duct tape
- Bicycle

## Local Scout shops:

Baltimore Scout Shop  
800 Wyman Park Dr.  
Baltimore, MD 21211  
(410) 338-0144

Dorsey Road Scout Shop  
7502 Connelley Drive, Ste. 120  
Hanover, MD 21076  
(410) 553-6913

## When are camping trips held?

We go camping the third weekend of each month (with a few exceptions)

## Are there any days when we don't meet?

In general, we meet every week except for major holidays (Labor Day, Christmas Week, and Memorial Day). If Carroll County Public Schools are closed due to weather, meetings are cancelled; exceptions will be sent out by e-mail.

### General Meeting Schedule

7pm Opening/Announcements

7:05-7:30 PM Exercise/Game

7:30pm-7:55pm Skills

7:55pm-8:25pm Advancements

8:25pm-8:30pm Closing

## How will the troop communicate with me?

You will receive e-mails for specific things pertaining to meetings and campouts. The troop primarily uses the Scoutbook website for communication and information. The website contains calendars, tracks your scout's advancements, and various other helpful links to scouting.

We also encourage all parents to attend the troop parent committee meetings, held the first Wednesday of each month at 7PM. These meetings help the parents plan specifics of troop business and communicate information. *We recommend parents read the actual Scout Book! The book contains and explains much of the scouting program.*

## What part do the boys have in the planning?

The troop is as much boy-run as possible. The boys choose activities and camping trips, and they work on badges and rank advancement material with the oversight of the scoutmaster and assistant scoutmasters. The committee gives general guidelines and the adult leaders make sure that the boys don't go overboard in their decisions. At the monthly patrol leaders' council meeting (also on the first Wednesday of the month at 7PM), scouts plan meetings and campout activities.

## How does fundraising work?

Most of the trips are at low or no cost to the families. The major expenses during the year are high adventure (for those who qualify) and summer camp. Troop 735 sells camp cards for summer camp, and will occasionally run a "challenge hike" where scouts collect pledges for hiking a certain number of miles.

## What can I do to help?

Additional parent involvement is always needed. In Scouting, the more the parent(s) are involved, the higher percentage chance the scout will make it to Eagle. Parents are needed as merit badge councilors, help on monthly camping trips (as simple as a driver), volunteering for committee positions, and various smaller jobs throughout the year like helping with camp-cards, rechartering, etc. Please ask one of the current adult committee members.

## Who is the contact person for questions?

You will receive a roster of the boys and their families that includes contact information. Feel free to e-mail Nelson Laur, Scoutmaster, at [sm735bac@gmail.com](mailto:sm735bac@gmail.com), or Woody Woodburn, Committee Chair, at [woodyathome@comcast.net](mailto:woodyathome@comcast.net).

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