

Denville Troop 17

Parent/Scout

Handbook

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Troop Mission Statement

The mission of Boy Scout Troop 17 is to develop the youth of Denville into productive citizens. We will instill the values expressed by the Scout Oath and Law. In particular, we will emphasize respect for and service toward others, the community, country, and world.

We will accomplish this by providing a stimulating and supportive Scouting program that enhances growth through both intellectual and physical activities. We will also work to develop leadership capabilities by providing training, excellent role models, and opportunities to lead within the troop. The outdoor program will enhance self-reliance and respect for the environment.

Mission of the Boy Scouts of America

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath	Scout Law
On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.	A Scout is: Trustworthy Obedient Loyal Cheerful Helpful Thrifty Friendly Brave Courteous Clean Kind Reverent

BSA Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future Scouting will continue to:

- Offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
- Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
- Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership;
- Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program.

"The goodness of a person and of the society he or she lives in often comes down to very simple things and words found in the Scout Law. Every society depends on trust and loyalty, on courtesy and kindness, on bravery and reverence. These are the values of Scouting, and these are the values of Americans."

President George W. Bush

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Introduction

Welcome to Troop 17! We are delighted and honored that you have chosen to become a member of this historic organization. With the completion of our charter renewal in December 2020, the troop is 93 years old. Since the inception of Troop 17 in 1929, hundreds of Scouts have gone through the ranks, and all have become better citizens because of the values they have taken from Scouting. Although not every boy chooses to become an Eagle Scout, all have worked through the ranks and experienced the patrol method at its best. As a tribute to the success of the troop, we have recently added our 132nd Eagle Scout to the roster (see Appendix D). As your son begins this exciting voyage through Boy Scouts, please feel free to contact me or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters with your questions and comments.

Yours in Scouting,

John Tucker, Scoutmaster

A Welcome from the Troop Committee

Dear Parents:

This Troop 17 Parent/Scout Handbook was created with both the Scouts and the parents in mind. We have included information in this guide as a tool to understand how we function as a troop and what some of the duties and responsibilities are of the adult leaders and the Scouts in the troop.

This booklet covers a lot of different areas. However, there may be some things we may have forgotten or omitted. If you feel some items should be included in future editions of this booklet, please feel free to contact one of the committee members with your ideas and suggestions. We are open to any and all suggestions and ideas, not only towards this booklet but also towards any troop activities.

Scouting depends greatly on the involvement of both the boys and their parents. Parent involvement with the program is very important to making sure your son has an enjoyable experience in Boy Scouts.

We the Troop committee, always invite the parents to our monthly committee (4th Tuesday of the month) meetings and encourage you to join us at outings with the boys. Parent input to troop activities and committee decisions is critical in order that your SON has FUN!

Once again we look forward to a positive Scouting experience for your Scout and yourself in Troop 17.

Yours in Scouting,
Douglas Gabel
BSA Troop 17 Committee Chair

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Overview

This Troop Handbook was prepared for the parents and Scouts of Troop 17. It was created by the troop leaders for use by all members of our troop. This reference describes troop operation and policy along with important information about Scouting. It also serves as written documentation to insure consistent, uniform policy in all matters of troop operation. Please take the time to review this important material.

Boy Scouting was founded in England by Lord Baden-Powell. In 1908 he created this important program to enrich the lives of boys and make a difference in the kind of men they become. The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America, incorporated on February 8, 1910, and chartered by Congress in 1916, is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society.

Introduction to Troop 17 Program

BSA Troop 17-Denville is sponsored by Denville Community Church-United Methodist located at 190 Diamond Spring Road.

Meeting activities are planned by the Scouts themselves including learning and practicing Scouting skills, planning trips and special activities, working on merit badges or other projects of interest to the Scouts, games, and fun.

The Aims and Methods of Scouting

Aims of Scouting

Boy Scouting works toward three aims:

1. Moral Strength and Character
2. Participating Citizenship
3. Development of physical mental and emotional fitness

The Methods of Scouting

These aims are accomplished via eight methods:

1. **The Ideals** - The ideals of Scouting are revealed in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan. Scouts are expected to live by these foundation ideals.
2. **The Patrol Method** - The patrol method provides Scouts with experience in group dynamics and participating citizenship. Patrols are made up of Scouts of similar ages and experience levels, the

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patrols of a troop help their members develop a sense of pride and identity. The patrol members elect their leader, divide the jobs to be done, and share in the satisfaction of accepting and fulfilling group responsibilities. Each patrol expresses its patrol spirit with a patrol name, flag, yell, and song.

3. **The Outdoors** - Most Scouting functions take place outdoors. In the outdoors Scouts share responsibilities and learn to work together in settings where Scouts can find real adventure. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for the natural world and our responsibility to conserve nature's resources.
4. **Advancement** - Scouting provides a structured program of rank advancement from Scout to Eagle. Scouts learn to overcome challenges and obstacles through planning, practice and execution. This advancement method helps Scouts become more self-reliant, have more self-confidence and develops the ability and the desire to help others.
5. **Association with Adults** - Although the troop is a boy-lead organization, trained adult leadership provides support and guidance to the Scouts. Adult troop leadership of high character provides quality role models for the Scouts in the troop.
6. **Personal Growth** - Scouts plan their progress and activities within the structure of the Scouting advancement program. Scouts choose the merit badge subjects that interest them and select the leadership roles and service projects that best fit their desires and interests. Frequent conferences with the Scoutmaster help each Scout review his growth.
7. **Leadership Development** - Scouting encourages Scouts to learn, practice and develop leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to serve in a leadership capacity within the troop. Training and guidance is provided by fellow Scouts and adult leaders.
8. **The Uniform** - The Scout uniform provides a visible symbol of the brotherhood of Scouting. The uniform is associated with people of high character and helps the Scout remember he is a part of a group that always lives up to the Scout Oath and law. The uniform also contains the visual recognition of awards, ranks and leadership positions.

Scout Law:

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

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KIND

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

CLEAN

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong,
Mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

Conservation

Conservation activities supplement the program of Boy Scout advancement, summer camp, and outdoor activities and teach young people to better understand their interdependence with the environment.

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The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to - Be clean in my outdoor manners,
I will treat the outdoors as a heritage.
I will take care of it for myself and others
I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire,
I will prevent wildfire.
I will build my fires only where they are appropriate.
When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors,
I will treat public and private property with respect.
I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.
and

Be conservation minded.
I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands, wildlife, and energy.
I will urge others to do the same.

Scout Spirit

Spirit is an important concept in Scouting, both for individuals and for groups of Scouts.

- *Scout spirit* means that you live by the Scout Oath and Law, are prepared for anything that comes along, and are willing to give time and energy to do service for someone in need in the community. Showing Scout spirit is a requirement for all the ranks of Boy Scouting.
- *Patrol spirit* puts the spotlight on the Scouts who have formed together as a patrol. They demonstrate patrol spirit by working toward the common goal of building the best possible patrol. They move ahead as a team, achieving more as a team than they could as individuals.
- *Troop spirit* focuses on the unity, enthusiasm, and progress of the entire troop.

The Scouting Organization

Troop 17 is part of the National Boy Scouts of America.

The National Council develops the BSA program, setting quality standards in training, leadership, uniforms, registration, literature, and advancement. National publishes Boy's Life and Scouting magazines, maintains national high-adventure camping bases, and organizes a national Scout jamboree every four years. Locally, the Patriot's Path Council provides programming, facilities and leadership for a year-round outdoor schedule and administers registration of units and personnel. Black River District trains adult volunteers; sponsors district program events; and assists with

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forming new Troops and maintaining quality existing Troops. A District Unit Commissioner serves as liaison with the troop committee.

Council Information

Troop 17 operates in the Black River District of the Patriots' Path Council, BSA. The Council office is located at:

1 Saddle Road
Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927
Phone: 973-765-9322
Fax: 973-267-3406
Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9am-5pm
<https://ppcbsa.org/>

The office has a trading post that stocks merit badge books, badges, insignia, forms, religious medal pamphlets, uniforms and other items. The trading post hours are:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9am-5pm
Tuesday and Thursday 11am-7pm
Saturday 9am-3pm
Closed Sundays

<https://ppcbsa.org/about-us/shop/>

(Check their website for summer hours and holiday closings. During Summer months they may not open evenings or Saturdays)

Charter Organization

As the Chartered Organization, Denville Community Methodist Church provides the troop with formal organizational support, a meeting place, storage space, and a place to park the troop trailer.

The Troop Organization

Patrols

Boy Scout Troops are structured using the patrol method. The patrol is the center of the Scout Method; a group of boys working together to accomplish more than they could individually. Patrols are run by boys elected to leadership positions by the members of the patrol. Robert Baden-Powel, the founder of Scouting, said "The patrol method is not a way to operate a Boy Scout troop, it is the only way. Unless the patrol method is in operation, you don't really have a Boy Scout troop." Each patrol is headed by a Patrol Leader (PL) and an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). Collectively, the patrols form the troop, the heads of which are other boys, the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) appointed by the Scoutmaster. The troop and patrols are run by the boys themselves with supervision from the Scoutmaster (SM) and Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM).

The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, and other troop leaders as needed, e.g.: Troop Guide, Troop Scribe, Troop Instructor, Quartermaster, Librarian, Historian, etc. The meeting is

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facilitated by the Scoutmaster and/or his assistants. All troop activities are planned by the PLC. The PLC gathers ideas from other members of the troop and incorporates them into the annual troop program.

Boy Leadership

Troop 17 is a boy-run troop. Boy leaders plan and execute their own program, with parent participation and support. New Scouts begin with small jobs under the guidance of more experienced Scouts. As their skills and knowledge improve, new responsibilities are given to them.

Learning leadership skills is one of the most important aspects of being a Boy Scout. Troop 17 will have a Junior Leader Training program for boy leaders. Each Scout will learn the skills needed to carry out his job in the troop and will learn to pass those skills on to other boys. Some of the older Scouts have attended a Council National Youth Leader Training (NYLT) program.

The Boy-led Organization

Throughout your Scouting experience you will be expected to fill various positions of responsibility within the troop. These positions will help you develop and use your leadership skills to guide and build the troop. All positions will be for a period of 12 months.

Qualifications for Nomination:

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

- Must have parents'/guardians' permission
- Must be Star rank or above and going into high school / currently in high school
- Must have previously held a leadership position within Troop 17
- Must have the Scoutmaster's consent
- Must be willing to serve in either the SPL or the ASPL position
- Must have read and agreed to conform to the job descriptions for both the SPL & ASPL troop positions
- The SPL may not hold any other positions within the troop while serving as SPL

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

- Must have parent/guardians' permission
- Must be Star rank or above and going into high school / currently in high school
- Must have previously held a leadership position within Troop 17
- Must have the Scoutmaster's consent
- Must be willing to serve in either the SPL or the ASPL position
- Must have read and agreed to conform to the job descriptions for both the SPL & ASPL troop positions
- The ASPL may not hold any other positions within the troop while serving as ASPL

Patrol Leader (PL)

- Must have parent/guardians' permission
- All candidates must be active members in their patrol
- Must have the Scoutmaster's consent
- Must have read and agreed to conform to the job descriptions for the Patrol Leader position
- Must not hold the SPL or ASPL position

Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)

- Must have parent/guardians' permission
- All candidates must be active members in their patrol
- Must have the Scoutmaster's consent
- Must have read and agreed to conform to the job descriptions for the Assistant Patrol leader

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position

- Must not hold the SPL or ASPL position
- The Assistant Patrol Leader will be appointed by the Patrol Leader with the consent of the Scoutmaster

Election Procedure:

Senior Patrol Leader - Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders

Appointed by the Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster may elect to have the Troop members elect an SPL and ASPLs.

Patrol Leader - Assistant Patrol Leader

Patrols will consist of the approved patrol roster agreed upon by the members of the troop. Members of each patrol present on the night of the election will nominate members of their patrol, participate in a discussion and hold an election, which will be supervised by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, SPL's, and ASPL's. All candidates must win by a majority vote of the members present in their patrol. If no majority is reached, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will compete in a run-off election in which one candidate must win by a majority.

Additional Troop Positions:

Troop Guide - Troop Instructor - Troop Scribe - Troop librarian - Troop Historian –
Troop Quartermaster - Chaplain's Aid

All candidates for the above positions must hold a rank of at least "First Class." All candidates will be appointed to the position by the Scoutmaster.

Additional Positions of Responsibility:

Additional "Positions of Responsibility" may be assigned and approved by the Scoutmaster.

Troop 17 Committee

The troop committee is the administrative arm of the troop, providing support for the Scoutmaster and troop program.

Troop Committee (as of 3/23/21)

- Committee Chair – Doug Gabel
- Committee Vice Chair – *open*
- Charter Representative – Bruce Bauman
- Troop Committee Scribe - *open*
- Treasurer – Luke Zimmerman
- Advancement Chair – Michael Andersen
- Asst. Advancement Chair – Bruce Bauman
- Trip Coordinator – Gary Colin
- Eagle Guide Advisor – Bruce Bauman
- Executive Officer - Rev. Heather Valosin
- Committee Member – Dan Roman
- Committee Member – Edward Rush
- Committee Member – Edwin Vanderhoof

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- Committee Member – Margaret Rooney
- Committee Member – Mark Harrison
- Committee Member – Richard Ruglio
- Committee Member – Rodney Ayres
- Committee Member – Vlad Penkrat
- Youth Protection Champion – Michael Anderson
- Assistant Scoutmaster – Gary Conlin
- Adult Quartermaster – Gary Colin
- Recharter Coordinator – Krista Scott?
- Life to Eagle Coordinator – Christine Robinson
- New Member Coordinator – Vicki Harrison?
- Troop Publicity Coordinator - *open*
- Summer Camp Coordinator - *open*

Adult Scouters

Scoutmaster – John Tucker

Assistant Scoutmasters - James Jennings, John Happy, Thomas Rooney, Sean Tucker, Jason Gabel (Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster, Order of the Arrow Representative)

Venturing Crew Advisor – *currently no Venture Crew is chartered*

Troop Adult Positions

Committee Chair:

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and the Scoutmaster.
- See that troop leaders and committee members have training opportunities.
- Interpret national and local policies to the troop.
- Work closely with the Scoutmaster in preparing the troop committee meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over and promote attendance at monthly troop committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtables.
- Secure top-notch trained individuals for camp leadership.
- Arrange for charter review and re-charter annually.
- Delegate responsibility to other adults and groups (assistants, troop committee) so that they have a real part in troop operations.

Troop Committee Scribe:

- Keep minutes of meetings and send out committee meeting notices.
- Assist with publicity.
- Conduct the troop resource survey.
- Plan for family night programs and activities.
- Plan a charter presentation program.

Treasurer:

- Handle all troop funds. Pay bills on recommendation of Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee.
- Maintain checking and savings accounts.
- Keep adequate records in the troop record book.
- Supervise money earning projects.

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- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
- Lead in preparation of the annual troop budget.

Trips Coordinator:

- Help in securing permission and making reservations for camping sites.
- Input Tour Plans online to council (Formerly Tour Permits).
- Encourage monthly outdoor activities or special activities.

Advancement Chair:

- Encourage Scouts to advance in rank
- Arrange and conduct troop boards of review.
- Conduct courts of honor.
- Provide a merit badge counselor list.
- Maintain a prompt report on the correct form to the council service center when a troop board of review is held. Secure badges and certificates.
- A review with each Scout that is not advancing will be performed at least once per year.

Asst. Advancement Chair:

- Assist Advancement Chair with Boards of Review
- Maintain Advancement transition log book

Scoutmaster:

- Train and guide youth leaders
- Work with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to boys.
- Use the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting.
- Meet regularly with the patrol leaders' council for training and coordination in planning troop activities.
- Attend all troop meetings or, when necessary arrange for a qualified adult substitute.
- Attend troop committee meetings.
- Conduct periodic parent's sessions to share the program and encourage parent participation and cooperation.
- Take part in annual membership inventory and uniform inspection, charter review meeting, and charter presentation.
- Conduct Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements.
- Provide a systematic recruiting plan for new members and see that they are properly registered. (This is the direct responsibility of the Assistant Scoutmasters for new Scouts.)
- Supervise troop elections for the Order of the Arrow.
- Make possible for each Scout to experience at least 10 days and nights of camping each year.
- Participate in Council and District events.
- Build a strong program by using proven methods presented in Scouting literature.
- Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.

Assistant Scoutmaster:

- Work with new Scout Patrols
- Train and guide youth leaders
- Attend all troop / committee meetings
- Attend camping trips
- Recruiting new members into the troop.
- Arrange troop annual open houses

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- Participate in District and Council recruiting events.

Eagle Guide Advisor:

- Provide adult supervision and guidance for the Eagle Guides when they are available (sometimes the troop does not have active Eagle Scouts).
- Work with the Advancement Chair to specifically help the Star and Life Scouts on the trail to Eagle.

Venture Crew Advisor:

- Provides a liaison with Troop 17, Crew 17 and Council activities to bring a high adventure program to the youth.
- Trains and guides co-ed youth leaders ages 14-20.
- Promotes recruitment of new crew members
- Fosters a sense of community
- Develops crew officers to lead.
- Encourages participation and support among the crew and adult committee members
- Upholds standards of Boy Scouts of America
- Provides a program that protecting young people in the crew from abuse
- Ensures safe activities
- Cultivates the Venturing Spirit and Fun in High Adventure venture crew specific activity

Troop Publicity

- Collect photos to post on Troop 17 Facebook page
- Draft write-ups of Troop events and share accordingly with news outlets
- Work with Committee Chair to update/maintain Troop History
- Take photos as necessary

Summer Camp Coordinator

- Secure from PPC Summer Camp promotional materials
- Share with Troop families Summer Camp pricing, annual information
- Secure Site #13 for Week #1 of camping season with PPC
- Provide necessary forms to scouts attending Summer Camp
- Organize physical exam forms (Part A,B,C) prior to Summer Camp
- Assist organizing all needed documents required by PPC for scouters
- Communicate merit badge process for camp – manage cards
- Visit Summer Camp

Scout Positions of Responsibility

Senior Patrol Leader:

- Lead Patrol Leader Council meetings and Troop meetings.
- Prepare programs, scout skills and advancement opportunities for all Scouts.
- Consult with Scoutmaster regarding troop activities.
- Appoint Junior Leaders to positions of responsibility as needed.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader:

- Fill in for Senior Patrol Leader as needed in his absence.
- Training and giving directions to quartermaster, scribe, troop historian and librarian.

Quartermaster:

- Responsible for troop supplies and equipment. Works with the adult Quartermaster)

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Scribe:

- The troop secretary. Manages attendance and point system for year end award.

Troop Historian:

- Collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.

Librarian:

- Keeps troops books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by troop members.

Den Chief:

- Works with Cub Scout Den as guide.

Patrol Leader:

- Gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the patrol leaders' council.

Assistant Patrol Leader:

- Fills in for the patrol leader in his absence.

Eagle Guide:

- Recent and still active Eagle Scouts who work with the up and coming Life and Star Scouts to guide them on the trail to Eagle.
- The Eagle Advisor is available to help identify merit badges that need to be completed, the leadership position requirement that must be fulfilled, and will also assist in the identification and planning of a required service project.
- Advises the Scout on how to properly complete his project.
- Maintains close contact with the Scout through all phases of the project, offering advice on handling problems and keeping records. He can serve as a project worker.
- He ensures that the Scout leads the project through his own initiative.
- Advises the Scout on preparation for his Eagle Board of Review and explains the protocol.

Troop Guide:

- An older more experienced Scout that assists a patrol of younger less experienced Scouts.

Meetings and Events

Scouting is a way of life, so Scouting is a year-round program. Formal troop events are scheduled every month. Program and events consist of one camping event per month, hikes, field trips, service projects and weekly troop meetings. The Scouts of Troop 17 also provide service projects and community service. All troop meetings, events and camp outs are selected, planned and run by Scouts. This boy-led philosophy expands Scout leadership and team work. The members of the troop plan the events at the Annual Planning Conference generally held during annual summer camp.

Attendance

We encourage all Scouts to attend as many meetings and events as possible. By attending weekly troop functions, Scouts have the opportunity to advance and develop leadership skills.

Note to Parents: Scouts are expected to attend the weekly troop meeting prior to a camp out or

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outing. If he is not in attendance, we can not properly plan advancement, menus, or transportation. He will miss important last minute details. We know that many of our Scouts participate on sports teams and other activities. We encourage participation in other activities as well as Scouting, but we need your cooperation and assistance. If your son is not regularly attending meetings and outings, you can expect a call or visit from the Scoutmaster. You can help us by occasionally having a brief chat with your son to see how he feels about the program. Feel free to email or pick up the telephone and call the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters if you have any comments, concerns, or questions.

Weekly Troop Meetings

The troop meets every Wednesday, September through June, at 7:30 pm whenever the Denville Public Schools are in session in the Denville Community Methodist Church. Pre-opening activities begin at 7:15 p.m. with a formal opening at 7:30 p.m. The meeting ends by 9:00 p.m. Please arrange to pick your son up promptly after the meeting. All Scouts are expected to attend in Class A uniform. **THERE ARE NO MEETINGS WHEN SCHOOLS IN DENVILLE ARE CLOSED. EARLY DISMISSAL=NO MEETING, DELAYED OPENING=YES MEETING.**

Participation Awards

To encourage participation in troop activities, Scouts who fully participate in troop and Scouting related events are recognized with clothing awards. One of the Assistant Scoutmasters administers a point system with recordkeeping performed by one of the Scouts. The time period starts at the end of June and runs through the summer and following school year. The award period ends with the last Scout meeting of the school year. Awards are announced at the last parent's meeting in June and presented in September at the first parent's meeting.

Point System

Points have been assigned to various Scouting activities. As you do these activities you earn points. The activities and points associated with them are listed below. When you have earned a total of sixty points, you will be awarded a custom made Troop 17 article of clothing.

First year	Troop 17 Scout hat with your name embroidered on it
Second year	Troop 17 fleece vest
Third year	Troop 17 shorts

Additional years are up to the discretion of the point system administrator.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Attend weekly meetings <u>and</u> sign sign-in sheet	1
Attend parent's night meetings with parent	2
Monthly Campouts/Trips (full trip)	3
Monthly Campouts/Trips (partial)	1
Fund raiser (minimum 10 tickets)	3
Beaver Day	3
Attend summer camp (full week)	5
Troop service projects (per project, based on type and length of activity)	1-3
Attend troop Eagle Court of Honor	3
Pass uniform inspections (by request, maximum of 3)	1
Rank advancement (maximum 1)	3
Non-required Merit Badge	2

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Required Merit Badge	3
Scouting related activities/Specials (e.g. training, patrol activities, Jamboree)	varies

No “double dipping” is permitted.

NOTE: *The Scoutmaster reserves the right to modify or cancel if necessary.*

Troop Trip Information

Troop 17 plans a monthly camping trip and attendance at these trips is strongly urged and is necessary for advancement. If your son registers for any events including camping, and for any reason does not show up for this event, he is still responsible for the food cost to the troop or his patrol. If for any reason your son does not show up for a trip, please inform the Scoutmaster at least 24 hours prior to departure, this way other boys who might want to go will be able to take his place. If you wish to pick up your son early or drop him off late, please advise the Sr. Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster of this fact.

Permission forms for the trips are required to be handed in no later than 2 (two) meetings prior to the trip. Payments for the trips are due with the permission forms. If you are only making a deposit for a trip, a permission form is still required with the deposit. No money will be accepted without the permission form. Those Scouts, who wish to participate in our major March trips, are required to fully attend at least 4 prior trips. All Scouts who wish to attend our major June trip need to attend at least 5 prior trips. No exceptions will be made to the permission form and trip requirements.

Camping Weekends

Troop 17 supports the Scouting “outdoors” method by offering one camping trip per month during the school year as well as Scout Summer Camp. These camp outs vary from tent camping, cabin camping, hiking, bicycling, canoe trips, and family camp outs. It is expected that Scouts will be properly equipped with all necessary clothing and personal gear for all camping trips. The primary purpose of the camp outs is fun. It is hard to have fun if you are cold or soaking wet. Therefore, it may become necessary to inspect the boys' packs prior to camping to ensure that each boy has the appropriate clothing and equipment. If a boy does not, then he will not be allowed to attend the camp out until he has the needed items.

If a boy is at camp and is not prepared, the parents will be called and asked to either bring the equipment or take the boy home. These steps are taken for the health and safety of the Scout. It is recognized that Scouts need camping skills and this is why a portion of many troop meetings are devoted to teaching and demonstrating safe and useful camping skills. Many things can help make camping a great experience. Along with fun activities and great goals, a good night's sleep is essential. Sleeping well is the best way to start a day in camp. Each boy has a right to a good night's sleep. Lights out and quiet time will be enforced at 11:00 pm, perhaps sooner if the camping location dictates such.

"Class B" uniforms are required, unless otherwise stated, when traveling to and from troop events. All Scouts are expected to wear their “Class A” uniforms at all troop functions.

Transportation Issues

Occasionally, parents will be asked to provide transportation to or from a Scout activity. **Please**

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participate with enthusiasm. Other than the information noted on the parents' information sheet, please be sure you have Insurance information, seat belts for each passenger, driver's license, and check the following: Tires, spare tire, vehicle fluid levels, lights, seat belts, turn signals, mirrors, etc. When we leave, we leave together. When we return, we return together. If a situation arises where your son must come late or leave early, you will be responsible for his transportation to and from the outing. You will not be asked to transport other Scouts on that outing. If a Scout must leave an event early, he must first complete any duties or responsibilities prior to his leaving the event. He must report to the SPL or ASPL and the adult in charge. If you are driving one or both ways please know that you will probably be driving Scouts other than your son. We usually leave from Denville Community Church and return to the same location. Scouts will be assigned to drivers for each trip, so we must know how many you can transport with seat belts for each passenger. A trip planning coordinator will provide you with information on the location direction and who you will be transporting. Prior to serving as a driver, you should complete a driver information sheet.

Meals

Meals for a trip will be planned at either the troop or patrol level. This will be announced at the meetings prior to the trip. Troop cooking meal menus will generally be set up by the SPLs or Scoutmaster and sometimes individual patrols will be assigned responsibility for part of the meal.

Patrol cooking meal menus will be set up by each individual patrol usually at a regular troop meeting prior to the trip. The patrol members will be responsible for buying the food.

Occasionally the boys might be instructed to pack a bag lunch for a trip when only dinner and breakfast for the following day are planned.

When buying food for your patrol or the troop:

1. Prepare a list of all ingredients that you will need to buy to cook the menu you planned for the number of Scouts going on the overnight. When figuring out the meat plan on 3-4 servings to a pound.
2. After you have a list of all the items you need to purchase, set up a shopping list. Make sure you stay within your budget.
3. Shop for the campout and keep track of the cost as you go to make sure you stay within your budget. If you go over your budget, put back some unnecessary items such as snacks and deserts or cut back on quantities. Put all refrigerator items together so that you can put them in the refrigerator until the campout and in the cooler when you get there. You may want to pack the other food by meals so it will be easier to distribute when cooking. Keep your receipts and change and give it to the patrol leader or senior patrol leader to figure out the finances.
4. Bring all food to the campout.
5. Supervise the distribution of all food. This means at meals and snacks. Remember what you bought must last the entire trip. Don't give out what is not on the menu for that meal or for a snack. Keep track of what everyone gets so that all the boys get equal amount.

Note to Parents: Occasionally your son will come home - with cash in hand, and say: "I'm the Grubmaster. When can we go to the grocery store?" The position of Grubmaster is a part of rotating Scouting responsibilities. Your son will have a menu and a number of boys to buy food for, or specific instructions regarding what to buy. Please help him sort through the quantities and help him buy the food. If funds run short, please provide out-of-pocket funds and report to the patrol the

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need for additional money. Soda, candy, high salt or sugar content mixes etc. are prohibited. Please impress on your Scout the importance of proper foods and a balanced diet.

Summer Camp

Attendance at summer camp is a great way for Scouts to earn advancement and merit badges that they would otherwise not be able to get throughout the rest of the year. It not only involves the advancement but also creates a fun and memorable event for your son to remember for the rest of his life.

Summer Camp

Summer camp is usually attended the 2nd full week in July. It is a week-long resident camp. This is an ideal opportunity for rank and merit badge work. Most camps offer a first-year Scout program focusing on the rank requirements through First Class. Usually many of the over 140+ merit badges are offered as well. Scouts are responsible for paying all summer camp fees and associated expenses.

Uniform Requirements

Uniform Policy

Scouting is a uniform organization. Our policy is the same as any sports team your boy may be a member of. Boys participating in Scouting activities are expected to wear their uniforms just as they are on sports teams. The purpose of the BSA Scout uniform is to identify yourself as a Scout, to showcase your achievements of rank, and to enhance a sense of uniformity among

your fellow Scouts. Scouting is a uniform organization. All Scouts are expected to wear their uniform to all troop meetings and all other Scout functions. You will need to purchase unit patches to go with your uniform.

The Scout Uniform

There are three types of Boy Scout Uniforms: Class A, Class A Dress, and Class B.

Class A Uniform:

- American Flag (comes with all uniform shirts)
- Council Shoulder Patch (Patriots' Path Council)
- Troop Numerals (17)
- Patrol Emblem
- World Scouting Crest
- Arrow of Light patch (if earned as a Webelos)
- BSA Scout Shirt
- BSA Scout Pants or Shorts
- BSA Scout Belt
- BSA Scout Socks (short or long)
- Shoulder Loops (red or olive)
- Hiking Boots or leather shoes
- BSA Rank Patch

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- BSA Boy Scout Handbook
- BSA Scout Hat (optional)

Troop 17 members wear their Class A uniform at ALL Scout meetings and trips as required. As an alternative to the Class A uniform, Venture Scouts may substitute with the Venture Crew Class A uniform.

Class A Dress Uniform:

Same as Class A plus merit badge Sash

Troop 17 members wear their Class A Dress uniform to special events, Courts of Honor, parent's night meetings, and all Council and District BSA functions.

Class B Uniform:

The Class B uniform, at its minimum, is any BSA logo tee shirt or sweatshirt. Class B is appropriate for recreational and work events. This uniform is used when we represent the BSA at an activity where a full Class A uniform is NOT required.

Note: Attire with logos other than BSA is not acceptable.

Uniform Cost

Uniforms are available from the Council Scout Shop, Ramsey Outdoor Stores, and online via www.scoutstuff.org through the Scout catalog. The cost of a complete Class A and Class B uniform for both warm and cold weather, plus assorted equipment and gear, can add up. Despite a boy's desire to "have it all" we suggest beginning with the basics and adding to it as

needed over time. A basic uniform can be acquired for approximately \$100.00. Note: Please feel free to check with the Scoutmasters and other Scouts for outgrown uniforms. Our Scouting policy is to pass along uniforms to other members of the troop. If there are any financial hardships in purchasing the required Class A uniform please see the Scoutmaster.

Scout Closet

The troop maintains a uniform closet for used and outgrown uniform parts as they become available. Please consider donating your used uniform to the "closet" and feel free to inquire as to availability before you buy new clothing. The closet is currently maintained by the Scoutmaster.

BOOKS

Boy Scout Handbook:

Each Scout must have his own copy of the Boy Scout Handbook and should have it at all meetings and campouts. The Scouts' most valuable resource is the Official Boy Scout Handbook. It contains all the information needed to learn and demonstrate the tasks, skills and knowledge required to advance in rank. This important resource will be a part of your Scouting adventure. The requirements of each rank are clearly defined here. The handbook also serves as the documentation for your advancement. As you advance in rank, one of your fellow Scouts or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters will approve each requirement in the rank advancement log in the back of your book. Your book is your record of requirement completion, take good care of it. Bring

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your BSA Handbook with you to all weekly meetings and to all camping trips.

The Boy Scout Handbook may be purchased at any Boy Scout store or through www.scoutstuff.org. In our area, Ramsey Outdoor Stores and the Council Scout Shop both carry many of the BSA items including books and uniforms.

Merit badge books are individual subject books which include the requirements, general information, and reference material necessary to help the Scout in working on the merit badge. The booklet is required for pre-badge briefings with counselors and for reference while working on the badge. The booklet should be read to assist in badge completion. Merit badge books are available through the Council Scout Shop, www.scoutstuff.org, Ramsey Outdoor Stores, as well as our troop library.

Other Materials (optional):

- BSA Field Book - contains details about high adventures in the outdoors (suggested reading prior to or after outdoor outings)
- BSA Requirements Book - contains requirements for rank advancement and the requirements for all merit badges.
- Senior Patrol Leaders Handbook
- Patrol Leaders Handbook
- Den Chief Handbook - excellent material for those Scouts who have chosen to pursue a role as Den Chief to work with one of the Cub Packs.

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Advancement and the Trail to Eagle

Advancement is an important part of a Scout's growth and development. This exciting pathway will challenge you and open many doors to new ideas and opportunities. You will build on the knowledge and experience you gain as you achieve each rank.

The first step is "Scout." A "Scout" learns the basic Scouting system and must demonstrate his ability to understand the principles of Scouting.

"Tenderfoot" is the next step. On the road to Tenderfoot, the Scout learns the basics of camping and how a patrol and troop function as a team.

"Second Class" and "First Class" ranks develop camping skills, first aid knowledge, safety, and aquatics skills.

The advanced ranks of "Star" and "Life" provide the Scout with a great deal of freedom to expand his knowledge in areas of interest and also to explore new and exciting topics.

The requirements also emphasize the roles that the Scout Oath and Law play in your life and the importance of service to your community.

The Trail to Eagle leads through the ranks of "Tenderfoot" through "Life Scout." The Rank of Eagle is the highest rank a Scout can earn. It is the most challenging of all the steps of Scouting. Fewer than 4 percent of all Scouts earn the Rank of Eagle. Please see Appendix C for the proper steps for the Life to Eagle process.

Testing and Sign-offs

When a Scout is ready to pass a particular requirement, he meets with a boy in the troop who holds a rank of First Class or higher and at least the rank of the requirement being sought. For example, a Scout who has a rank of First Class can signoff requirements at First Class and below; a Star Scout, Star and below, etc. The Scout seeking advancement will be asked to demonstrate the skill or knowledge. If he meets the requirements, the higher rank Scout will signoff the requirement. If the skill is newly presented, the Scout will be asked to review the skill prior to testing. Typically, the testing will not take place at the time of instruction, but should take place at a future date. In most cases, requirement signoffs are not performed by the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters, but rather by more experienced Scouts.

Scoutmaster Conference

At the completion of each rank, a scout will participate in a Scoutmaster Conference. Each Scout has the responsibility to request a Scoutmaster's Conference with the Scoutmaster. At this special meeting, the Scout and his Scoutmaster will review the requirements of the rank and talk about the Scout's interests and discuss ways to make the Scouting experience even more rewarding. The conference is a valuable opportunity for a Scoutmaster to discuss with each Scout his activity in the troop and his understanding and practice of the ideals of Scouting.

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Board of Review

Any Scout advancing in rank will need to appear before a Board of Review. The Scout has the responsibility of contacting the Advancement Chairperson or Assistant and request a Board of Review. A separate Board of Review is required after each Scoutmaster Conference and before each rank is awarded (except Scout rank). The Board is made up of members of the troop committee and adults who want to learn more about you and to better understand what Scouting has done for you. The Board of Review is not a final exam, but the Board is responsible for making certain you have met and completed the requirements of the rank, are living by the Scout Oath and Law, and to review your participation within the troop and your community. **TAKE TIME TO REVIEW YOUR RANK REQUIREMENTS AND YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE TROOP PRIOR TO THE BOARD OF REVIEW AND BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THOSE REQUIREMENTS AND ACTIVITIES.**

Service Time and Projects

Service time (also referred to as “time in rank”) is required to advance in rank. Active Scout participation and advancement go together. Taking part in the activities of your patrol and troop are required for “time in rank” to accumulate. For instance, if during the month of July you go to summer camp and spend an entire week in scout related activities, that month would count toward time in rank. Conversely, if during the month of August you do nothing scout related, then that month does not count toward time in rank.

Service projects are required for the higher ranks and must be approved by the Scoutmaster in advance. Specific requirements for each rank are described in the Scout Handbook.

Eagle Palms

After becoming an Eagle Scout you will want to continue taking part in activities and merit badges in your troop. The Boy Scouts of America recognizes achievements beyond the Eagle Scout Rank by awarding Eagle Palms. Requirements can be found in the Scout handbook.

Merit Badges

Merit badges are an important part of your Scouting experience. They help you learn new skills, or increase knowledge and awareness in subject areas. The subjects are intended to challenge you while being fun. You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn these merit badges. There are more than 130 merit badges, 12 of which are Eagle required badges. Any of the 130 merit badges may be earned at any time while you are registered Scout. Any Boy Scout may earn any merit badge at any time, with the exception of those having a prerequisite. Please seek the advice of the Scoutmaster as to the proper time to start some of the more difficult merit badges. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible.

Pick a subject

Talk to your Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster about your interests. Read the requirements of the merit badges you think might interest you. See the Advancement committee member or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for a District merit badge counselor list. These counselors have special knowledge in their merit badge subjects and are interested in helping you. The Internet is also a fine source for merit badge requirement, tips, and information. Purchase or borrow the merit badge book and begin reading.

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Pre-Approval

Get a signed blue merit badge card from your Scoutmaster or identify and discuss with the Scoutmaster available counselors and establish a connection with a counselor via Scoutbook. (see the section on Scoutbook for more information)

Scout Buddy System

You must have another person with you at each meeting with the merit badge counselor. This person can be another Scout, your parents or guardian, a brother or sister, a relative or a friend. Many Scouts choose to work with a Scouting buddy to achieve a particular merit badge.

Call the Counselor

Get in touch with the Advancement Chairman, Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chairperson in the Troop and he will give the scout the contact information of approved merit badge counselors. Contact him or her and tell them that you want to earn the merit badge. The counselor may ask you to come and see him/her so he/she can explain what he/she expects and start helping you meet the requirements. When you know what is expected, start to learn and do the things required. Ask your counselor to help you learn the things you need to know or do. You should read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject. You will be expected to buy or borrow the merit badge booklet. Bring the merit badge booklet to all meeting with your counselor.

Requirements

You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated - no more and no less. You are expected to do exactly what is stated in the requirements. If it says "show or demonstrate," that is what you must do. Just telling about it isn't enough. The same thing holds true for such words as "make," "list," "in the field," and "collect," "identify" and "label."

Show Your Stuff

When you are ready, call the counselor again to make an appointment to meet the requirements. When you go take along the things you have made to meet the requirements. If they are too big to move, take pictures or have an adult tell in writing what you have done. The counselor will ask you to do each requirement to make sure that you know your stuff and have done or can do the things required.

Get the Badge

When your counselor is satisfied that you have met each requirement, he or she will sign your blue merit badge card or signoff in Scoutbook.

IMPORTANT: Give the signed and completed application to the Advancement Chairman who is responsible for documenting merit badges or notify the Adv. Chair that your merit badge is approved in Scoutbook. He will review the card/approval in Scoutbook and give you a portion of the card (as necessary). Keep all your advancement records in a safe place.

Recognition

Recognition is the last step in the methods we use to teach Scouting skills. Troop 17 awards rank

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advancement badges and merit badges to the Scouts immediately after the boys have earned them. For this reason, the troop does not hold regular Courts of Honor but rather will award badges at regular troop meetings or an upcoming Parent's Night.

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Parent's Night

Parent's Night is a time for families to learn what the troop has been doing from the boys themselves and to recognize the Scouts who have earned rank advancements or merit badges. Some badges will have been previously given to the boys at regular troop meetings but every boy who has earned a badge will be recognized at the next Parent's Night. Scouts that have advanced in rank will be given a parent's pin to pin on their parent at the meeting. We like to have all parents attend. Please plan on your family attending these events so you can share in your son's accomplishments and pride in earning advancement. Parent's night is held three times a year (Usually in October, January and June)

Court of Honor

A Court of Honor is an impressive, formal ceremony to recognize Scouts for their rank advancement and Scouting achievements. An audience of family, friends and special VIP guests attend this important ceremony. Troop 17 holds a formal Court of Honor only for the rank of Eagle. Most Courts of Honor are held at the Denville Community Methodist Church. All Scouts are expected to attend. Full "Class A Dress" uniform is required.

Documentation and Recordkeeping

Although the advancement trail is fun and exciting, it is also serious business. Scouts must be able to document their rank and merit badge accomplishments. With each badge the Scout will receive a card acknowledging his advancement or accomplishment of a merit badge. It is extremely important to maintain these cards in a safe place as they will be needed to document advancements toward Eagle.

Dues and Fees

Membership and Dues

Dues are collected once per year in September. A \$96.00 payment is due in September (subject to change) in order to maintain active status on the troop roster. Included in the dues is the annual registration for National Council, insurance, and Boy's Life Magazine.

Camping and Trip Fees and Finances

Payments for most camping trips are due with the permission slips two meetings before the trip. Some of the bigger trips may require at least a deposit many months in advance of the trip. Payment details will be provided when the trips are announced. Whether a deposit or fee is refundable depends on the type of trip planned. If the troop must pay for a Scout's attendance in advance then the fee cannot be refunded unless another Scout can be found to fill the spot. The Treasurer or Trip Coordinator will be able to answer questions regarding refunds.

Food money

If meals for a trip are planned at the troop level then payment for food for an outing is collected at the time the permission slips and fees are collected. Generally this fee averages \$10.00-\$20.00 for a two-night camp out. Depending where we are camping.

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Food money (cont.)

If patrol cooking is planned for a trip then food and money are handled by the patrols. The patrols will either collect money before/after the trip or split up the food purchasing responsibility. Sometimes one patrol member will be assigned the task. The patrol purchases items on the grocery list created from the menus the patrol has planned. The patrol will also be responsible for safely packing food into coolers and into appropriate storage containers. The patrol will be responsible for bringing groceries to the departure location at the day of the outing. If a Scout indicates to the patrol prior to the camping trip that he will be attending the camp out, and he does not attend, he will still be responsible for his share of the food money.

Summer Camp Fees

Scouts are responsible for paying all summer camp fees and associated expenses. The fee for a one-week 2021 resident summer camp is \$500.00 if paid before March 31, 2021. After April 1 the fee goes up to \$556.00

Other expenses

From time-to-time other fees such as admission to special attractions, canoe rentals, rafting, skiing trips, souvenirs, meals, etc, are paid for by the Scout on an individual basis.

Big ticket trips

During your scouting career there will be many opportunities to get involved with scouting activities and high adventure activities at the regional, national, or even the international level. These trips can cost well in excess of \$1000 and advance commitments of up to two years are required! These trips may be run by the Troop, Venture Crew, the local Boy Scout Council, or BSA National headquarters. Scouts have many opportunities to be involved with these activities, but Troop 17 does not generally participate at the Troop level. There will be opportunities for one or more scouts to participate by either going with a trip organized by Venture Crew 17, with some fellow scouts from the Troop, or even as an individual with a local Patriot's Path Council or a national contingent.

Some of the activities are included below. For more details see the BSA national website at www.scouting.org or the Patriot's Path Council high adventure pages at <http://www.camps.pbbsa.org/high%20adventure/>.

National Scout Jamboree – Held at Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia, more than 32,000 boys ages 12 to 17 are challenged by more than 280 programs, activities, and exhibits. Four action centers offer a wide range of activities, including air rifle shooting, archery, motocross, and pioneering. To keep cool and fulfill aquatic merit badge requirements, Scouts can participate in activities including rowing, canoeing, snorkeling, and scuba. Over 100 merit badges are offered at the Jamboree. Costs are in the \$1000-\$1500 range and signups start over 1-1/2 years in advance. The next Jamboree scheduled for July 2022.

World Scout Jamboree – Held every four years, a world jamboree involves thousands of Scouts from many nations camping together in the spirit of world friendship. Such friendships and the desire to know one another overcome barriers of language and differences in custom, race, and religion, making Scouting relevant to world brotherhood. At jamborees, Scouts compete in Scout skills, trade friendship tokens, meet around campfires, and make lifelong pen pals. They

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World Scout Jamboree (cont.)

sample each other's foods, play games, swim together, and learn Scout stunts, how to make gadgets, and how Scouts live around the world. They also learn words and phrases in different languages. The last World Scout Jamboree was held in West Virginia, USA in 2019. Scout contingents are organized by Boy Scouts of America national headquarters and costs can be very high depending on the location of the Jamboree. Sign-ups start 2 years in advance. The next World Scout Jamboree will be held in South Korea in 2023

Florida Seabase - The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is owned and operated by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America to offer unique educational aquatic programs to our members. Located in Islamorada and on Summerland Key in the beautiful the Florida Keys as well as Marsh Harbour, Great Abaco Island, Bahamas, the heart of the Florida Keys, the near shore reefs and crystal clear waters offer unparalleled opportunities for long term and short term programs year round. Programs run from tall ship sailing, to snorkeling, to SCUBA. Prices vary considerably as well depending on the program.

Philmont Scout Ranch – The Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure base, challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 137,000 square acres or 214 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. Two week backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country. Patriot's Path council sends a twenty crews a year to Philmont. Costs are around \$2,400 and sign-ups are required up to 2 years in advance. There are opportunities to go to Philmont every few years.

Double H High Adventure Base – A Philmont Scout Ranch program. Located on the Torstenson Wildlife Center in Datil, New Mexico, the Double H is over 100,000 acres of rugged wilderness. Seven-day backpacking programs give crews the freedom to hike without trails. A Wilderness Guide (Double H staff member) accompanies the crew for the entire trek. Programs provided at the Martin (backcountry) Camp and the Wilderness Guide include geocaching, GPS navigation skills, challenge/team building events, black powder shooting, archery, astronomy, conservation projects, search & rescue, and more. Lower cost and shorter duration than Philmont. Individuals or small groups can sign up directly with Council.

Northern Tier National High Adventure Bases – From June to September, Northern Tier in Minnesota offers Scouts and Venturers the best in wilderness canoeing treks. Beginning in December, you may participate in the challenging cold-weather camping program called Okpik (OOK' pick). The Northern Tier offers many adventures, each geared to the goals and desires of your group. Come to the Northern Tier for an unforgettable experience in the world famous northwoods "Canoe Country". Costs vary depending on the program chosen. Sign-ups required up to 1-1/2 years in advance.

Troop Funding and Fundraising

The general membership fee for the troop account is used to cover the cost of badge purchases, camp equipment, and equipment maintenance, as well as supplementing the campground fees.

Fundraising

Troop 17 organizes a fund raising activity each year. Presently our major activity is the Lee Rue Nature Program held each year in April. The proceeds from this event are placed in the general troop funds for troop equipment purchases, camping fees, awards, patches, and pins. We need your help in making this event a success and thereby reducing the cost of activities for the Scouts.

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Camping Equipment and Supplies

Personal Gear

The Scout motto is: "Be Prepared." Scouts are expected to pack properly for day trips and overnight camping. Below is a summary, see Appendix A for a detailed list.

Day Pack Equipment

The Day Pack is usually carried with the Scout on outings or activities. The following is a list of equipment that should be placed in the Day Pack:

- Official Boy Scout Handbook
- Pencil or pen
- Notebook or pad
- Poncho or other rain gear
- Personal First Aid Kit (see Scout handbook)
- Toilet Paper in a plastic zip-lock bag.
- Water Bottle
- Flash light/batteries
- Compass
- Emergency Medical Tags for Allergies

NOTE: You can improvise, as necessary. Acquiring your equipment is a cumulative effort.

Overnight Camping Pack Equipment

Remember to always pack for the weather and the number of days camping.

- Official Boy Scout Handbook
- Camp Pack is a frame pack equipped with a rain cover
- Tent (the troop has a limited number of tents available, contact the Quartermaster)
- Sleeping bag (with optional blanket) in a waterproof bag
- Small pillow. Sheet, Space/Emergency Blanket
- Plastic ground cloth (8 x 10 ft)
- Pillow case or dirty clothes bag
- Swim Trunks (weather permitting)
- Hiking boots
- Sweat pants
- Sneakers
- Hooded Nylon jacket (windbreaker)
- Toiletries
- Shoes and clothing should match activity and weather
- Long or short sleeve shirt and long or short pants in addition to uniform being worn
- One or more pairs of socks, T-shirt and underwear
- Wool sweater or sweat shirt (hooded preferred)
- Tooth paste, tooth brush
- Towel and Wash Cloth

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Your Day Pack should be packed in your Camp Pack for quick trips or carrying small items. All Day Pack Equipment goes into the Camp Pack.

Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is the Scouting National Honor Society. It sets out to recognize those youth and adults Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. It serves to develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit, to promote Scout camping, and to crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life of purpose and of leadership in cheerful service to others. The Order of the Arrow was founded in 1915 by Dr. E. Urner Goodman and Carroll A. Edson at Treasure Island summer camp, near Philadelphia. To gain membership in the OA, a registered Boy Scout must:

- Hold a rank of First Class or higher
- Have camped a minimum of 15 days and nights of Scout camping in a 2-year period, including a 6-day and 5-night camping experience at a local or national council facility operated and accredited by BSA.
- Must have the approval of their Scoutmaster
- Must be successfully elected by his fellow Scouts according to the OA election procedure.

Venturing

The objective of Venturing Crew 17 is to operate as stand-alone co-ed unit for young men and women ages 14-20. The focus of activity is on outdoor environment skills. Activities have been rock climbing, snowshoeing, winter camping, COPE, mountain biking, snowboarding, Philmont Trekking (Extended 10 day backpacking with Program Camps), backpacking, and Klondike Scouting events.

Troop 17 serves as a recruitment opportunity for youth to remain in Scouting throughout their high-school and college years. Venture Crew 17 maintains the same sponsor as Troop 17, Denville Community Church, and utilizes the same Troop 17 equipment for support of camping and high adventure activities.

Website / Facebook page

Troop 17's website address is www.bsatroop.org and should be your first stop for the Troop trip calendar and permission slip forms. It's Facebook page is www.facebook.com/TROOP17Denville

Policy for Scouts

- Under NO circumstances will we ever knowingly give out any information to anyone about Scouts!
- No personally identifiable information about youth is posted online on our Troop 17 website.
- We do not post Scouts' addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses.
- Photos, videos, or recordings of Scouts or scouting activities may be posted on our website, but will not identify any specific individual or provide personally identifiable information. Captions may include a first name or initials only (if used at all).
- We do not post a roster of Scouts on the website.

Policy for Adults

- We do not post adult leader's addresses, phone numbers, or email addresses without

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permission.

Paperwork

Medical Forms (https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_abc.pdf)

Medical forms are required for all Scouts and adults. Doctors' signatures are required for summer camp. Each year in May, you will be asked to update your son's form. A typical medical exam is good for three years. If your son has a check-up scheduled for school, ask for a Scout form and have it completed and signed at the same time. For adults under age 40 medical forms are also good for three years with an annual update sheet. Those of us who are over age 40 must have a doctor signed medical form completed each year in order to attend summer camp or high adventure camps.

Permission Slips

Signed permission slips are required for every troop outing. Permission slips are available on the Troop 17 web site and must be submitted at the troop meeting 2 weeks prior to the outing (the Wednesday before the Wednesday before the trip).

Monthly Newsletter

The Secretary issues a periodic newsletter which is posted on the troop web site. This newsletter serves as a reminder of upcoming events, recognizes Scouts' achievements and activities outside of Scouting. If you have news for the newsletter, contact the Secretary, he'll do his best to mention it in the newsletter.

Responsibilities

All Scouts and Scouters and adults attending trips are expected to abide and live by the Scout Oath, The Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code at all times.

Basic rules and Regulations

- Scouts who have their Tote-N-Chip in their possession may carry folding pocket knives. Any abuse of knife or axe safety will be grounds for losing a corner. When four corners are gone, so is the Tote-N-Chip and so is the privilege of carrying a knife at Scouting events.
- Sheath knives are not permitted.
- Scouts who have their Fireman's Chit in their possession may carry matches or a lighter. Fires are to be built using guidelines in the Boy Scout Handbook. Any abuse of fire safety will be grounds for losing a corner. When four corners are gone, so is the Fireman-Chit and so is the privilege of using fire at Scouting events.
- Aerosol cans are not permitted in anyone's possession at any function.
- Fuel based lanterns or flames of any type are not allowed inside tents.
- Fireworks of any kind are not permitted.
- Firearms of any kind are not permitted.
- Alcohol, drugs, and tobacco products are not permitted (applies to Scouts and adults).
- All wood for fires should be dead and down. Live trees must not be cut. Dead-fall is the only wood to be cut or used for fires.
- All garbage, tin cans, bottles, etc., should be packed out and/or disposed daily in appropriate containers.

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- Adult conversations at meetings and camp outs should be held outside the meeting or camping area.

Basic rules and Regulations (cont.)

- No cell phones with the boys; no electronic gear of any kind (radios, CD and other music players, electronic games, etc.) unless otherwise announced.

Adult Assistance

Although the troop is a boy-led organization, many of the activities we plan require additional adult support. Each family of a new Scout should have one parent plan on attending one of the first overnight outings. A boy's first overnight outing away from home can be intimidating and it also gives each parent an opportunity to see first-hand, what our Boy Scout Program is all about.

In addition, we need help coordinating fund raising, summer camp registration, re-charter, advancement, etc. Please volunteer. Remember, when a boy joins the Scouting program his family joins with him. He needs your support and so does the troop. Parental involvement and encouragement are vital for the Scout's success. It is expected that parents will register with the troop committee to assist with some of the various positions, jobs, events, and projects during the program year. Or you can share your knowledge and skills as a Merit Badge Counselor.

Working as a team in support of the troop and its Scoutmaster, we can help our Scouts to develop the confidence, skills, character, and mental fitness that will allow our boys provide give quality leadership to a changing society.

Consider Serving as a Merit Badge Counselor

If you have an area of expertise or specialty and have a desire to guide young men, you can be a merit badge counselor. Here are the steps to becoming a merit badge counselor:

- Complete an Adult Scouting Application (see the Advancement Chairperson)
- Review the merit badge offerings and decide which ones you would like to teach.
- Complete a Merit Badge Counselor Application Form. (See the Advancement Chairperson).
- Wait for Council approval. (Do not offer a merit badge until you have been approved by Council).
- Review the two-deep leadership policy of Scouting.
- You serve as a counselor for the troop, for the District, and the entire Council.
- Share your knowledge and enjoy!!

Adult Meetings

The troop committee meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Denville Community Methodist Church unless otherwise noted.

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Scoutbook

Scoutbook is the BSA's online unit management tool and helps Scouts, parents and leaders track advancement and milestone achievements along the Scouting trail.

Some Advantages to Scoutbook:

1. You will have up to the minute visibility of your Scout's official BSA advancement record. You can view whenever you want. And the unit can make adjustments as necessary without contacting council.
2. It automatically keeps the unit in compliance with BSA advancement reporting requirements.
3. When a Scout moves, their advancement record follows them.

Watch the short video for a brief Introduction to Scoutbook...

https://youtu.be/dNr_mIHxDi8

This short video is for Parents

<https://youtu.be/aXqIM2XYnpl>

This short video is for Scout Leaders

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=guhLWnnU9ys>

When a scout joins Troop 17 he will be added to the Troop's Scoutbook roster and connected to the Key 3 (Scoutmaster, Advancement Chair and Committee Chair). The Advancement Chair will initiate an invite for the Scout's parent to participate in Scoutbook and see a Scouts advancement record. The parent can choose to then send an invite to their son to see their own advancement and records.

This is a new and wonderful tool that give good transparency and access to a Scout's history of advancement.

Merit badges and connections with Merit Badge Counselors can and will leverage this tool to help facilitate advancement also. A Scout can talk to the Advancement Chair to fully understand how they can work together on a Scout's advancement. The Scoutmaster can also assist a Scout with identifying a merit badge counselor.

When a scout continues on his "Trail to Eagle" this will be a valuable tool in documenting a Scout's history and advancement for an Eagle Scout Application.

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Appendix A – Detailed Equipment List

Equipment

Joining Boy Scouts should not be a financial burden. It is not necessary to purchase a lot of equipment or the best and most expensive equipment. Time should be allowed to make sure your son likes Scouting before making major investments.

Check and see if any of the troop members have equipment they want to sell. Boys outgrow backpacks or upgrade some of their equipment and have older equipment to sell. Check thrift shops, garage sales, etc.

It is crucial that the backpack fits properly. It should be able to load all equipment needed for overnight hikes. The equipment loading ability and the arrangement of compartments should be appropriate for the boy's size. A knowledgeable backpacker should fit the backpack. Plastic bags should be used for changes of clothing, etc. within the pack to keep everything dry. Separate outfits in Ziploc bags work well.

Sleeping bags should be lightweight; suitable for the lowest temperature the troop's activities will encounter and remain warm. We suggest the use of synthetic fill sleeping bags and **NOT** down fill sleeping bags. Suggested bags are 20° rated. Blankets and the use of nesting bags will allow use in colder temperatures. SEEK ADVICE BEFORE PURCHASING. KEEP SALES SLIPS IN THE EVENT AN ITEM MUST BE RETURNED FOR A MORE APPROPRIATE ONE.

Camping and Backpacking Gear Recommendations (warm or cold weather):

- Hiking Boots - Rugged sole, good fit, waterproof. NO SNEAKERS ALLOWED ON ANY CAMPING TRIPS (as PRIMARY FOOTWEAR).
- Sleeping Bag - Lightweight, NO DOWN FILL, mummy style, rated for 0°.
- Sleeping Pad - For use under sleeping bag.
- Backpack - Internal or external frame, depending which fits the Scout better. 65L – 80L is best.
- Tent – 2 to 4 man. (Troop tents are available for use)
- Lightweight Flashlight or headlight - With extra batteries
- 3 Large Trash bags for: - Outer wrap of sleeping bag, wet or dirty clothing, misc.
- Pocketknife (sharpened) - See Scout handbook for rules in carrying the knife
- Boy Scout Compass (base plate you can see through)
- Rain Poncho or rain jacket- Light weight, folds compactly
- Mess Kit - included bowl, cup, silverware (suggested type is Lexan) and canteen or water bottle (at least 2 liters filled with water)
- 4 clothespins
- 50 feet of paracord or of equal type strength
- Matches in waterproof container
- Large Ziploc bags (to keep clothing dry inside the pack)
- Insect repellent
- Sunscreen (depends on the season)

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Toiletries

- Tissues
- 3-4 Paper Towels
- Toilet paper (suggest a ¼ - ½ roll in a ziplock bag)
- Soap and Washcloth
- Toothpaste and Toothbrush

Personal First Aid kit

- Adhesive bandages - 6
- Sterile gauze pads (3"x3") - 2
- Adhesive tape - 1 small roll
- Moleskin (3"x6")
- Antiseptic (Neosporin) - 1 small tube
- Small scissors - 1
- Latex gloves - 1 pair
- Mouth barrier device - 1 (this is optional - for rescue breathing/CPR)
- Small pad of paper and a pencil
- Chap Stick (unscented)

Medications:

- If your scout is on medications please inform the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster that is going on the trip. This way the leaders know about the medication. This should also be mentioned on the scouts medical form.

Clothing - Cold weather (No cotton):

- Wool hat to sleep in
- Warm pants/shirt to sleep in
- Long Underwear-polypropylene (Under Armor equivalent)
- Shell type windbreaker
- Gloves
- Wool Hat/Scarf
- Cold weather Long sleeve shirts
- Wool socks (cold weather)
- Underwear
- Wool or Polyester Pants

Clothing - Warm weather (No cotton):

- Shorts/shirt to sleep in
- Shell type windbreaker
- Short sleeve shirts
- Wool socks (warm weather)
- Underwear
- Polyester Pants

NOTE: Try not to pack or wear jeans. If they get damp or wet they will not dry and the scout will be cold!

Writing Materials:

- Small pad
- Pen/pencil

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- Boy Scout Handbook (always pack this for trips)

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Appendix B – History of Troop 17

Troop History 1929-2021

92 Years of Scouting in Denville BSA Troop 17
Denville, New Jersey

In June 1927 attempts were made to organize Boy Scout Troop 17 under the sponsorship of the Denville Community Church. Many of the interested boys were from Mt. Tabor or Rainbow Lakes. Numerous adult meetings were held and, on October 31, 1929 under the sponsorship of the Denville PTA, Troop 17 was born.

Ida S. Naulsiesen, President of the PTA, signed the first charter application as head of the institution. Gordon M. Taylor, eight-grade teacher at Denville School, was Chairman of the troop committee. Fred S. Meyers and Art Wiedman Sr. were the other members of the troop committee.

Sam C. Morris Sr. was Scoutmaster. Working with Mr. Morris were two Assistant Scoutmasters, Rudolf Rengetter of Indian Lake, and Harry Doll. The 18 charter members of Troop 17 were:

Edgar Armstrong Robert Lee (Denville) William Barth Sam Morris, Jr.
Wallace Beam S. Schmidt Frank Cusak R. Schmidt
Duanne Conn (Boonton) Jack Sullivan (Denville) Ed Doremus (Denville) Joe Sontegrath
LeRoy Chambers (Denville) Robert Sturtevant Nelson Doremus Are Wiedman, Jr.
Howard Lash (Denville) Joe Haslwanter

During the first year, 14 more boys joined the troop bringing it to full strength.

Meetings were held each Friday evening, on the second floor of the old schoolhouse in the room over the library. This room was kept exclusively for troop use and was heated by a pot-bellied stove. At first each boy brought wood to the meeting. Later, wood was hauled in and stacked in the basement for the winter.

The troop's equipment consisted of blackboards, a phonograph, benches, bulletin boards and other necessary Scout equipment. Patrols were allowed to use the room during the week. Most of the adult meetings were also held at the schoolhouse.

Early records indicate that the PTA kept a close grip on the troop requiring many reports on activities and progress. These reports were in addition to those already required by the Boy Scouts of America.

Time devoted by adults in steering and administering the troop in those early years was tremendous. Mr. Taylor found it necessary to step down during 1930. Art Wiedman, Sr. became Chairman, and David Griffiths was added to the committee. Special permission was obtained to add another patrol to the troop, and seven new boys were admitted.

1931 found more changes in the troop committee. Mr. Taylor resumed the role of committee Chairman, and George Robinson was added as a member. Rodman Schmidt assumed the role of Assistant Scoutmaster. The troop was very active both at home and in events organized by the Council.

In 1932 J. Elmer Vanderhoof became Chairman. Police Chief Benjamin Kinsey, George M. Demey and J.P. Hughes made up the committee. Mr. Vanderhoof remained committee Chairman in 1933,

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with George H. Baldwin and Rev. J.M. Blessing serving with him on the committee. The razing of the old schoolhouse in 1933 made it necessary to find a new home. This is the year that the troop meeting place moved to the Denville Community Church and the reason Rev. Blessing joined the committee.

Since the troop had begun meeting in the church, and the PTA had much to do with an increase in activities at the school, the troop's sponsoring organization was changed to the Denville Community Church in 1934. David Griffiths signed the charter application as Chairman of the Board of Trustees and head of the Church. Corey Chambers became Chairman of the troop committee. Mr. Vanderhoof, Kenneth Seath and Griffiths joined Mr. Chambers as committee members. Clinton Schmidt, Robert Lee, and Sam Morris, Jr. were appointed as Assistant Scoutmasters.

In 1926 Sam Morris, Sr. retired from active Scouting and Clarence Schreur became the new Scoutmaster.

Mr. Griffiths became Chairman on the troop committee in 1935. In 1937 Clinton Schmidt became the Scoutmaster. Mr. Schreur continued to serve as committee Chairman with David Griffiths and Arthur Larson assisting as committee members. David Griffiths assumed responsibility as the Chairman of the committee again in 1938 with Ken Seath, Mr. Dangerfield and Rev. Cutlip serving as committee members. William Mack was appointed Scoutmaster. In 1939 Mr. H. Lookingbill was placed on the committee when Ken Seath and Rev. Cutlip stepped down.

In 1940 Charles Geiser became Assistant Scoutmaster. In 1941 K.F. Howell became Scoutmaster. In 1943 Ernest Scofield became Scoutmaster. In 1944 Paul Lynch became Scoutmaster and there were no changes in the troop leadership until 1945. In 1946 James F. Vanderhoof became Scoutmaster and Frank Vanderhoof became committee Chairman. In 1947 Henry Patterson became Scoutmaster. In 1948 Farnham Vanderhoof became Scoutmaster. At this point Jim, Henry and Farnham each agreed to guide the troop for one year while the others served as Assistant Scoutmasters. This proved to be a good method of getting the best out of each man and rebuilding the troop from the low cycle of the war years.

In 1949 W. Kershaw became Scoutmaster and in 1950 Joe Skok became the Scoutmaster. In 1950 Fred Bowers became committee Chairman. Robert Hagen became Scoutmaster in 1951. With Bob Hagen as Scoutmaster and assistance from George Cashen and George Collins as Assistant Scoutmasters and assistance from very able members of the troop committee, Troop 17 saw much improvement.

In 1956 Frank Hein became committee Chairman. Frank was the first Chairman that was an outdoorsman and camper to hold this position. His leadership molded the committee to be the working group it is today.

In 1957 Albert Green, an Eagle Scout in the troop, became an Assistant Scoutmaster and adviser to the Explorer Crew, those Scouts 14-18 years old. In 1959. Al Green became Scoutmaster with Bob Hagen, George Cashen, and Ray Lariviere as Assistant Scoutmasters. Through the following years Jeff Biggs, Rod Ayres, Bob Rush, Rich Rosencrans, Don Cordell, Jim Wachue and Jerry Sacken have served as Assistant Scoutmasters. George Cashen stayed as Assistant Scoutmaster until he moved down south.

In 1960 George Eggert became committee Chairman. In 1965 Don Cordell became committee Chairman. Don like Frank Hein was an outdoorsman. Don was with us until he moved South. There he continued with Scouting.

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In 1970 Ernie Biron became committee Chairman and followed right in Don's footsteps. In 1992 Ron DeMeo a committee member for 2 years served as committee Chairman until 1994. In 1994 Frank Brescher became committee Chairman. In 1994 Ernie Biron a committee member since 1961 assumed to Chairmanship. Mr. Biron gave up the Chairmanship to Alan Fedor in 1995 who held it till 1997. Mr. Biron remained on the committee as Vice Chairman.

In June 1997 the troop celebrated the 50th anniversary of Al Green's participation in the Boy Scouts of America.

In December 1997 David Ward who was also on the committee for 2 years prior to becoming the Chairman assumed the Chairmanship.

Through the years Troop 17 has been fortunate to have adult Scouters of high ideals serve as leaders and committee member for long periods of time. Many have served for over 20 years. Included on this list are: Ernie Biron, Dick Heilman, Larry Casey, Rod Ayres and Don Van Winkle.

Don Cordell and George Cashen moved south but have stayed with Scouting. Both Don and George along with Al Green and Frank Brescher have received Scouting's highest Council level award, the Silver Beaver.

In the year 2000 and 2001 Scouts of the troop were invited to join the local council Junior Leader Training course as instructors. Three Scouts were also invited to go to Philmont to attend the National Junior Leader Training Course.

In 2001 several Scouts and adults attended the National Jamboree as staff members working in various areas of the Jamboree. During 2002 summer a Scout from the troop has gone to Philmont to attend the National Junior Leader Training course as a staff member. Also this summer we had 2 Scouts who staffed the local Junior Leader Training Conference for the third time in a row.

In 2002 Thomas Andes was elected as chairman and David Ward stayed on as committee Vice Chairman, in 2003 Dan Roman was selected as Vice Chairman.

In February 2008, Al Green was presented the Muriel Hepner Award as a volunteer of the year by the Denville P.R.I.D.E. Council.

Between 2012 and 2021 the Troop has had 3 Troop Committee Chairs; Ed Rush, Tim Rozansky and Douglas Gabel

In 2019 Scoutmaster Al Green retired. The Troop celebrated its 90th Anniversary. A celebration was held at the Dover Presbyterian Church with a number of alumni and dignitaries joined current Troop members in celebration. John Tucker took over as Scoutmaster of Troop 17 in 2020.

During the time from March 2020 through March 2021 the Troop began meeting virtually using the Zoom platform. This Covid pandemic created several challenges for the Troop's leadership. During this time 11 Scouts earned the rank of Eagle Scout. We were unable to hold an Eagle Court of Honor. A huge event is planned to be held in July 2021 to recognize these Eagle Scouts.

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Appendix C – From Life to Eagle

From Life Scout to Eagle Scout Reference Guide

Make sure you consult with the Advancement Chair and an Eagle Guide for any changes to the procedure.

DO NOT START WORK ON YOUR PROJECT until all your approvals are in place (Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, Council & Beneficiary) and all paperwork has been completed. Council provides a BSA Eagle Scout Application, BSA Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook, and a Trail to Eagle Packet.

Advancing from Life to Eagle

As a Life Scout, the Eagle candidate **must** complete all of the requirements for the rank of Eagle prior to his 18th birthday:

- Be active in the troop for a period of at least 6 months.
- Demonstrate that you live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law in your daily life.
- Earn an additional 10 merit badges (5 of which are Eagle required) above the 11 needed for Life. (Merit Badges may be attained prior to earning the rank of Life.)
- Actively hold appropriate positions of responsibility and/or carry out leadership projects assigned to you by the Scoutmaster.
- Plan, develop, and give leadership to others to complete a service project helpful to any religious institution, any school, or your community. The project idea must be approved by your Scoutmaster, troop committee, and by the District Advancement Committee/Eagle Advisor before you start working on the project. You must use the Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook (No. 512-927 - 2012 Form) for this requirement.
- Participate in a Scoutmaster conference.

Upon achieving the rank of Life Scout, get the following documents from the Scoutmaster, Troop Advancement Chairman, or the Council Website:

- Eagle Scout Rank Application (<http://advancement.pbbsa.org/pdf/512-728in.pdf>)
- Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook
- PDF file - <http://advancement.pbbsa.org/pdf/512-927EagleScoutServiceProjectWorkbook.pdf>
- Patriots' Path Council Trail to Eagle Packet (<http://advancement.pbbsa.org/trailtoeagle.htm>)

Be sure to closely review and follow these documents.

Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project

1. Review project alternatives. Sources of project ideas include your church, school, community, or adult members of the troop. Additional guidance and a checklist are provided in the Project Workbook and Part 2 of the Trail to Eagle Packet. An important goal of the service project is for the scout to demonstrate the leadership skills he has learned in Scouting.
2. Select a project and complete the Project Description and Project Details sections in the Project Workbook.
3. Review your project plans with the organization benefiting from the project and have them sign the Project Workbook.
4. Speak with Troop Committee Chairman or Troop Advancement Chairman to schedule a presentation at the next Troop Committee meeting (committee meetings are held once a month during the school year). Present your project idea with details, plans and pictures to the Troop Committee. Be prepared to answer questions about your project. Upon approval by the committee, have the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee representative sign the Project Workbook.
5. Contact the District Advancement Committee Chairman to have an Eagle Advisor assigned to you.
6. Meet with your Eagle Advisor to review the project. Upon approval, have your Eagle Advisor sign the Project Workbook. **Note:** This must be done before beginning work on the project.

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7. At this time, the scout can begin working on the project. It is a good idea to review the plan and requirements again. Add details and update as necessary. While working on the project, be sure to maintain complete records of workers, materials used, dates and times. Also, be sure to take pictures before, during, and after the project. The Project Workbook can be used to capture some of this information.
8. Prepare the Eagle Project Report. Follow the outline provided in #13 of Part 2 of the Trail to Eagle Packet. In the report:
 - Identify any problems encountered during the project and how they were overcome.
 - Identify any changes you would make if you were to do the project over again.
 - Include a list of project participants; pictures; a letter from the sponsoring organization stating that the project was completed in a timely manner to their satisfaction; a copy of the original Project Workbook used prior to beginning the project work.
9. Review the Eagle Project Report with the Scoutmasters, members of the Troop Committee, the Troop Advancement Chairman, the Troop Eagle Guide Advisor, and your Eagle Advisor. Receive comments and suggestions. Make changes to the report as necessary.

Prepare Eagle Scout Rank Application

1. The preparation of the Application (<http://advancement.pbbsa.org/pdf/512-728in.pdf>) can begin at any time after becoming a Life scout. It is not necessary to wait until the project is completed. Part 3 of the Trail to Eagle Packet includes helpful information about how to fill out the Application. No “white outs” or erasures or “write overs” are acceptable; all information must be legible; all dates must include month, day, and year
2. Collect all blue cards and rank cards received as a scout. Use your Scout handbook. Request an advancement report from Council and from the Troop Advancement Chairman. Identify any discrepancies or missing items. Review your findings with the Troop Advancement Chairman who will submit any changes to Council so they can be recorded prior to submitting the Application.
3. For Requirement #6, print “See attached” on the form. On an attached page type your name, Troop 17, and “Patriots’ Path Council” in the upper left-hand corner. On the page, type “Eagle Application, Requirement #6 – My Ambitions and Life Purpose”. Provide your response to this topic along with any positions, honors, and awards you have received.
4. Complete the Application up to and including the Certification by Applicant section.
5. Review the Application with the Troop Advancement Chairman to confirm accuracy and completeness.
6. Request three (3) references to send sealed letters of recommendation directly to the Troop Advancement Chairman or designee prior to the BOR. Inform the Troop Advancement Chairman that the letters are on the way and confirm when they have been received.
7. Schedule a Scoutmaster conference and get Unit Leader signature on the Application.
8. Get Unit Committee Chair signature on the Application.
9. Submit Eagle Scout Rank Application with Eagle Project Report to Council for registration and date check.

Board of Review (BOR) and final steps

1. Receive Application and Project Report back from Council with BSA Local Council Certification signature.
2. Notify the Troop Advancement Chairman so that an Eagle Board can be assembled and a Board of Review can be scheduled.
3. Prepare for Board of Review. Part 4 of Trail to Eagle Packet provides some guidance.
4. Hold the Eagle Board of Review
5. Get Board of Review signatures on Application - Board Chairman (Troop Committee Chairman or Troop Advancement Chairman) and Council/District Board Representative (Eagle Advisor).
6. Troop Advancement Chairman will submit the Application with an Advancement Report to Council.
7. The Council Executive will sign the application to certify that the proper procedure has been followed and that the BOR has recommended the candidate for the Eagle Scout rank. The Application is then forwarded to the National Office for approval.
8. Credentials and certificates are returned from the National Office.
9. Schedule and hold Eagle Court of Honor.

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Appendix D – Troop 17 Eagle Scouts

1	Royden T. Jensen	1941	44	George Strother	1981
2	Robert Squire	1943	45	Mark Riker	1981
3	Jack Prideux	1949	46	Matthew Cole	1981
4	Albert Green	1952	47	Anthony Luttenberger	1981
5	Roger Elgram	1957	48	Mark Baskin	1985
6	Thomas L. Heiss	1958	49	David Baskin	1985
7	Charles Chesney	1958	50	Douglas Sackin	1989
8	Gary Carl	1958	51	Neil Salesky	1991
9	Samuel Morris III	1959	52	Erik Brescher	1991
10	Robert Hagen, Jr.	1960	53	Christopher Botti	1992
11	James Hekel	1961	54	Brian Biggs	1993
12	James Lariviere	1961	55	Peter Luckerath	1994
13	Jay L. Hein	1962	56	Brian Smith	1995
14	Glen Hooker	1962	57	George Davis	1996
15	Steven Rahn	1962	58	Mark Mellini	1998
16	Bill Ruppel	1962	59	Adam Enea	1998
17	Robert S. Gerard	1963	60	Kyle Brescher	1999
18	Richard Patterson	1965	61	John Leto	1999
19	Rodney Ayres	1967	62	Peter Williams	1999
20	Thomas Lariviere	1967	63	Stephen Szabo	1999
21	Lyall Watson	1969	64	Thomas M. Andes	1999
22	Douglas Watson	1969	65	Eric Hanna	2000
23	John Freudenberg	1970	66	Lee Ooms	2001
24	Robert Bergman	1970	67	Drew Hanna	2001
25	James Blankenship	1970	68	Richard Rosencrans	2001
26	Gregory Eggert	1972	69	David Ward	2001
27	Richard Charette	1973	70	Christopher Remmilard	2001
28	Morgan Hurley	1973	71	Gregory Rizos	2002
29	Bob Van Winkle	1973	72	Adam Burns	2002
30	John Lloyd	1973	73	Ryan Tierney	2003
31	Jeff Eggert	1973	74	Richard H. Andes	2004
32	Albert Bills	1974	75	Christopher Widuta	2005
33	Ken Buchanan	1974	76	Jeffrey Rupert	2005
34	Gary Buchanan	1975	77	Christopher Colalillo	2005
35	Len Riker	1976	78	Michael Mallotides	2005
36	Bruce Cordell	1976	79	Stephen Fette	2005
37	37. Dave Graney	1977	80	Eric Solomon	2006
38	38. Ron Green	1977	81	Paul Fourounjian	2007
39	39. Richard Morris	1977	82	Nick Grawher	2007
40	40. Kevin Riker	1977	83	Joseph Monka	2007
41	41. Dave Belcher	1978	84	Eric Herbst	2008
42	42. Peter Casey	1979	85	Joseph Andes	2008
43	43. Dale Hamilton	1980	86	Joseph Roman	2009

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87	James Halkyard	2009	132	John Happy	2021
88	Jake Gribbon	2011			
89	Jonathan Fortunato	2011			
90	Nick Fortunato	2011			
91	Jeremy Flessner	2011			
92	Andrew Wisneski	2012			
93	David Halkyard	2012			
94	Ryan Johnson	2012			
95	Philip Zurek	2012			
96	Chris Benfante	2012			
97	Max Meneses	2012			
98	Kevin Tompkins	2012			
99	Nathan Gupta	2012			
100	Michael O'Hara	2013			
101	James Lynch	2013			
102	Kyle Conlin	2013			
103	Joshua Gribbon	2013			
104	Travis Hearon	2014			
105	Jack Rand	2015			
106	Adam Kolides	2015			
107	Andrew Halkyard	2015			
108	Edward Patrick Rush III	2016			
109	Dean Reinhardt	2016			
110	Gregory Jones	2017			
111	Sean Armstrong	2017			
112	Christopher Willis	2017			
113	John Tucker	2017			
114	Joshua Rand	2017			
115	Brendan Flood	2018			
116	Jonathan Valerian	2018			
117	Jonathan Gribbon	2018			
118	Nicholas Penkrat	2018			
119	Christopher Baresh	2018			
120	Timothy Rozansky	2018			
121	Derek Rooney	2018			
122	Ricky Ruglio	2019			
123	Thomas Rooney	2020			
124	Jason Gabel	2020			
125	Timothy Robinson	2020			
126	Philip Lepore	2020			
127	Noah Penkrat	2020			
128	James Cunningham	2020			
129	Ben Rozansky	2020			
130	Graham Wills	2020			
131	Sean Tucker	2021			