WHY SCOUTING?

For every 100 boys who join Scouting, records indicate that:

- RARELY will one be brought before the juvenile court system
- 2 will become Eagle Scouts
- 17 will become future Scout volunteers
- 12 will have their first contact with a church
- 1 will enter the clergy
- 5 will earn their church award
- 18 will develop a hobby that will last through their adult life
- 8 will enter a vocation that was learned through the merit badge system
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save his own life
- 1 will use his Scouting skills to save the life of another person

Scouting's alumni record is equally impressive. A recent nationwide survey of high schools revealed the following information:

85% of student council presidents were Scouts 89% of senior class presidents were Scouts 80% of junior class presidents were Scouts 75% of school publication editors were Scouts 71% of football captains were Scouts

Scouting and the 109th Congress:

More than 50% of congressional members have participated in Scouting. 54 Senators and 216 Representatives have been involved in Scouting. 27 members earned Eagle Scout and 11 earned the Silver Beaver Award.

Scouts also account for:

64% of Air Force Academy graduates 68% of West Point graduates 70% of Annapolis graduates 72% of Rhodes Scholars 85% of F.B.I. agents 26 of the first 29 astronauts

WHY TROOP 45?

As one of the original Troops to the Southington community, Troop 45 maintains strong adult leadership, support and Scouting Program to all of its members. Its 50+ Boy Scouts membership is a true indication of our BSA Method working well!

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 45

SOUTHINGTON, CONNECTICUT

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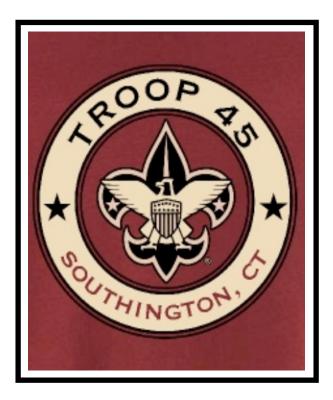
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SCOUTING

AN INTRODUCTION FOR SCOUTS AND THEIR PARENTS TO TROOP 45 & THE SCOUTING METHOD!

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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 in citizenship, and to develop personal fitness. To achieve its mission and continue its purpose, the Boy Scouts of America detail specific methods to which we at Troop 45 follow.

METHODS OF SCOUTING

Method 1- The Ideas. The ideas of BSA are spelled out in the Scout Law, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan and Scout Oath. Incorporating these ideas into daily life develops the Scout Spirit.

Method 2- The Patrol Method. Within the Troop, Patrols are made up of boys of similar age and experience. Boys themselves elect their *Patrol Leader*, divide up jobs to be done, and share in the satisfaction of accepting and fulfilling group responsibilities.

Method 3- The Outdoors. Challenge-Excitement-Fun-The outdoor setting is where boys find real adventure primarily through camping experiences.

Method 4- Advancement. Boys receive recognition for achievement. The rank of Tenderfoot through First Class prepares boys to take full advantage of all Scouting has to offer, while Star, Life, and Eagle requirements focus on service to others and leadership skills. The Merit Badge system provides over 100 topics, allowing boys to explore many different subjects, and introducing them to fields that may become lifelong interest and rewarding careers. Advancement develops a pattern of setting positive goals and reaching them throughout life.

Method 5- Association with Adults. Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be a positive role model in a boys live. A Scoutmaster who takes a sincere interest, is willing to listen, and encourages boys can make a profound difference in a boys life.

Method 6- Personal Growth. Scout-age boys are experiencing dramatic physical and emotional growth. Scouting offers opportunities to channel much of that activity into productive endeavors and to find answers to some of the questions they maybe asking. The Troop provides an arena in which to explore, to try new ideas, and sometimes simply embark on adventures with no other design other than having a good time with good people.

Method 7- Leadership Development. Leadership is a skill that can only be learned by doing it. Every boy in a Patrol and Troop will find that he is filling leadership positions of increasing responsibility. Through leadership experiences, boys learn planning, organization, and decision-making. For many boys, accepting the role of Patrol Leader is the first real leadership opportunity they ever had. Discovering they can do the job will go a long way toward giving them the confidence and ability to be leaders in the future.

Method 8- The Uniform. Since 1910, the Boy Scout uniform has been a recognizable part of the American scene. Wearing the uniform helps boys develop a sense of belonging to their Patrol and Troop. It reinforces the fact that all members of BSA are equal to one another. People seeing a Boy Scout uniform expect someone of good character who is prepared to the best of his ability to help those around him. Scoutmasters in full uniform set an example for Troop members and are also seen as community leaders fulfilling an important role.

THE SCOUT MOTTO

Be prepared!

THE SCOUT OATH

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.

The Scout Ranks are: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle

Boy Leadership Positions are:

Senior Patrol Leader - SPL, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader - ASPL Junior Assistant Scoutmaster - JASM Patrol Leader – PL Assistant Patrol Leader - APL Bugler Chaplain's Aide Den Chief Historian Instructor Librarian Order of the Arrow Troop Representative Quartermaster - Troop Quartermaster - Patrol Scribe Troop Guide

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

