

Troop 617



Welcome Packet

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 611

Troop 611 is chartered to The First Presbyterian Church of Owensboro. We are a well-established Troop in the Owensboro area. It is our goal to serve the youth of Daviess County by providing a fun, learning atmosphere. Troop 611 stresses the principles of Scoutcraft and Leadership. We welcome you to our ranks.

The first step to becoming a Boy Scout is the application. Please obtain an application form from the Scoutmaster so that you can fill it out with the help of your parent. Please remember to fill the application out completely. Don't forget to fill out the reverse side, the medical history section, which is very important if you are planning to attend any of the Troop's outings. You then bring the application form, filled out completely, along with the \$10.00 registration fee back to the Scoutmaster and you become a member of Troop 611.

The Troop does stress uniforming, however, it is not mandatory for you to have a complete uniform before you can participate. Later on in this booklet, we will explain what parts of the uniform you will need, and what parts you do not need right now.

The first rank you will receive will be the Scout rank. This rank is awarded to you when you fulfill the joining requirements, outlined above. In addition to the above steps, a Scout must also understand the ideas of Scouting presented in the Scout Oath and Law, as well a few other small requirements. The first rank that requires further learning and skills development is the Tenderfoot rank. The requirements for this rank are found in the front of the Boy Scout Handbook, which you will receive a copy of upon registration.

After you have turned in your application, and fee, you will be assigned to a Patrol. This is a group of boys, usually around 8 boys, that is led by a youth leader. Your Patrol Leader will give you a list of names and phone numbers of your Patrol, we also have a Senior Patrol Leader, an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and other youth leaders. These leaders will be glad to help you in any way possible. Included in this booklet is a complete roster of Troop 611 for your use.

Troop 611 is a very active Troop. In the last few years, we have offered over a 100 nights of camping for the youth. The Troop is very active in Council and District activities, having never missed a camporee or event since becoming a unit. The adult leadership of the unit feels that the key to the success in the Troop is YOUTH LEADERSHIP. This Troop is lead by the Scouts, with adult guidance. The Scouts plan the program, plan the campouts, and evaluate their own performance. The adults stand ready to assist, but only when asked, and oversee the safety and health of the Scouts.

We hope you receive as much from this Troop as we have, and we look forward to your Scouting future that will take you all the way to Eagle Scout, and beyond.

Yours in Scouting,

The Leadership of Troop 611

Troop 611 History



On November 13, 1978 Boy Scout Troop 611 began meetings. At that time we were meeting at the Highland School, in conjunction with Cub Scout Pack 611. The membership at that time totaled 5 boys and 2 adult leaders. The charter members were: Charlie Carr, Leroy Thomas, Todd Wyatt, Tony Trogolo, Mike Miller, with the leaders being Terry Tanner (Scoutmaster) and Tom Carr (Assistant Scoutmaster). The Troop met at the school until about January 1979 when it moved to Trinity United Methodist Church on Old Hartford Road. At that time, the Troop was about 10 members strong and still just two adult leaders. During this first year, Troop 611 won the booth competition at the District Scout-A-Rama, the first of many ribbons it would win. The Troop met at Trinity United Methodist Church until August 1985 and grew to about 18 youth members and three adult leaders. In November 1985, the Troop moved to the First Presbyterian Church on Griffith Avenue where it still meets every Tuesday night.

The Troop has had a long record of Summer Camp attendance both at Camp Wildcat Hollow and Camp Roy C. Manchester. In 1984, Troop 611 sent a group of 5 people to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. The Troop has also had Scouts attend Council Contingents to Philmont in 1988, 1995, and 1999. The Troop has also sent many Scouts to the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill in Virginia both in 1993 and in 1997. In 1987 the Troop sent a group of 9 Scouts and leaders to Panama City, FL. Although a few years later a second attempt was launched, the group never made it quite to Florida due to bus problems. Troop 611 is proud of our history for long-term, high adventure trips, however, we are also very proud of our many weekends and day activities conducted every year. In the past 20 years, Troop 611 has NEVER missed a Council or District camporee.

Troop 611 continues to grow and expand in membership as well as leadership. Over the past years the Troop has developed a strong Troop Committee that serves as the backbone for the entire unit operation. Likewise, a core of dedicated volunteer leaders has served the Troop as Assistant Scoutmasters, providing leadership and experience to the junior leaders and the other Scouts. In addition to the many Assistant Scoutmasters, the Troop has had two Scoutmasters serve as the key leader in Troop operations since November 1978.

As you may well see, Troop 611 is very proud of our rich heritage. With over 250 Scouts served through Troop 611, and over 20 Eagle Scouts the successes of Troop 611 are easily seen. Since 1978, this Scout Troop has used the idea of leadership and high adventure to provide the opportunity for young scouts to grow and learn through the means of Scouting, with your help we hope to continue to grow and serve the youth of this area.

A Synopsis of the Troop 611 Bylaws

The youth leaders of the unit presented these bylaws to the Troop Committee for action on September 21, 1980. The committee voted to approve the bylaws unanimously. These bylaws were written by Scouts to provide a guideline for the operations of the unit.

Article I

This association of Scouts and adults that have come together for the betterment of all boys we serve shall be called Boy Scout Troop 611.

Section 1.

The purpose of Boy Scout Troop 611 is to help achieve the three goals of the Scouting movement. These goals are Character Development, Citizenship Development, and Personal and Physical Fitness. It is the purpose of this Scout Troop to try to achieve these goals in each boy, with a major emphasis on fun and leadership.

Section 2.

It is the desire of the adults of this Troop that the Troop Operations be run entirely by the boys that stand to benefit from the program. While the adults realize there will be times that the program will suffer and the boys may well fail at times, we the adults will do our best to let the boys have the control they will need to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Article II

Meetings

Section 1.

This Scout Troop will have regular stated meetings on each Tuesday of the week. These meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. and will end at 8:30 p.m. These meetings will be held in the basement of Trinity United Methodist Church (Since that time, Troop 611 has moved to First Presbyterian Church).

Section 2.

A regular stated meeting may be called off, with good reason, by the Senior Patrol Leader, or acting Senior Patrol Leader, with the approval of the Scoutmaster, or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters. If a meeting is called off it is the responsibility of the Patrol Leaders to contact every boy in their patrol.

Section 3.

The third Tuesday of the following months: November, February, May, and August, are mandatory Court of Honor meetings and as such they can only be called off by the Scoutmaster, or one the Assistant Scoutmasters.

Section 4.

No meeting may be called off, with the exception of inclement weather, less than 24 hours before the regular stated meeting time without the approval of the Scoutmaster.

Article III

Dues

Section 1.

In keeping with the principle of Scouting that teaches us to be thrifty the leadership of this troop believe it is in the best interest of the boys if they pay regular dues. These dues will be used to pay the Troop recharter costs and to purchase needed equipment.

- a. *The regular dues will be \$.50 per boy per meeting.*
- b. *If a boy does not pay his dues on time (before the end of the meeting) the dues will be due the next meeting night.*
- c. *At the end of each month, all unpaid dues will be referred to the Troop Committee for collection.*
- d. *In the event a meeting is called off, there will be no dues collected for that meeting.*

These bylaws were ratified by the Troop Committee on this day of September 21, 1980

Note: These bylaws serve as a general outline of Troop operations and do not contain detailed information on Troop policy and procedures. This information may be found in the Troop 611 Policy and Procedures manual and may be obtained through the Troop Committee.

THE BOY SCOUT UNIFORM



As mentioned before, we are not immediately concerned with the need for a full uniform. It is our goal to get the Scouts to the meeting so that they can learn from Scouting. However, the Scout Uniform is a very important part of Scouting. It serves as identification for the Scouts and they should be proud of it. One of the goals of the Troop is to help the Scout acquire the Uniform parts he needs in the period of one year. Some Scouts may already have a uniform, but some may not. The Troop also has a small collection of uniform parts from past Scouts. If you would like to inquire about these, please talk to the Senior Patrol Leader. Below is a list of items that makes a full Class A Uniform. Below the uniform piece is a note about this specific piece.

Scout Shirt

The Scout Shirt should be the first item purchased. It is the most important part of the uniform.

Scout T-shirts

There are a number of different types of T-shirts for Scouts to purchase and wear. The Troop has it's own T-shirt that we sell, at cost, to anyone associated with the Troop. Likewise many events such as Summer Camp and High Adventure outings will have T-shirts available. In the summertime, Scouts will be allowed to wear a Class B uniform, which consists of Scout shorts/pants Scout belt, Scout socks, and a Scouting related T-shirt. Although this shouldn't be at the top of the list, you may want to keep in mind having a Scout T-shirt to wear when allowed.

Scout Pants/Shorts

The Scout pants/shorts almost completes the uniform but are not essential for a couple of months. After a few months the Scout pants would be a great addition to the shirt.

Scout Socks

The Scout socks round off the basic uniform. They are a must for the summer uniform (shorts).

Web Belt or Leather Belt

The Scout belt is another important part. It fits nicely with the uniform and should be a primary consideration after the basic uniform. After a few months the Scouts learn First Aid techniques using a Boy Scout belt.

Mesh Hat

The Boy Scout cap is a standard among Scouts today. It is comfortable and cool in the summer. A definite need for the uniform, but can wait until the majority is already bought.

Neckerchief

The Troop has designed its own neckerchief and one is presented to a Scout upon registering with the unit. However, if extra neckerchiefs are desired or if you have lost one, then you may purchase another one. If you would like to buy one please talk to the Senior Patrol Leader.

These are the basic parts of the Boy Scout uniform. These items may be purchased at the Scout Service Center located at 301 Leitchfield Rd. If you are driving down East 3rd St. then the road will end directly in front of the building. The Scout Shop is located on the second floor and the hours are from 9:00 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. weekdays. Please don't worry if you don't have all of your uniform at one time, before long you will have more than you ever thought existed. Remember that people can only identify you as a Boy Scout when you wear your uniform, so wear it proudly.

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Personal Equipment List

Suggested Equipment

- Official Scout Uniform
(*Shirt, Shorts/Pants, Socks, Belt, Hat*)
- Extra T-shirts (*Scout Related*)
- Extra pants (*Long or short*)
- Extra socks
- Extra underwear
- Extra shoes
- Jacket
- Raincoat or Poncho
- Sleeping clothes
- Handkerchief
- Gloves
- Change of clothing

Toilet Kit containing

- Bar of soap
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste
- Comb
- Towel
- Washcloth
- Mirror
- Sunscreen
- Deodorant
- Shaving gear (*if needed*)
- Toilet Paper
- Foot Powder

Utensil Kit containing

- Fork
- Knife
- Spoon
- Cup
- Plate

- Backpack
- Canteen
- Waterproof Ground Cloth
- Sleeping Bag or Blankets
- Flashlight with Extra Bulb
- Extra batteries for Flashlight
- Sewing Kit
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Ball-point Pen or Pencil
- Notepad or paper
- Scout Knife
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Compass
- 50' Nylon Cord
- Prescribed medication
(*must be given to adult*)

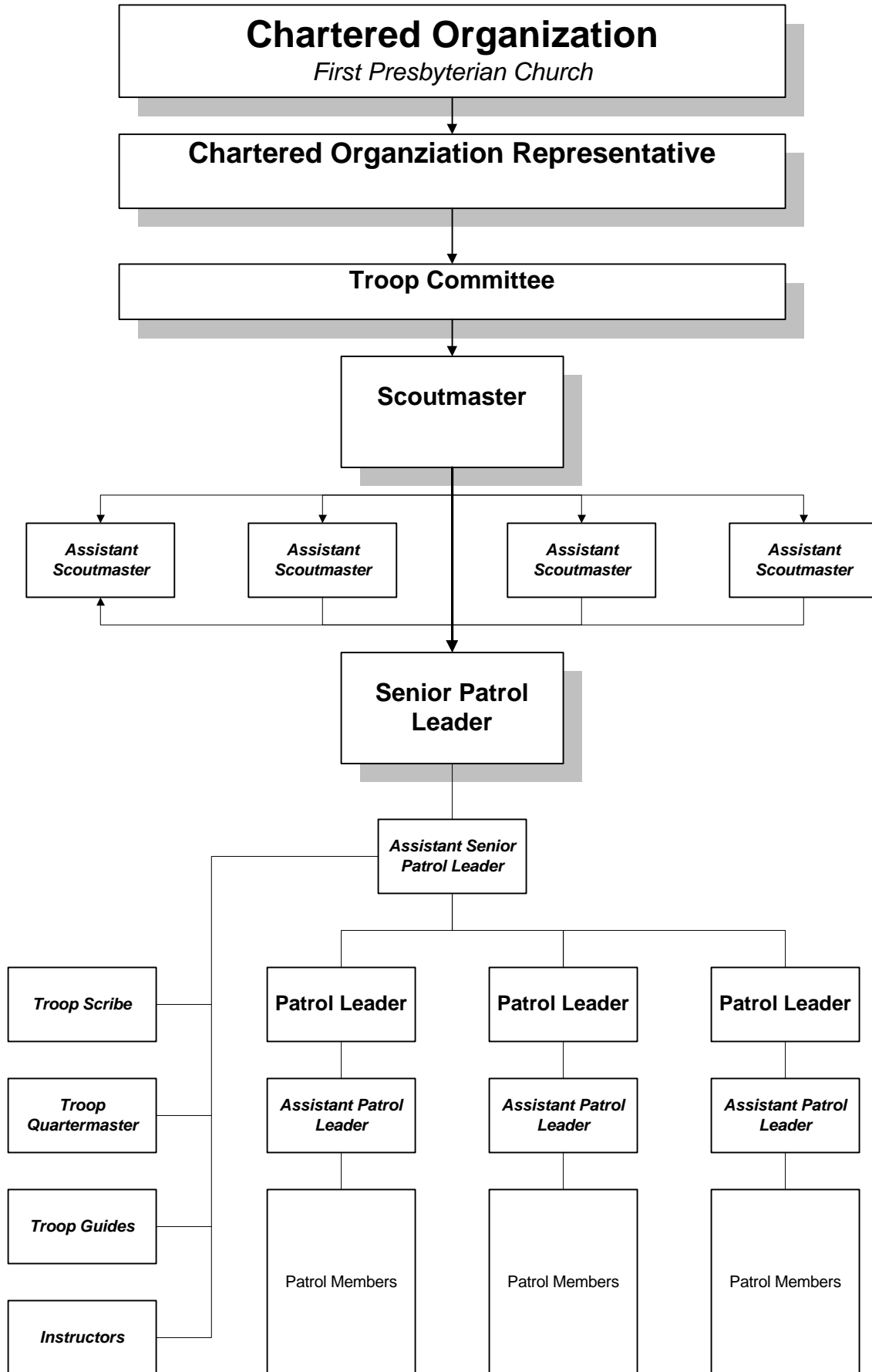
Optional Equipment

- Sharpening stone
- Watch
- Sunglasses
- Extra prescription eyeglasses
- Religious books
- Camera with Extra film
- Insect Repellent
- Pillow with case
- Moccasins
- Waterproof cover for backpack
- Binoculars
- Foam Sleeping pad
- Emergency blanket
- Waterproof matches
- Fieldbook*

Note: All gear should be packed into one single backpack or duffel bag. Scouts should be prepared to carry their gear to and from the campsite on all outings.

Troop Roster

How Things Work



Troop 611

Mission Statement

To provide each Scout the opportunity to develop to the utmost of his potential personal, moral, and physical attributes.

To provide a fun, but challenging, environment to develop leadership, character, and citizenship to prepare for their future. To match individual needs with available resources to empower each scout to rise to his highest potential.