

# Troop 1

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## Quick Reference Guide



*“We go Camping”*

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The purpose of this Quick Reference Guide is to provide new and existing scouts and parents easy access to common aspects on how the Troop works and provide guidance to activities within the Troop.

There is additional and more in depth material on the Troop 1 website.

This document continues to be refined periodically. Please feel free to suggest points requiring further clarity or additional areas that could be covered in this guide.

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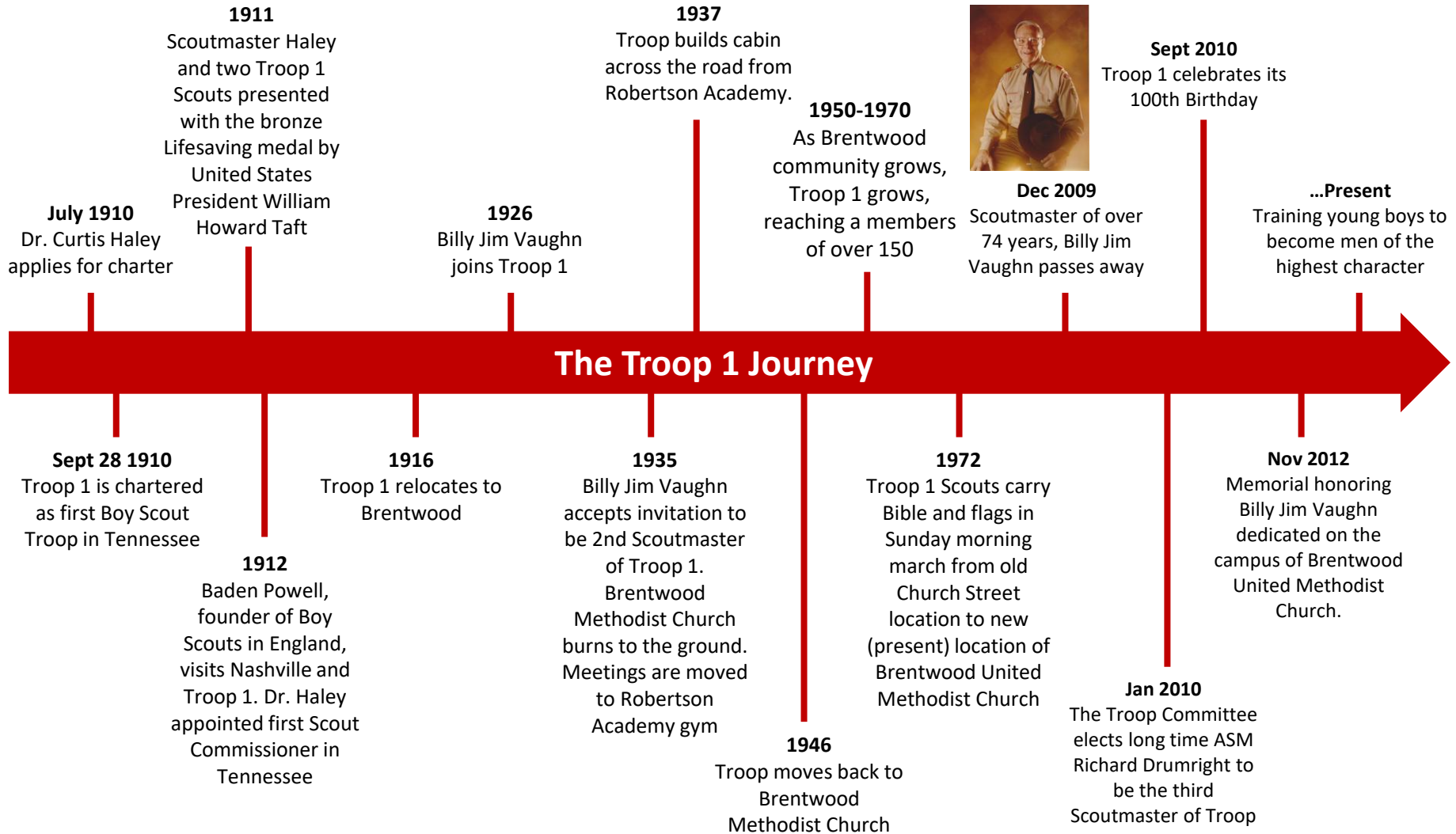
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## – The Troop 1 Journey

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## – Leadership

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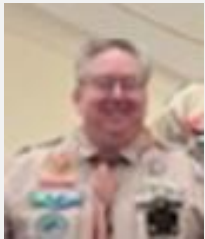


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Merit badge counselors, of which there are many, are listed on Troop meeting area notice board and also at

[www.troopone.org](http://www.troopone.org)

If you are interested in becoming a merit badge counselor, please contact Dwight Armstrong



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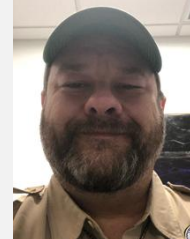
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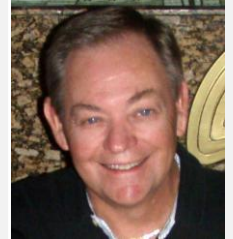
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## – Youth and Adult Leader Application Process

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Go to [scouting.org](https://scouting.org) to begin the process – type in **37027**

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Filter Results by...click show results and scroll to Troop 1 and **Apply Now**

**Filter Results by**

**Program**

- Cub Scouts  
Youth grades K-5
- Scouts BSA  
Youth 11-17 years old
  - Every Unit
  - Units Coming Soon
  - Troops for Boys
  - Troops for Girls
- Venturing  
Co-ed 14-20 years old
- Sea Scouts  
Co-ed 14-20 years old
- STEM Scouts  
Co-ed Grades 3-8

**Application**

- Apply Online

**Distance**

- 10 miles
- 20 miles

**Show Results**

5 Troop 0001 Brentwood United Methodist Church

309 Franklin Road  
Brentwood TN 37027


**Contact:** Richard Drumright  
**Phone:** (615) 661-4771  
**Email:** rdrumright@aol.com  
**Website:** <http://www.troopone.org>


Boy Troop  
 Online Registration available for this unit.

**Request More Information** **APPLY NOW**

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Select Youth or Adult Volunteer

  
**Youth**  
Age 10 - 17 years old  
**Start**

  
**Adult**  
Volunteers  
**Start**

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Follow 5 Step process and prompts. Easy!

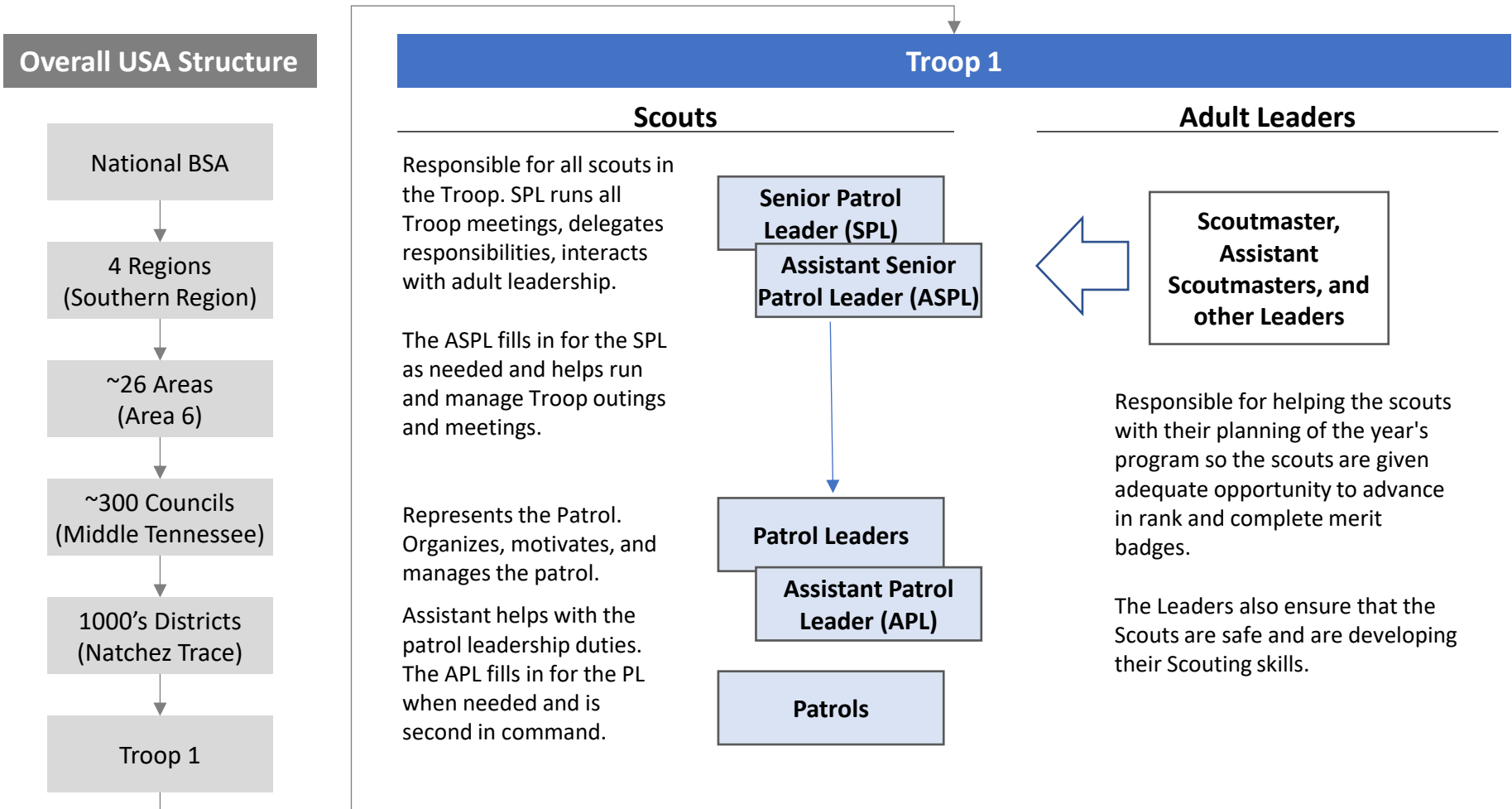


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## – Troop and Patrol Structure

Development of the Scout's leadership skills and overall self confidence is a main benefit from Scouting. The Patrol structure enables this by providing activities and responsibilities for each patrol member to grow



There are a number of meetings associated with the Troop. The main meeting for Scouts is the Troop meeting on Thursday evenings outlined below – however for completeness all the meetings are included

### *Main Troop Meeting*

Held every Thursday 7:00 - 8:30 pm year-round in the Brentwood United Methodist Church basement Youth Area

#### **What to Bring**

- Scout Handbook
- Pen or pencil
- Scout Uniform with Scout t-shirt underneath

### *Patrol Leader Council*

Meets every Thursday 6:30 - 7:00pm (just prior to the Troop meeting) year-round in the Brentwood United Methodist Church basement Youth Area

### *Leadership Meeting*

#### **Committee Meetings**

Held the first Monday of each month beginning at 7:00 pm except as noted here or otherwise announced, and normally end before 8:30 pm

#### **District Roundtable**

Held the third Thursday of every month

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## – Scout Uniform

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There are two types of scout uniform – Class A and Class B

### Class A

Class A is the formal uniform and is worn:

- To scout meetings (except in the summer when Class B is permitted)



- When traveling to and from Scout events (camping and other outdoor activities) as this enables the boy scout insurance for outdoor events (note: Only the shirt is required, and can be taken off once at the event)

### Class B

Class B is the informal uniform and is worn:

- Under Class A uniforms (except in the summer when Class Bs are used instead of Class As)
- On events and activities where the Troop is conducting events or public volunteer activities



- Note: Class B t-shirts are available from the Troop Quartermaster

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Troop One has two main fundraising events the provide support to activities during the year, subsidize participation in summer and winter camps, contribute to high adventure trips, and fund overall Troop operations:

**(1) November: Christmas Wreath & Tree Sales      (2) February: Spaghetti Supper**

Sales and the resulting Troop funds rely on the Scout’s participation to be successful. This is often not a natural skill for Scouts, and will stretch some out of their comfort zone. However, view this as a learning opportunity. **Participation by all scouts is expected** – along with support and encouragement from the parents.

	Christmas Wreaths & Trees	Spaghetti Supper
<b>When?</b>	November	February
<b>How?</b>	<p>Scouts sell to relatives, neighbors, friends, as well as going door to door (with the help of parents)</p> <p>Scouts also sell during Sunday services at Brentwood United Methodist Church</p>	<p>Scouts sell tickets to relatives, neighbors, friends, as well as going door to door (with the help of parents)</p> <p>Scouts also sell during Sunday services at Brentwood United Methodist Church</p> <p>This is a good event to have supper with friends and tell them all about Scouting</p>
<b>Payment?</b>	<p><b>21<sup>st</sup> Century Methods!</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Venmo – All buyers can provide payment via Venmo at <b>Craig Becker @TroopOne</b></li> <li>• Square – We have card readers for those in person at the Church</li> <li>• Checks – Payable to Troop One</li> <li>• And of course...Cash</li> </ul>	

Income and sales rely on scout participation to be successful – in return scouts are eligible for Subsidies and Commissions. Amounts are announced once fundraisers are complete, typically in March or early April

	Subsidy		Commission
How do the programs work?	An amount determined by the Troop goes towards eligible scouts for winter camp, summer camp, and high adventure trips	+	A percentage of personal sales from the two events can be used by the scout can use towards scouting events
How do scouts qualify?	A scout who sells a combined \$50 amount in the two fundraisers qualifies for subsidy		A scout that sells a minimum of \$100, starts to earn 20% of their sales
What are some examples?	2019 year: Subsidy was \$335 per Scout: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High adventure trips was \$250</li> <li>• Summer Camp subsidy was \$50</li> <li>• Winter Camp Subsidy was \$35</li> </ul>		If a scout sells \$500 of wreaths, and another \$100 of spaghetti tickets for a total of \$600, the scout would earn \$120 dollars

**Scouts are eligible for both Subsidies and Commissions** – these reduce the Scout’s cost to attend winter and summer camps, high adventure trips, and other events. “Paying their own way” imparts pride in the Scout

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# Advancement Process

## – Scouting Ranks, Advancement, and Green Bar

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### Scout Handbook

- Green Bar: New Scouts should focus on advancing through the initial ranks – commonly referred to as Green Bar
- Rank advancement is driven from the activities outlined in the Scout Handbook
- *Note: Working on merit badges is encouraged but not necessary for Scout through First Class rank advancement*

### Scout Handbook + Merit Badges

- Rank advancement continues to be driven from the activities in the Scout Handbook
- Merit badges are part of rank advancement. Badges earned during all rank levels count towards advancement

### Boards of Review

Progression to the next rank requires the scout to successfully complete a “Board of Review” conducted by Troop leadership – this ensures the scout has a complete understanding of their current rank requirement

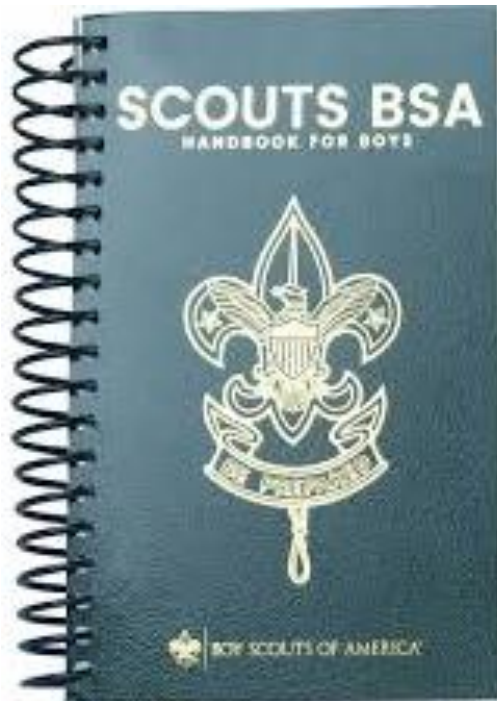
More information: [www.troopone.org/Forms/BoardChecklist.pdf](http://www.troopone.org/Forms/BoardChecklist.pdf)

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## – Scout Handbook Use

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The Scout Handbook contains the majority of the information require by Scouts to progress through the ranks, along with logs (in the back of the handbook) to log camping, hikes, etc.



- Early in the Scout career, work on Youth Protection section in your Scout handbook with your parents. This is in the front section of the handbook. Have your parent sign that you have completed it with them. That is one of your first “sign-offs”.
- Look at requirements for “Scout” in Chapter 1. You should be able to complete all of Scout and most of Tenderfoot before Summer Camp time. You will probably be working on 2<sup>nd</sup> Class and have some of the requirements for 1<sup>st</sup> class completed by the end of the summer.
- Towards the back of the book you will find logs to keep track of campouts, hiking, and other activities – complete these as you go

**TIP:** Buy the Scout Handbook that is SPIRAL bound and the zip-able cover. The book is used at every meeting and on campouts and so need some protection!

# Advancement Process

## – Merit Badge Process and Blue Card Steps

### Merit Badges

Merit badges are key to advancement for Star through Eagle ranks. To earn the Eagle rank 13 Eagle Scout merit badges as well as 8 other merit badges are required

### Merit Badge Blue Card Steps

Blue Cards are required for all merit badges:

1. Get approval from a Unit Leader for badge you plan to earn; contact an appropriate Counselor (list of counselors on the wall of the meeting room) – complete **Section A**
2. Print specific merit badge requirements from the Troop website – record progress in **Section B**; Counselor initials completion
3. Once all requirements are completed:
  - **Section C1:** Counselor review and signoff completion – Scout to place this section in Advancement Box for processing
  - **Section C2:** Counselor and Scout Master sign – Scout retains for their records
  - **Section C3:** Counselor retains copy for records

More information:

[www.troopone.org/Resources/Merit Badge Process](http://www.troopone.org/Resources/Merit Badge Process)

### Front of Blue Card

<p><b>Information for Applicant</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor.</li> <li>You <b>must</b> have a buddy with you (Scout buddy system) at each meeting with the merit badge counselor.</li> <li>Turn in your approved application to your unit leader. You will be awarded the merit badge emblem and certificate at a suitable occasion.</li> </ul> <p><b>Information for Counselor</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Merit badge applications <b>must</b> be signed in advance by the applicant's unit leader.</li> <li>The Scout <b>must</b> have his buddy (Scout buddy system) in attendance at all instructional sessions.</li> <li>You may not change a requirement, but you may share your knowledge or experience that will make the counseling more interesting and valuable.</li> </ul>		<p><b>B</b></p> <table border="1"> <tr><th>Counselor initial</th><td></td></tr> <tr><th>Date of approval</th><td></td></tr> <tr><th>Requirement No. and letter</th><td></td></tr> <tr><th>Counselor initial</th><td></td></tr> <tr><th>Date of approval</th><td></td></tr> <tr><th>Requirement No. and letter</th><td></td></tr> </table>	Counselor initial		Date of approval		Requirement No. and letter		Counselor initial		Date of approval		Requirement No. and letter		<p><b>A</b></p> <p><b>APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>Address _____</p> <p>City _____</p> <p>is a registered  <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout   <input type="checkbox"/> Varsity Scout   <input type="checkbox"/> Venturer          of _____ Troop, team, crew, ship No. _____</p> <p>District _____</p> <p>Council _____</p> <p>I have discussed this merit badge with this Scout and recommended at least one merit badge counselor.</p> <p>Date _____ Signature of unit leader _____</p> <p> BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA 34124</p>
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### Back of Blue Card

<p><b>C1</b></p> <p>The applicant has personally appeared before me and demonstrated to my satisfaction that he has met all requirements for the (please print)</p> <p>_____ Merit badge</p> <p>_____ Name of counselor</p> <p>_____ Address of counselor</p> <p>City _____ Zip code _____</p> <p>Telephone No. of counselor _____</p> <p>Signature of counselor _____ Date _____</p> <p>Checked and recorded:</p> <p>Date _____ Initials _____</p> <p>Certificate and badge presented _____ Date _____</p> <p>Applicant will turn in this portion to his unit leader for record posting.</p>	<p><b>C2</b></p> <p><b>APPLICANT'S RECORD</b></p> <p>Name _____</p> <p>has given me his completed application for the _____ Merit badge</p> <p>Completed on _____ / _____ / _____ by _____</p> <p>Signature of counselor _____</p> <p>Signature of unit leader _____</p> <p>NOTE TO BOY SCOUT, VARSITY SCOUT, OR VENTURER: Retain this copy for your permanent records.</p>	<p><b>C3</b></p> <p><b>COUNSELOR'S RECORD</b></p> <p>Applicant _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Troop   <input type="checkbox"/> Team   Unit No. _____  <input type="checkbox"/> Crew</p> <p>_____ Merit badge</p> <p>Date completed _____ / _____ / _____</p> <p>Remarks:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>It is suggested that the counselor keep this record in case any question is raised later in regard to this award.</p>
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We love camping in Troop 1! To enjoy the experience it is important to be prepared, have some basic gear (next few pages), and take care for yourself. Here are a few tips and tricks:

### Troop Gear

The Troop has the following supplies that the scouts can borrow for events – see one of the scout Quarter Masters

- Tents
- Backpacks

### Stay Dry Stay Warm

- Plan for the weather – check the forecast as you pack
- Being wet/cold is miserable and can lead to extreme cold (dangerous)
- Wear rain gear – put it on before you are wet
- Change into dry clothes before getting into your sleeping bag (get out of items damp from sweat)
- Wear clean dry socks and a wooly hat in your sleeping bag when cold
- Use chemical hand warmers when cold (put some in your sleeping bag)
- Eat a snack (not sugar) before going to bed – your stomach will create warmth as you sleep

### Have enough food (plus extra)

- On Troop campouts the patrols will organize their own food (pack some snacks...just incase)
- When backpacking – or when you provide your own food – pack extra just to be safe. Bring snacks that provide energy (nuts, dried fruits, etc)
- In the winter pack some hot coco mix for later in the evening

### Check / know your gear

- Check all your gear is complete and working before you go – know how it works and how to use it
- Break in your boots/shoes ahead of time

Backpacking truly gets the Troop disconnected from their normal environment and provides an exciting challenge. Often gear is shared to spread the load. Here is a list that works well for most situations generally:

### Backpacking Gear for 1 Night – Adjust accordingly for more than 1 night

Gear		Clothes	Food
<b>Your Own Gear</b>		<b>Normal</b>	<b>Normal</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Backpack 65-75 liters (can borrowed from Troop)</li> <li>• Backpack rain cover</li> <li>• Tent -share (rainfly, poles, stakes)</li> <li>• Sleeping pad/mat</li> <li>• Sleeping bag</li> <li>• Mug / Plate / Utensils</li> <li>• Headlamp (spare batteries)</li> <li>• Knife</li> <li>• Personal First Aid kit</li> <li>• Paracord</li> <li>• Map and Compass</li> <li>• Trash bag for wet/smelly clothes</li> <li>• Water bottle</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Whistle</li> <li>• Toiletries</li> <li>• Sunscreen and bug spray</li> <li>• Sunglasses</li> <li>• Personal medicine (if needed)</li> <li>• Toilet paper</li> <li>• Towel</li> </ul> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small chair</li> <li>• Waterproof phone case</li> <li>• Camera</li> <li>• Small pillow</li> <li>• Hiking poles</li> <li>• Book to read</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boots</li> <li>• Rain gear (Jacket and Trousers)</li> <li>• Water or camp shoes</li> <li>• Sweatshirt / hoodie</li> <li>• Sun hat</li> <li>• Underwear</li> <li>• Socks (x3 - 1 hike, 1 sleeping, 1 spare if wet)</li> <li>• Tee shirt (2x)</li> <li>• Long trousers (2x – 1 wear, 1 pack extra in case wet)</li> <li>• Shorts</li> </ul> <p><b>Winter Additions</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thermal jacket</li> <li>• Knit hat (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)</li> <li>• Gloves</li> <li>• Thermal under shirts (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)</li> <li>• Thermal long johns (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)</li> <li>• Hand warmers (important)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Freeze dried meals (enough each meal)</li> <li>• Water</li> <li>• Hot drinks (Chocolate / Coffee / Tea / Cup a Soup)</li> <li>• Snacks (Granola bars / jerky / etc)</li> </ul>
<b>Crew Gear</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water filter</li> <li>• Matches/lighter</li> <li>• Pot (leaders will have one)</li> <li>• Stove (leaders will have one)</li> <li>• Fuel (2x)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fuel (2x)</li> <li>• Crew first aid kit</li> <li>• Small shovel</li> </ul> <p><i>Note: You may bring your own crew gear if you have it</i></p>		

## – Car Camping Packing Checklist (General Troop Camping)

Troop car camping (where we drive to a campsite) is a great Troop event. With car camping most of the packing checklist is similar...with a few differences:

### Troop Car Camping for 1 Night – Adjust accordingly for more than 1 night

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Summer camp is a great way to super-drive your initial Scouting skills and also work on a few merit badges.

### What's Summer Camp all About?

The Middle Tennessee Council Scouts BSA summer camp offers more than 60 Merit Badges including 9 Eagle Scout Merit Badges along with many other fun and adventure activities.

Troop 1 routinely has ~30 Scouts attend summer camp each year. It's a great place for new Scouts to get to know their fellow Scouts, make new friends, and work on their Scouting skills

There are always Troop 1 leaders and experienced Scouts on site leading and guiding the Scouts to ensure safety and success of each of the Scouts

Personal items such as medications are managed / administered from Troop leaders on site

Cost – as mentioned in the commissions section, Scouts can earn commissions that can be applied to pay for / offset the camp costs

### Summer Camp Website

[www.mtcbsa.org/scoutsbsasummecamp](http://www.mtcbsa.org/scoutsbsasummecamp)

### Logistics

When: Boxwell Summer Camp week 1  
– Usually the 2nd week in June

Duration: 1 week (camping)

Where: Boxwell Scout Reservation  
(Gallatin)

Amenities: Food, bathrooms, tents are provided



Every month there are Troop activities. During the Troop planning session in August events are scheduled for the coming year. These change year to year, however the schedule below gives you an idea of the typical events and timing

January	February	March	April
Winter Wackiness (skiing) Boxwell Service Project	Spaghetti Dinner Room at the Inn (service) Frozen Head Backpacking Scout Leadership Training	Rifle Shooting Campout	MTC Camporee Summer Camp Swim Test
May	June	July	August
Battle Farm Skill Campout Memorial Day Flag Placement	Boxwell Summer Camp	High Adventure Trip Mammoth Cave Campout	Annual Troop Planning Ocoee/Hiawassee Rafting Campout
September	October	November	December
Battle Farm Campout	5 Mile Hike	Virgin Falls Hike and Campout Christmas Wreath Sales University of Scouting	Boxwell Winter Camp YES Service Project

### Troop 1 Calendar

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# Troop 1



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