Troop 1

Quick Reference Guide

“We go Camping”

Rev: 4/4/22

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.

Yours In Scouting

- Troop 1 -

www.troopone.org

Troop 1

Troop Overview	• Overview and history of the Troop • Who's who – Leadership Facebook • Troop and Patrol structure • Youth application process • Troop meeting schedule and what to bring to meetings • Scout uniform
Troop Funding	• Fund raising • Use of the funds • Payment methods • Scout subsidies and commissions
Advancement Process	• Rank advancement process • What is Greenbar? • Scout Handbook use • Merit badge process
Camping and Backpacking	• Typical gear needed for different campouts • Gear that can be borrowed from the Troop • Food – what is a Grub Master • Summer Camp overview

Troop 1 Overview
– The Troop 1 Journey

Troop 1

July 1910
Dr. Curtis Haley applies for charter

Sept 28 1910
Troop 1 is chartered as first Boy Scout Troop in Tennessee

1911
Scoutmaster Haley and two Troop 1 Scouts presented with the bronze Lifesaving medal by United States President William Howard Taft

1912
Baden Powell, founder of Boy Scouts in England, visits Nashville and Troop 1. Dr. Haley appointed first Scout Commissioner in Tennessee

1916
Troop 1 relocates to Brentwood

1926
Billy Jim Vaughn joins Troop 1

1935
Billy Jim Vaughn accepts invitation to be 2nd Scoutmaster of Troop 1. Brentwood Methodist Church burns to the ground. Meetings are moved to Robertson Academy gym

1937
Troop builds cabin across the road from Robertson Academy.

1946
Troop moves back to Brentwood Methodist Church

1950-1970
As Brentwood community grows, Troop 1 grows, reaching a members of over 150

1972
Troop 1 Scouts carry Bible and flags in Sunday morning march from old Church Street location to new (present) location of Brentwood United Methodist Church

Dec 2009
Scoutmaster of over 74 years, Billy Jim Vaughn passes away

Jan 2010
The Troop Committee elects long time ASM Richard Drumright to be the third Scoutmaster of Troop

Sept 2010
Troop 1 celebrates its 100th Birthday

Nov 2012
Memorial honoring Billy Jim Vaughn dedicated on the campus of Brentwood United Methodist Church.

…Present
Training young boys to become men of the highest character

The Troop 1 Journey

Troop 1 Overview
– Leadership

Troop 1

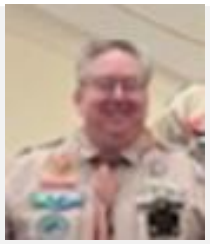
Scoutmaster
Richard Drumright
rdrumright@aol.com

Troop Committee Chair
Dwight Armstrong
ddarmstrong123@gmail.com

Chartered Organization Representative
George Campbell
gwcampbell@comcast.net

Troop Treasurer
Craig Becker
cbecker842@gmail.com

Merit badge counselors, of which there are many, are listed on Troop meeting area notice board and also at www.troopone.org
If you are interested in becoming a merit badge counselor, please contact Dwight Armstrong



Assistant Scoutmaster Training and Leave No Trace
Bim Tudor
betudoriii@aol.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Winter Camp
Craig Hall
Anthony_craig_hall@hotmail.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Communications and Green Bar
Rich Gentzler
rgentzleriii@hotmail.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Summer Camp Coordinator
John Albrecht
john.albrecht@gmail.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Quartermaster
Lee Black
lblack@nainashville.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Recruiting and OA Coordinator
Bobby Brown
bwbrowncpa@gmail.com

Assistant Scoutmaster Scouting Records
Earl Lester
lestere@bellsouth.net

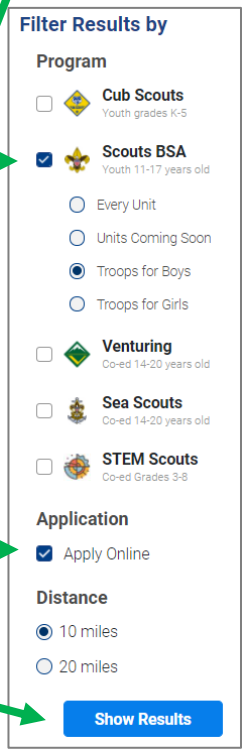
Troop 1 Overview

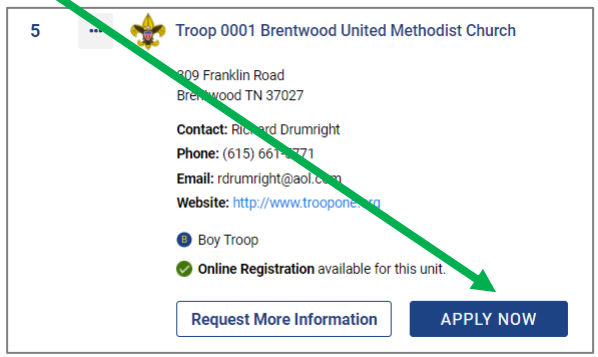
– Youth and Adult Leader Application Process

Troop 1

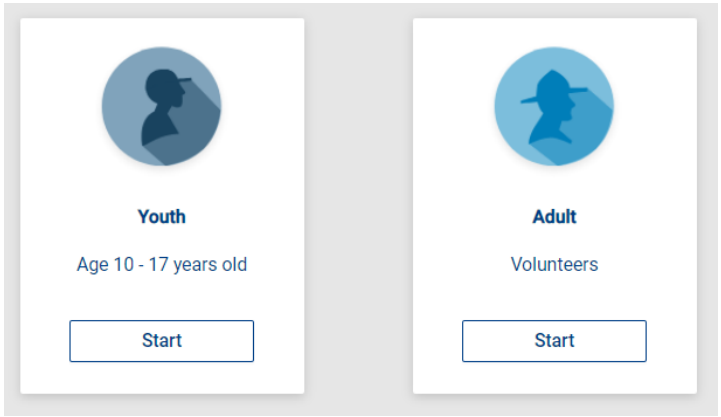
1 Go to **scouting.org** to begin the process – type in **37027**

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

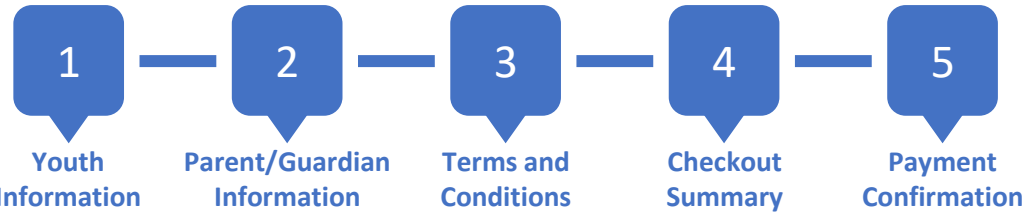




3 Select Youth or Adult Volunteer



4 Follow 5 Step process and prompts. Easy!



Troop 1 Overview
– Troop and Patrol Structure

Troop 1

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

Overall USA Structure

- National BSA
- 4 Regions (Southern Region)
- ~26 Areas (Area 6)
- ~300 Councils (Middle Tennessee)
- 1000's Districts (Natchez Trace)
- Troop 1

Troop 1

Scouts

Responsible for all scouts in the Troop. SPL runs all Troop meetings, delegates responsibilities, interacts with adult leadership.

The ASPL fills in for the SPL as needed and helps run and manage Troop outings and meetings.

Represents the Patrol. Organizes, motivates, and manages the patrol.

Assistant helps with the patrol leadership duties. The APL fills in for the PL when needed and is second in command.

- **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)**
- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)**
- **Patrol Leaders**
- **Assistant Patrol Leader (APL)**
- **Patrols**

Adult Leaders

Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and other Leaders

Responsible for helping the scouts with their planning of the year's program so the scouts are given adequate opportunity to advance in rank and complete merit badges.

The Leaders also ensure that the Scouts are safe and are developing their Scouting skills.

Troop 1 Overview
– Troop Meetings

Troop 1

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

Troop 1 Overview
– Scout Uniform

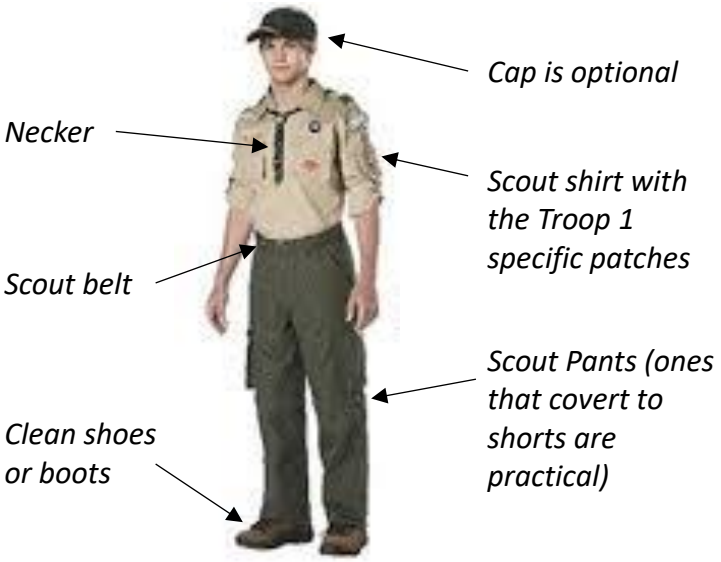
Troop 1

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

Troop 1

Troop Overview	• Overview and history of the Troop • Who's who – Leadership Facebook • Troop and Patrol structure • Youth application process • Troop meeting schedule and what to bring to meetings • Scout uniform
Troop Funding	• Fund raising • Use of the funds • Payment methods • Scout subsidies and commissions
Advancement Process	• Rank advancement process • What is Greenbar? • Scout Handbook use • Merit badge process
Camping and Backpacking	• Typical gear needed for different campouts • Gear that can be borrowed from the Troop • Food – what is a Grub Master • Summer Camp overview

Troop Funding

– Fund Raising, Use of Funds, and Payment Methods

Troop 1

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
When?	November	February
How?	Scouts sell to relatives, neighbors, friends, as well as going door to door (with the help of parents) Scouts also sell during Sunday services at Brentwood United Methodist Church	Scouts sell tickets to relatives, neighbors, friends, as well as going door to door (with the help of parents) Scouts also sell during Sunday services at Brentwood United Methodist Church This is a good event to have supper with friends and tell them all about Scouting
Payment?	**21st Century Methods!** • Venmo – All buyers can provide payment via Venmo at **Craig Becker @TroopOne** • Square – We have card readers for those in person at the Church • Checks – Payable to Troop One • And of course…Cash	

Troop Funding
– Subsidies and Commissions

Troop 1

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: • High adventure trips was $250 • Summer Camp subsidy was $50 • Winter Camp Subsidy was $35	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

Troop 1

Troop Overview	• Overview and History of the Troop • Who's Who – Leadership Facebook • Troop and Patrol structure • Youth Application Process • Troop Meeting Schedule
Troop Funding	• Fund Raising • Use of the Funds • Payment Methods • Scout Subsidies and Commissions
Advancement Process	• Rank advancement process • What is Greenbar? • Scout Handbook Use • Merit Badge Process
Camping and Backpacking	• Typical Gear Needed for Different Campouts • Troop Gear That Can be Borrowed • Food – What is a Grub Master?

Advancement Process

– Scouting Ranks, Advancement, and Green Bar

Troop 1

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

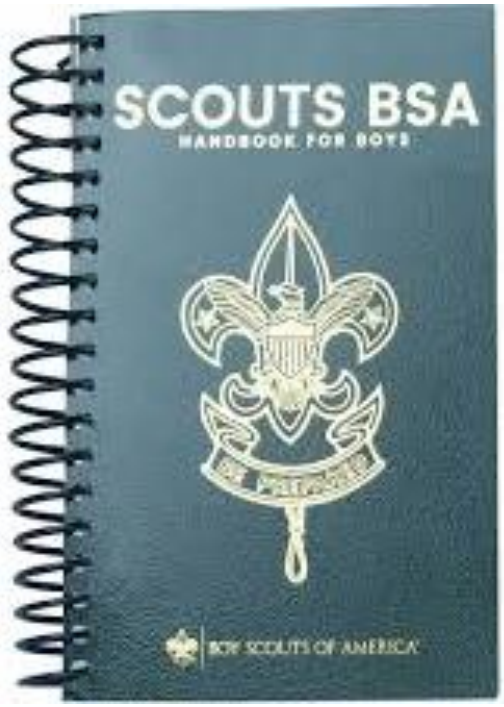
Progression to the next rank requires the scout to successfully complete a "Board of Review" conducted by Troop leadership – this ensures the scout has a complete understanding of their current rank requirement

More information: www.troopone.org/Forms/BoardChecklist.pdf

Troop 1 Overview
– Scout Handbook Use

Troop 1

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 <u>first</u> "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 2nd Class and have some of the requirements for 1st 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

Troop 1

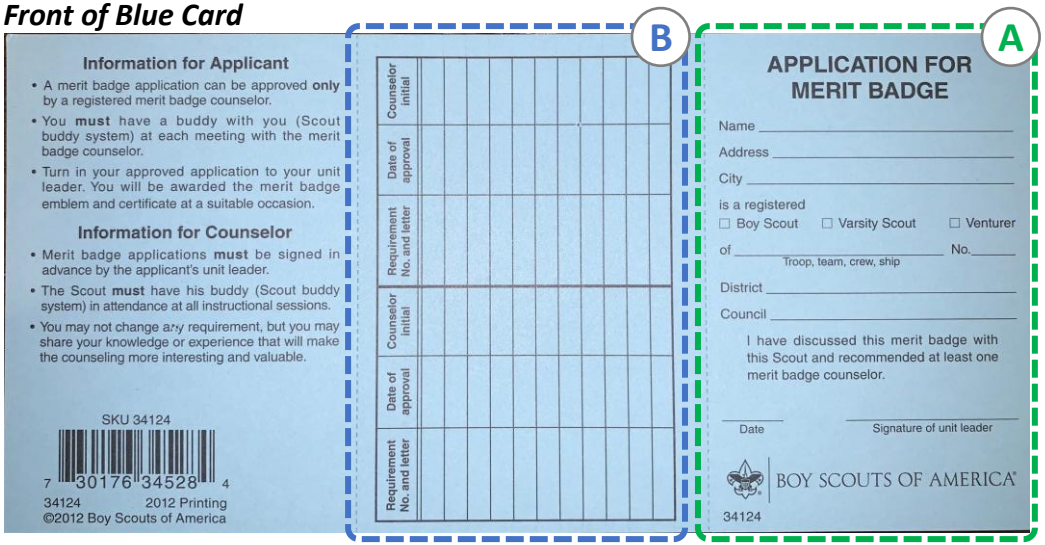
Merit Badges
Merit badges are key to advancement for Star through Eagle ranks. To earn the Eagle rank 13 Eagle Scout merit badges as well as 8 other merit badges are required

Merit Badge Blue Card Steps
Blue Cards are required for all merit badges:

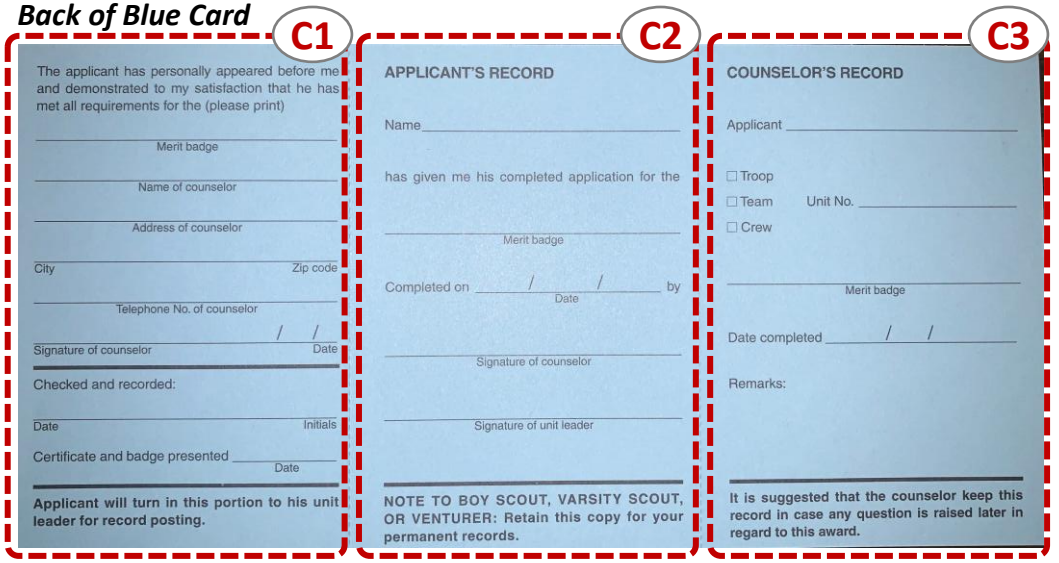
1. Get approval from a Unit Leader for badge you plan to earn; contact an appropriate Counselor (list of counselors on the wall of the meeting room) – complete **Section A**
2. Print specific merit badge requirements from the Troop website – record progress in **Section B**; Counselor initials completion
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

Front of Blue Card



Back of Blue Card



Troop 1

Troop Overview	• Overview and history of the Troop • Who's who – Leadership Facebook • Troop and Patrol structure • Youth application process • Troop meeting schedule and what to bring to meetings • Scout uniform
Troop Funding	• Fund raising • Use of the funds • Payment methods • Scout subsidies and commissions
Advancement Process	• Rank advancement process • What is Greenbar? • Scout Handbook use • Merit badge process
Camping and Backpacking	• Typical gear needed for different campouts • Gear that can be borrowed from the Troop • Food – what is a Grub Master • Summer Camp overview

Handbook Chapter
– Camping Guidance & Troop Supplies

Troop 1

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 – you 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

Handbook Chapter
– Backpacking Packing Checklist

Troop 1

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

Your Own Gear

- Backpack 65-75 liters (can borrowed from Troop)
- Backpack rain cover
- Tent -share (rainfly, poles, stakes)
- Sleeping pad/mat
- Sleeping bag
- Mug / Plate / Utensils
- Headlamp (spare batteries)
- Knife
- Personal First Aid kit
- Paracord
- Map and Compass
- Trash bag for wet/smelly clothes
- Water bottle
- Whistle
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Sunglasses
- Personal medicine (if needed)
- Toilet paper
- Towel

Optional

- Small chair
- Waterproof phone case
- Camera
- Small pillow
- Hiking poles
- Book to read

Crew Gear

- Water filter
- Matches/lighter
- Pot (leaders will have one)
- Stove (leaders will have one)
- Fuel (2x)
- Fuel (2x)
- Crew first aid kit
- Small shovel

Note: You may bring your own crew gear if you have it

Clothes

Normal

- Boots
- Rain gear (Jacket and Trousers)
- Water or camp shoes
- Sweatshirt / hoodie
- Sun hat
- Underwear
- Socks (x3 - 1 hike, 1 sleeping, 1 spare if wet)
- Tee shirt (2x)
- Long trousers (2x – 1 wear, 1 pack extra in case wet)
- Shorts

Winter Additions

- Thermal jacket
- Knit hat (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Gloves
- Thermal under shirts (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Thermal long johns (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Hand warmers (important)

Food

Normal

- Freeze dried meals (enough each meal)
- Water
- Hot drinks (Chocolate / Coffee / Tea / Cup a Soup
- Snacks (Granola bars / jerky / etc)

Handbook Chapter
– Car Camping Packing Checklist (General Troop Camping)

Troop 1

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

Gear

Your Own Gear

- Backpack or duffel bag
- Tent (rain fly, poles, stakes) – share with buddy
- Sleeping pad/mat
- Sleeping bag
- Mug / Plate / Utensils
- Headlamp (spare batteries)
- Knife
- Personal First Aid kit
- Paracord
- Map and Compass
- Trash bag for wet/smelly clothes
- Water bottle
- Whistle
- Toiletries
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Personal medicine (if needed)
- Toilet paper
- Towel

Optional

- Small chair
- Waterproof phone case
- Camera
- Small pillow
- Hiking poles
- Book to read

Crew Gear (Troop Gear)

- Water filter
- Matches/lighter
- Pots
- Stoves
- Fuel
- Crew first aid kit

Clothes

Normal

- Boots
- Rain gear (Jacket and Trousers)
- Water or camp shoes
- Sweatshirt / hoodie
- Sun hat
- Underwear
- Socks (x3 - 1 hike, 1 sleeping, 1 spare if wet)
- Tee shirt (2x)
- Long trousers (2x – 1 wear, 1 pack extra in case wet)
- Shorts

Winter Additions

- Thermal jacket
- Knit hat (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Gloves
- Thermal under shirts (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Thermal long johns (2x - 1 hike, 1 sleep)
- Hand warmers (important)

Food

Normal

- Food is provided by Patrols and organized by the Grub Master
- Bring a few snacks just in case (Granola bars / beef jerky / etc)

Handbook Chapter
– Summer Camp Overview

Troop 1

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

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

Handbook Chapter
– Typical Activity Schedule

Troop 1

Every month there is 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
www.troopone.org/calendar

Troop 1

“We go Camping”