

# MY SCOUTING ZONE INFORMATION

I am in the Central New Jersey Council building character in ...

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Patrol Named: \_\_\_\_\_

Chartered Organization is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Patrol Leader's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Patrol Leader's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Patrol Leader's e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's phone number is: \_\_\_\_\_

My Scoutmaster's e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

My first patrol meeting will be: \_\_\_\_\_

My first patrol meeting will be @ : \_\_\_\_\_

My District Executive's name is: \_\_\_\_\_

My District Executive's phone number is: (609) 419-1600 x \_\_\_\_\_

My District Executive's e-mail is: \_\_\_\_\_@bsamail.org

## Quick Reference of Other Contact Information

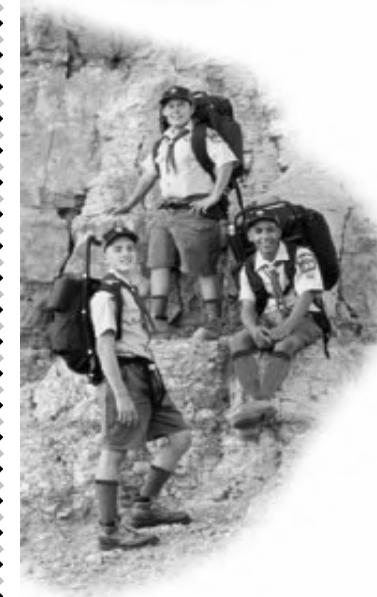
Scout Shop: (609) 514-2737

Council Website: [www.cnjbsa.org](http://www.cnjbsa.org)

Troop Website:

Tell my friends about <http://www.thescoutzone.org/>

## WELCOME TO



# [SCOUT ZONE]

## Parent/Guardian Booklet

We will:

- Inform parents and boys about Boy Scouting
- Recruit boys to join a Scout Troop
- Recruit parents to serve on Troop Outings, as Merit

**Turn this page to learn more about Boy Scouting**



## *YOUR SON, SCOUTING AND YOU*

Most parents want their sons to grow up to be self-reliant, dependable, and caring individuals. Scouting has these same goals in mind for boys.

### ***SCOUTING, Helping you Build Character***

Scouting develops strong values in each boy. Scouting honors the home, school, and religion as the origins of our youths' values. Scouting's goal is to nurture and extend these values by emphasizing the Scout Oath and Law.

Scouting teaches first aid, swimming, outdoor skills, hiking, camping, and many other skills – like skills they will take with them into adulthood. Knot tying might seem a quaint and outdated skill in this computer age, but such hands-on learning helps boys realize their own potential for learning and mastering new skills. That builds pride and the confidence to handle challenges that cross his path. Scouting builds young men who are competent to handle the tough questions.

While every skill Scouting teaches is important, the self-confidence, fun, and sense of accomplishment boys get from skill-building activities are equally important. Each Scouting activity has the basic goal of building character. In Scouting for today and tomorrow, **CHARACTER COUNTS!**

### **SCOUTING IS FAMILY VALUES!**

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## **TONIGHT WE WILL:**

- Inform parents/guardians and boys about Boy Scouting and the Boy Scouts of America
  - Recruit boys and adults for Boy Scouting
  - Select parents/guardians for leadership roles.
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## **UNIFORMS**

Uniforms are not required to join Scouting, but they provide a proven method for Scouts and leaders to display awards earned and show Scout spirit and pride. Uniforms can be purchased at the Central New Jersey Council Scout Shop located in the Scout Service Center. Call us at (609) 514-2737. The Council also has a uniform assistance program to ensure that all deserving Scouts can have a uniform. For more information regarding “experienced uniforms” visit us on the Web at [www.cnjbsa.org](http://www.cnjbsa.org).

### **UNIFORM CHECKLIST**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Price*</u>
<b>SCOUT UNIFORM</b>	
Long-sleeve Tan Shirt (Youth & Adult Sizes)	\$30.40-39.95
Short-sleeve Short Shirt (Youth & Adult Sizes)	\$24.25-34.75
Green Trousers (8-22, 32-56)	\$37.35-50.20
Boy Scout Socks (3 Styles)	\$4.40-6.40
Olive Web Belt (s/m, m/l, xl)	\$6.30-8.65
Scout Neckerchief	\$6.00-7.35
Scout Neckerchief Slide	\$2.40
Scout Cap	\$11.80-12.90
<b>HANDBOOKS</b>	
Scout Handbook	\$8.20-19.95
Requirement Book	\$3.95
<b>INSIGNIA</b>	
World Crest Emblem	\$1.50
Shoulder Loops (Red)	\$1.75
Council Shoulder Patch	\$2.45
Patrol Emblem	\$1.90
Troop Numerals	\$.90

**\*\*PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

## BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

In order for the many identified Scouting services to be provided for you and your son, the Central New Jersey Council needs to raise additional funds. To support the Scouting Program in all areas for 2006, we need to raise per boy an extra \$125. Each year, usually in January, February, and March, all Scouting families are given the opportunity to participate in the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign to help support the annual cost of Scouting. You have an opportunity to help.

# \$125.00



Between now and the time when the Friends of Scouting Campaign representative visits your Troop, if you feel that the Scouting Program has had a significant impact on your son, please consider becoming a Friend of Scouting, and make a contribution to the on-going success of Scouting in making a difference in the lives of boys. You can make contributions online at [www.cnjbsa.org](http://www.cnjbsa.org) or call your district executive at (609) 419-1600.

## Parent/Guardian Orientation

Welcome to Central New Jersey Council's  
Scouting Programs  
Building Character Across the State!

CENTRAL NEW JERSEY COUNCIL

*Building Character Across the State*



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

The Boy Scout Troops in your area are members of a larger Scouting Family that is called the Central New Jersey Council, BSA. The Central New Jersey Council is a non-profit corporation whose responsibility is to provide the programs of the Boy Scouts of America (including Cub Scouting, Venturing, and *Learning for Life*) to all of the communities in its geographical area. The Council gives Boy Scout Troops, like the one your son is joining tonight, the tools and resources it needs to provide a quality character-building program for your child.

Due to the large geography of the Central New Jersey Council, it is divided into smaller groups called Districts. These groups provide localized support, training, and programming, in addition to local volunteer support. A local scouting professional is provided by the Central New Jersey Council to give leadership and guidance to the units you are a part of in your community.

Local camp properties are also provided and maintained for your use. Our camps are Kittatinny Mountain Scout Reservation and Yards Creek Scout Reservation. A highlight of any Scout's adventure lies in the great outdoors!

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## **Boy Scout Values:**

Boy Scouting is an exciting program for youth and adults who want to share in the development of young people.

Leaders of the Chartered Organization have made the commitment to adopt the program concepts and values of the Boy Scouts of America as an integral part of their outreach to the youth of the community.

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values the BSA strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

A Troop is made up of several patrols that work and hike and camp together. The first thing a new Scout learns is to leave the problems and influences of the "street" behind him. He immediately learns that his fellow Scouts are trying to live by a unique set of rules; rules that stress trustworthiness, loyalty, honesty, growth, and reverence. The Scout also learns the skills of Scouting: how to handle an axe, build a fire, cook a meal, pack a backpack, and pitch a tent.

The Scout Oath and Law become their guides to life. The Scout Motto is "Be Prepared." The Scout Slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." This helps the Scout learn to be of service to others.

The Spirit of Scouting directs Scouts to strive to make their Troop the best. To be the best, Scouts in each patrol must work together. Everyone must be in there, pitching in all the time to be the best kind of Scout. This begins with learning and understanding the basic ideas of doing things together in the Troop embodied in the joining tests shown in your Boy Scout Handbook (page 4). Upon completion of the joining requirements the new member is presented with his Scout Badge.

And then it is time to put the OUTING in Scouting through practice, repetition, Scout Skills, Troop hikes, overnight campouts, and experiencing fun and adventure.

The Scout Oath, which every member takes when he joins, is very important. Unless you want to live up to this Oath and this Law the very best you can, you shouldn't become a Scout. The Oath and the 12 points of the Scout Law are tough for anyone to follow, but the most important thing is that Scouts promise to do their best.

The real price of belonging to the Troop will be regular attendance at meetings and working toward all the things that make a Scout prepared.

## **WHO MAKES SCOUTING GO?**

Scouting operates through volunteer leadership. Volunteer unit leaders are an example of Scouting's principle of service to others. Naturally, parents are a primary source of leaders in the Scouting Program. They volunteer not only to serve Scouting, but also to serve their son and his friends, and to have the chance to be a positive influence on the youth of the community.

For every position in Scouting, both youth and adult, there are guidelines and training available to show the way to success. Training opportunities are provided by the Central New Jersey Council and your Scouting District. Training dates are promoted on the Council Website, the Council Program Action Calendar, and through District e-mail for registered leaders. Some basics are offered on-line or in DVD format. Most require group sessions.

In your Troop, the Scoutmaster's (SM) position is similar to the president of a company. He or she will have a number of Assistant Scoutmasters (SA). The chairperson (CC) of this company is the Committee Chair who directs the actions of the Troop Committee (MC). Overseeing all of this is the Charter Organization Representative (COR) who reports to the Chartered Organization Head (IH).

On the youth level, the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), through advice and consent of the SM and the Troop Leaders Council (TLC), directs the operations of the whole Troop through the elected Patrol Leaders (PL). The SPL is assisted in various Troop functions by his staff; including: Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Quartermaster (QM), Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Den Chief Musicians, Bugler, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM).

A Troop is made up of a number of Patrols, under the guidance of its Patrol Leader. There will be an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), a Patrol Quartermaster, a Scribe and other leadership roles the Patrol may chose.

All activities, gatherings, and meetings are carried out under the guidance of at least two-deep leadership.

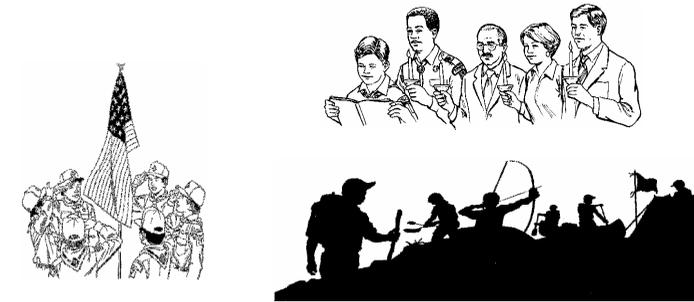
## YOU ARE NOT ALONE!

As a leader, all these resources are available to help you be successful

- **QUALITY SUPPORT STAFF** — Our professional staff will provide on-going service and will assist you when needed.
- **PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE** — Each community is served by a District Executive.
- **COUNCIL WEBSITE** — Center of resources including: calendar of events, on-line training, and resource information. [www.cnjbsa.org](http://www.cnjbsa.org).
- **WEEKLY *E-SCOUTER* MAIL** — A weekly e-mail of upcoming events, current event reports, and many program ideas! To sign up, fill out the *E-SCOUTER* form available on the Website or at the service center.
- **ROUNDTABLES** — A monthly leader in-service meeting for all adult Scout volunteers, which provides training and help with crafts, games, skits, activities, and songs for use with the youth.
- **PROGRAM HELPS** — Troop Resources Guidebooks, Troop Committee Guidebooks, and many other resources are available for you and your Troop.
- **TROOP LEADERSHIP** — Most Troops have been in existence for many years, and have existing leadership which will provide direct assistance and support to your Patrol and Troop Program.
- **TROOP LIBRARY** — Most Troops have a library of resource books to aid leaders in putting on quality Patrol and Troop Programs.
- **DISTRICT STAFF** — A group of Packs, Troops and Crews in a geographical area are organized into a district which is staffed by an experienced volunteer corps of specialists to provide on-going support to all units.
- **FAST START TRAINING** — This training is available on-line to be completed at your convenience. Many of the trainings including the annually required youth protection are available on-line at [www.cnjbsa.org](http://www.cnjbsa.org)

## Troop Facts

- Your son is a member of a patrol
- The troop is made up of one or more patrols
- All families are expected to participate by being members of committees and supporting Troop activities.
- The weekly Troop meeting is where all of the Patrols get together to practice skills, play games, and compete against each other.



- The Troop is directed by the boys, their Patrol Leaders, and the Senior Patrol Leader with assistance from the Scoutmaster. The Troop Committee and Committee Chairperson work to facilitate what the boys have planned. They ensure the safety and well-being of the boys in the Troop.
- The committee consists of you, the parents, who serve as committee members and assist in fundraising, planning, organizing, and executing the troop program as well as keeping records of advancement and managing Troop funds.
- The committee meets monthly to plan for upcoming activities and events.
- The Troop is owned by a Chartered Organization (like a sponsor or a franchise).
- Sponsors include schools, parent-teacher organizations, religious organizations, service clubs, or other organizations interested in youth.
- Sponsors approve leadership, help secure a meeting place, enforce BSA and organization policies.
- Sponsors select a Chartered Organization representative to serve as a liaison between your Troop Committee and the Chartered Organization.

## **Your Son in Boy Scouts**

- I. Your son is a member of a Patrol.
  - a. A Patrol has 4 to 8 boys.
  - b. A Patrol is led by a Patrol Leader who is assisted by the Assistant Scoutmaster.
  - c. The Patrol usually meets once a week, separate from the Troop.
  - d. The Patrol meets with and competes with the other Patrols from the Troop.
  - e. The Patrol Leader is assisted by the Assistant Patrol Leader.
  - f. The Patrol members work on individual advancement, skills, and team-building activities.
  - g. Patrol meetings have an agenda similar to the Troop's: Pre-opening, skills instruction, patrol meetings, inter-patrol activity, closing activity, closing, and a session after the meeting for cleanup and tutoring.
- II. Your Boy is a member of a Troop!
  - a. A Troop is made up of a number of Patrols
  - b. The Troop is split into groups of boys based on their age and their ability: New Scout Patrol, Experienced Scout Patrol, Senior Scout Patrol, and in some cases a Venture Patrol.
  - c. The Troop meets weekly and has special occasions such as Courts of Honor.
  - d. The Troop meetings are run by the Senior Patrol Leader under the direction of the Scoutmaster.
  - e. The Troop will run and participate in outdoor activities such as hiking, camping, swimming, lifesaving, boating, canoeing, rowing, sailing, archery, athletics, sports, fishing, gardening, geology, and wilderness survival.
  - f. While participating in the Scouting Program a young man can earn Merit Badges. Merit Badges are for any of 135 hobby, career, or interest-oriented subjects that are learned about through a structured teacher-student program. Following are some example subjects: first aid, safety, horsemanship, stamp collecting, aviation, computers, cooking, dog care, emergency preparedness, engineering, firemanship, forestry, genealogy, handicap awareness, journalism, law, nature, photography, public speaking, reading, scholarship, space exploration, and theater. There are many more.

## **HOW DO I GET INVOLVED AS AN ADULT VOLUNTEER?**

Scouting is a volunteer organization.

Parents of the boys are the primary source of volunteer leaders in the Scouting Program.

Volunteers are given specific training and tools to help assist you with your specific responsibilities.

As a leader, you will be helping to serve the youth of America, your community, and the Scouting Program which teaches values to the future leaders of America.

You will also make many new friends, spend quality, structured, and most of all, fun time with your son and his friends. This helps to foster a mutual respect between adults and youth.

Volunteering for Scouting has many benefits:

- Satisfaction of being in a worldwide movement
- Privilege of helping to strengthen families
- Opportunity to be a positive role model to youth and adults
- The fun and fellowship that Scouting provides

“A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove; but the world may be different because I was important in the life of a boy.”

-Walt Whitcraft

## HOW DO I SIGN MY SON UP FOR SCOUTING?

### STEP 1 — GET INVOLVED!

- Contact the person that gave this flyer to you, or contact the Central NJ Council, Boy Scouts of America at (609) 419-1600.
- Find the Troops in your town and get in touch with the leaders. Find out when the Troops have meetings and visit them. Select which Troop is right for you.

### STEP 2 — COMPLETE A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

- An application will need to be completed for every boy. Remember to include birth date, address, phone number, and parent's signature. Please remember to fill out the health history on the back of the application. (for Troop outings)
- As an adult volunteer, you will need to complete an adult application.
- Registration fees and *Boy's Life* Magazine Subscription fees will be collected with the applications.

STEP 3 — Once you have joined, attend all Patrol and Troop meetings in order to get the most out of the Boy Scout Program! Work with your Patrol Leader to see what type of uniform and camping supplies you will need.

STEP 4 — Have FUN! If you encounter any problems, please let us know by contacting us at (609) 419-1600.

## RANKS of Boy Scouting

New Scout Patrol: Onward to First Class

Advancing from Scout to Tenderfoot to Second Class to First Class, all in one year.

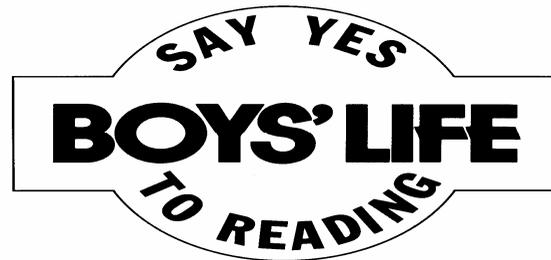
Yes, a focused Troop Program with enthusiastic, participating youth can climb the pathway to First Class within the first year of membership by mastering certain Scout craft skills.

- Each Scout is to be judged by the test of participation: his Attendance, his Appearance, and his Attitude.
- Each Scout is judged by the test of the Scout Spirit: in his heart, he tries to live by the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life. A Scout lives it in his Patrol and Troop, in his school, in his home, and in his religion. A Scout is a help to others and his daily Good Turn grows stronger and more challenging.
- Each Scout grows in his Scout skills dealing with the outdoors, having a healthy body, helping others and improving himself in regards to his family, his community, and his country.
- Each Scout sets goals of growth for himself through a Personal Growth Agreement with his Scoutmaster.
- Each Scout must pass a progress review conducted by his Troop Leaders.

### Experienced Scout Patrols

When the Scout reaches the First Class Rank, he is on the way to the nationally recognized award of Eagle Scout Rank. Before him lies the trail of the Star Scout, Life Scout, and Eagle Scout. Now there are three more challenges that have been added to achieve the Eagle Scout Rank.

1. Each Scout must have a certain number of Merit Badges, some are required.
2. Each Scout must give leadership in the Troop in many different areas of opportunity.
3. Each Scout must do a service project that benefits someone other than the Boy Scouts.



## BOYS' LIFE MAGAZINE

### BOYS' LIFE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of *Boys' Life* is to "entertain and educate America's youth and to open their eyes to the joyous world of reading. We do this through a proven mix of nature, sports, history, fiction, science, comics, and Scouting. We bring lively writing to a wide range of story topics illustrated with colorful graphics and photos."

### BOYS' LIFE IS 95 YEARS OLD, AND STILL GROWING STRONG\*

*Boys' Life* and quality Scouting go together. *Boys' Life* helps develop a taste for good reading and brings the program of Scouting into every home every month. *Boys' Life* tells our youth that life is good and that America is a neat place to live. As we begin the twenty-first century, *Boys' Life* stands alone as the premier magazine for youth! **\$1.00 an ISSUE**

\*Boy Scouts receive special edition magazines for programs/reading materials that are age appropriate.

## WHAT DOES SCOUTING COST?

\$10.00 Annual Registration Fee	\$1.00 Insurance Fee
\$12.00 Annual <i>Boys' Life</i> Magazine	\$8.20 Handbook

### TROOP BUDGET

The Troop prepares an annual budget to fund their "ideal year" of Scouting which includes activities, awards and advancements, recognition, etc. Troops fund the annual budget in many ways. Dues may be charged to each Scout to help fund the budget. However, most Troops participate in the Council-sponsored *Trail's End Popcorn Sale* which offsets or eliminates Troop dues for Scout families, and also helps boys raise enough money for their summertime camp experience. Your Troop leadership can give additional detailed information about your Troop budget and the See the 2006 Popcorn Sale—this helps the unit budget. Prizes include DVD Players, a drawing for nights at a water park, and NBA tickets too!

## SUMMER CAMP OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

The Central New Jersey Council provides a full range of traditional summer camping opportunities for your enjoyment. Summer camp is the peak of an exciting year in Scouting. It is a time to enjoy the outdoors, to learn new skills, and to have fun with friends. Summer camp is the adventure that puts the "outing" in Scouting!

Boy Scout Resident Camp offers a varied program of outdoor skills including: swimming, boating, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, nature studies, handicraft projects, and Scout camping skills. Do not forget the Tin Man Competition (Iron Man with a Heart); Kittatinny Mountain Man Program, featuring low COPE elements, mountain biking, kayaking, and other special activities; and our Brownsea Island (First Year Camper) Program to help our newest Boy Scouts start along the Scouting Trail. Come try out a sail boat or see how high you can climb on our 30-foot climbing and rappelling tower!!!

We invite you to be part of the fun, adventure, and excitement of our camping programs this summer!

Boy Scout Resident Camp is offered during four different weeks each summer. Scouts can attend with their troop or sign up as an individual to come to camp. During the summer of 2006, Boy Scout Resident Camp will be open:



**July 9-15, 2006**  
**July 16-22, 2006**  
**July 23-29, 2006**  
**July 30-August 5, 2006**

The Central New Jersey Council offers a week-long National Youth Leadership Training Course (NYLT) at Yards Creek Scout Reservation in Blairstown, NJ. The NYLT Program is geared to help build leadership skills for all Scouts who are currently in or plan to be in positions of leadership in their Troops. Those Scouts who become Senior Patrol Leaders (SPL) or anticipate becoming an SPL are encouraged to attend. This program offers the best that Scouting has to offer in leadership skills development, troop program administration, and overall camping skills. For the one-week program, Scouts will live in their own tents and cook their own food. Led by expert staff, participants will get hands-on experience and training. This will enable them to bring home many new ideas for outings and skill building activities.