

Join Edmonson County Boy Scout Troop 597

Troop 597 Profile

Troop 597 first became an active Troop in 2014. Troop 597 started with 2 Scouts and is continuing to grow.

How the Troop Works

The leaders of the Troop include the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and members of the Troop Committee. All are unpaid volunteers, most have been involved with Scouting in one position or another.

Within the Troop, the scout will be in a Patrol (a group of 6 to 10 Scouts). The Patrol will be the Scout's team for games, contests, buddies at camp, and the Scout's support network as the Scout works on advancement and Merit Badges.

Since our Troop is young, it is the goal of the leadership for the Troop meetings to be conducted by the Scouts with the coaching and guidance of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and other adult leaders. A typical meeting may include a fun activity, learning Scouting skills for advancement or planning a future activity.

Your Role as a Scout Parent

Naturally, you'll want your Scout to get the most out of Scouting. So you'll keep the dates of the Troop activities on your calendar as a reminder: encourage him as he progresses in the advancement program, and perhaps help him practice the skills of Scouting.

But his success in Scouting depends in part on the success of our Troop. If the Troop is strong, active, and vibrant, he will have greater opportunities to succeed.

Scouting's Viewpoint

There are two ways of looking at Scouting: 1) From the Scout's viewpoint: Scouting takes him outdoors, camping, hiking, provides the opportunity to learn new skills, and be recognized for them. 2) From the parent's viewpoint: Scouting aims to strengthen and build character, a participating citizen, and enhance physical, mental and moral development.

How to Join the Fun

To be a Boy Scout your son must be 11 years old or have completed the 5th grade, and complete the Scouting application form.

There is an initial fee which includes the Boy Scout book. Annual fees vary upon popcorn sales: if a scout sells a certain dollar amount of popcorn, the annual dues for that year are waived.

Benefits of earning the Rank of EAGLE:

Eagle Scout is the highest achievement or rank attainable in the Boy Scouting program of the Boy Scouts of America. The designation "Eagle Scout" has a long history since its founding over one hundred years ago.

Scholarships:

Scholarships are available for Eagle Scouts within the following categories: Academic, Merit, Religious, Civic and Institution Specific (to include these schools in Kentucky: University of Louisville and Lindsey Wilson College)

U.S. Military:

Eagle Scouts may receive advance placement for enlisting into a branch of the U.S. Military. The possible advanced placement by Service:

Army: E-2

Navy: E-3

Air Force: E-2

Marine Corps: E-2

In 2014 it has been reported that 413 Eagle Scouts graduated a U.S. Military Academy – U.S. Military Academy: 139, U.S. Naval Academy: 99, U.S. Air Force Academy: 150, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: 25, and U.S. Coast Guard Academy: Not Tracked.

Merit Badges Required for Eagle Scout

To accomplish the rank of Eagle the following Merit Badges are required: Camping, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Communications, Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving, Environmental Science, Family Life, First Aid, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Swimming or Hiking or Cycling and 9 more from the Merit Badge List.

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is...

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful,
Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,
Clean, and Reverent

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