

Parent's Guide



Troops 1054

Mandan, North Dakota

Welcome to Boy Scouting and Troop 1054!

Scouting is one of the largest and oldest organizations around. It is also one that is immediately known and respected by many people throughout the world. Troop 1054 and its leaders believe strongly in the character building that comes from following the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We also believe strongly in parent participation in all Scouting activities. The youth who get the most out of Scouting are those whose parents are visible and active. Parents play a key role in the success of Scouting. Parents help by motivating their scout, providing moral support, and assisting with troop activities. A parent's excitement and involvement rubs off on their scout and both the parent and the Scout are rewarded.

Scouts get out of Troop 1054 what parents and other adults put into it. Leaders try to keep the "outing" in Scouting by offering plenty of activities of all kinds. We ask our Scouts to lead the troop as much as possible and that includes work planning and preparing for camp outs and weekly meetings. Troop 1054 is a Scout led program based on the BSA Patrol Method. Developing self-confidence, self-reliance and leadership are key goals of our Scouting program.

The purpose of this handbook is to introduce the new Scout and the parent to the Troop 1054 Scouting program in particular. This booklet is a supplement to the BSA Handbook and is meant to give information on that which is not covered elsewhere in BSA literature. Keep this booklet, as it is intended as a resource for both the Scout and the Parent during the Scout's entire Scouting experience. Please do not hesitate to ask any one of our leaders if you ever have questions, now or any time in the future.

General Information

Troops 1054B and 1054G is chartered by the Eagles Club of Mandan and is in the Frontier Trails District of the Northern Light Council of the Scouts of America in accordance with the bylaws, rules and regulations of the National Council of the Scouts of America.

Eagles Club of Mandan provides the Troop with a meeting place and storage facilities to carry out its program under the leadership of the Scoutmaster and assistants with the supervision and support of the Troop Committee as prescribed by the National Council of the Scouts of America.

Aims and Methods

The objective of the Troop is to provide youth and young adults an experiential learning program based on the three "Aims" of Scouting: To Build Character – developing the Scout's personal qualities, values, and outlook: honesty, courage, integrity, self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-respect; To Foster Citizenship – training the

Scout on their duties, obligations, privileges, and functions as a citizen and member of their community; and To Develop Fitness – helping the Scout to develop physically, mentally, morally, and emotionally.

The Scouting program is implemented through the eight Methods of Scouting:

Ideals:

When each youth becomes a Scout they commit themselves to personal behavior guides and standards: The motto, “Be Prepared,” the slogan, “Do a Good Turn Daily,” the Scout Oath, and the Scout Law.

Patrols:

Scouts within the Troop develop leadership and learn to work together by participating in groups called Patrols.

The Patrol Leaders' Council The patrol leaders' council, not the adult leaders, is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities. The patrol leaders' council is composed of the following voting members: senior patrol leader, assistant senior patrol leader, patrol leaders, troop guide. At its monthly meetings, the patrol leaders' council organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly troop meetings. The troop committee interacts with the patrol leaders' council through the Scoutmaster.

Outdoors:

Scouting was designed to be carried out mainly in the open and in all four seasons. Most activities are focused on learning and experiencing outdoor skills. In the Outdoors, a scout can meet the world of nature face to face, perhaps for the first time, and learn to appreciate its wonders and how to thrive there.

Advancement:

As Scouts develop and build on their skills, they advance up the ladder through the ranks of Scouting. As each new skill is learned and mastered, they become more qualified to take on more rugged, more exciting, more rewarding and more memorable challenges and experiences. The Scout learns, achieves and discovers how it feels to go further, perhaps, than they thought they ever could.

Personal Growth:

While the other Scouting methods focus one or more individual benefits, all of them add, in one way or another, to a Scout's personal growth. Collectively over time, the Scouting experience contributes to the development of their self-confidence and they grow in mind and body and matures in an environment that is founded on the highest values and moral principles.

Adult Association:

Scouts learn from example set by their leaders. They associate with caring, committed adults and junior leaders of high character, both men and women, who serve as positive role models who provide a critical ingredient at this formative stage in their development.

Leadership Development:

Troop 1054 is a Scout led troop. Scouting methods are effective leadership builders. With growing leadership opportunities, a Scout develops their leadership skills. Multiple opportunities for advancing levels of leadership are provided throughout the program enabling Scouts to Experience leadership and advance to more complex leadership situations. Leadership development for all Scouts involves not only being the leader but also cooperating with and supporting others who are leading them.

Uniform:

Wearing the uniform reminds the youth that they are a Scout and that people expect them to act like one. The uniform is an outward sign of the values they believe in and for which they stand. Wearing their uniform gives the Scout an opportunity to show pride in what Scouting represents and to display the badges and awards that testify to the skill and leadership achievements they have accomplished. In the community, the uniform signifies an organization with a tremendously strong reputation for building character and doing good things. Finally, wearing the Scout uniform gives the Scout a sense of belonging, not only to their troop and patrol, but also to a wider world organization in whose beliefs and program they share. A well-uniformed troop builds a sense of identity and spirit which is difficult to achieve through any other means.

Scouts must wear Class A uniform to all meetings from Labor Day to Memorial Day. Class A uniforms must be worn at all events outside of the meetings unless otherwise stated. Scouts are required to wear Class A Uniform during the following; Court of Honor, Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Reviews.

THE SCOUT OATH OR PROMISE

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

THE SCOUT LAW

A scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**. A Scout tells the truth. They keep their promises. Honesty is A part of their code of conduct. People can always depend on them.

A scout is **LOYAL**. A scout is true to family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

A scout is **HELPFUL**. A Scout is concerned about other people. They willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A scout is **FRIENDLY**. A Scout is a friend to all. They are a brother/sister to other Scouts. They seek to understand others. They respect those with ideas and customs that are different from their own.

A scout is **COURTEOUS**. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. They know that good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

A scout is **KIND**. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. They treat others As they want to be treated. They do not harm or kill anything without reason.

A scout is **OBEDIENT**. A Scout follows the rules of family, school, and troop. They obey the laws of the community and country. If they think these rules and laws are unfair, they try to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

A scout is **CHEERFUL**. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. They cheerfully do Tasks that come their way. They try to make others happy.

A scout is **THRIFTY**. A Scout works to pay their way and to help others. They save for the Future. They protect and conserves natural resources. They carefully use time and property.

A scout is **BRAVE**. A Scout can face danger even if they are afraid. They have the courage to stand for what they think is right even if others laugh at them or threaten them.

A scout is **CLEAN**. A Scout keeps their body and mind fit and clean. They go around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. They help keep their home and community clean.

A scout is **REVERENT**. A Scout is reverent towards God. They are faithful in their religious Duties. They respect the beliefs of others.

THE SCOUT MOTTO

The Scout motto is **Be Prepared**. A Scout prepares for whatever comes their way by learning all they can. They keep themselves strong, healthy, and ready to meet the challenge of life.

THE SCOUT SLOGAN

The Scout slogan is **Do a Good Turn Daily**. Good turns are helpful acts of kindness done quietly, without boasting, and without expecting reward or pay. Doing at least one Good Turn every day is a normal part of a Scout's life.

Membership and Registration

It is the philosophy of Scouting to welcome all eligible youth, regardless of gender, race, ethnic background, sexual orientation or gender identification, who are willing to accept Scouting's values and meet any other requirements of membership.

Youth can be Scouts if they have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10 years old, OR have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old, OR are age 11 but have not reached age 18.

To join, contact Scoutmaster and he will arrange to meet with you and help you complete the join-up paperwork and get everything set to see you at the next meeting! Visitors are welcome at our meetings – come by and meet the troop!

Parental Role

Scouting is a family activity, but different from Cub Scouting. In Scouting, your child is expected to be more self-sufficient. In Scouting, achievements are recognized and certified by peers and Troop leaders, not parents. The Role for parents is still there, but different. Here is how a Scout parent should be involved:

Parent Involvement

Without help from our parents, Troop 1054 would not exist. We hope new parents will take an active part in making this happen. A parent's role as "cheerleader" is a big reason for their child's interest and success. Please understand that the adults who provide support and time to make this troop a success, are volunteers and need help to make this an enriching experience for the Scout. Our troop also needs parents to help with teaching merit badges, assisting with special events, and driving Scouts to activities. Many of our best ideas have come from parents who just spoke up, so parent involvement makes the difference.

Parents are not allowed to sign off on their scouts Handbook.

National B.S.A. rules require at least two adults at every meeting and activity. **EVENTS MAY BE CANCELLED** if sufficient adults are not available. **We need your help!**

Activities & Meetings:

Troop 1054 strives to keep busy with a variety of fun events. Each month our Patrol Leaders Council, made up of Troop youth leaders meet to plan interesting and fun activities such as:

- Monday Troop Meetings = Each Monday evening at 7:00pm at Eagles Club in Mandan.
- PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) = Held the second Monday of each month 7:00pm at Eagles Club in Mandan.
- Troop Committee Meeting = Adult leaders and Parents, second Monday of each month at 7:30 pm at Eagles Club in Mandan
- Troop Monthly Camp outs
- Troop Hikes
- Competitions & Games

- Advancement
- Guest Speakers and demonstrations
- Field Trips
- Summer Camp

Calendar

While Scouts usually hear details of our events at meetings, this important information is usually not passed along to parents. Our troop uses Scoutbook, a way for the Scout, their parents, their guardians and supporters, to stay informed about our busy troop to better become involved in our activities. (P.S. some activities are more popular with our parents than with our Scouts!). We also correspond regularly through e-mail and text message so please make sure that we have a current address and phone number and check it often.

Troop Committee Organization and Responsibilities

The Troop Committee is the troop's board of directors and supports the troop program. But you ask, "What does the troop committee do?" The troop committee does the following:

- Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained. In case the Scoutmaster is absent, a qualified assistant Scoutmaster is assigned. If the Scoutmaster is unable to serve, a replacement is recruited.
- Provides adequate meeting facilities
- Advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization
- Carries out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
- Supports leaders in carrying out the program
- Is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan
- Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for troop property
- Provides adequate camping and outdoor program (minimum 10 days and nights per year)
- Serves of boards of review and courts of honor.
- Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that may affect the overall troop program.
- Provides for the special needs and assistance some boys may require.
- Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- Assists the Scoutmaster with handling boy behavior problems.

You can have a full committee with a reasonable amount of recruiting effort. The first five positions are essential for quality troop operation. Fill those positions first. There is no maximum limit to the number of troop committee members. The minimum number is three adults ages 21 or older. For committees with more members than positions listed, assign each additional member to assist in one of the areas. The more support each position has, the better that area will function. Needless to say, there is a job for everyone the committee approves.

Committee Chairperson

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organizations representative and the Scoutmaster.
- Interpret national and local policies to the troop.
- Prepare troop committee meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly troop committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtables.
- Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp leadership.
- Arrange for charter review and recharter annually.
- Plan the charter presentation.

Troop Secretary

- Keep minutes of meetings and send out committee meeting notices.
- Handle publicity.
- Prepare a family newsletter of troop events and activities.
- Conduct the troop resource survey.
- At each meeting, report the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer

- Handle all troop funds. Pay bills on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee
- Maintain checking and savings accounts
- Train and supervise the troop scribe in record keeping.
- Keep adequate records in the Troop/Team Record Book.

- Supervise the camp savings plan.
- Lead in the preparation of the annual troop budget.
- Lead the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- Report to the troop at each meeting
- Keep adequate records of expenses

Outdoors & Activities Coordinator

- Help in securing permission to use camping sites.
- Serve as transportation coordinator.
- Ensure a monthly outdoor program.
- Promote the National Camping Award.
- Promote, through family meetings, attendance at troop camp outs, camporees, and summer camp to reach the goal of one outing per month.
- **Report to the troop committee at each meeting.**

Advancement Chairperson

- Encourage Scouts to advance in rank
- Work with the troop to maintain all Scout advancement records.
- Arrange troop boards of review and courts of honor.
- Develop and maintain a merit badge counselor list
- Make a prompt report on the correct form to the council service center when a troop board of review is held. Secure badges and certificates
- Work with the troop librarian to build and maintain a troop library of merit badge pamphlets.
- **Report to the troop committee at each meeting.**

Membership Coordinator

The Membership Coordinator shall review and monitor youth recruiting efforts and report results of scout retention. They shall review adult recruiting activities, adult's membership applications, current health/medical forms, and data forms, to ensure compliance with BSA policies.

Adult Training Coordinator

- Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities for training.
- Maintain an inventory of up-to-date training materials, videotapes, and other training resources.
- Work with the district training team in scheduling Fast Start training for all new leaders.
- Be responsible for BSA Youth Protection training within the troop.
- Encourage periodic junior leader training within the troop and at the council and national levels.
- **Report to the troop committee at each meeting.**

Chaplain

- Provide a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities.
- Give guidance to the chaplain aide.
- Promote regular participation of each member in the activities of the religious organization of his choice.
- Encourage Boy Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting

Equipment Coordinator

- Supervise and help the troop procure camping equipment.
- Work with the quartermaster on inventory and proper storage and maintenance of all troop equipment. • Make periodic safety checks on all troop camping gear, and encourage troops in safe use of all outdoor equipment.
- **Report to the troop committee at each meeting.**

Fund raising Chair

This Fund raising Chair supports the Scoutmaster by planning, coordinating, managing, and executing the Troop's 'special events', to include all fund raising activities, and Community Service events. The chair is responsible for ensuring that all fund raising events comply with the objectives of providing an opportunity for scouts to raise funds for scout activities for the troop and themselves. Fund raising events may be directed to general troop activities or to specialized drives as authorized by the Troop Committee.

SCOUTMASTER AND ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER RANKS

THE SCOUTMASTER

The Scoutmaster is the adult leader responsible for the image and program of the troop. The Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts. The importance of the Scoutmaster's job is reflected in the fact that the quality of guidance will affect every youth and adult involved in the troop. The Scoutmaster can be male or female, but must be at least 21 years old. The Scoutmaster is appointed by the head of the chartered organization.

The Scoutmaster's duties include:

GENERAL:

- Train and guide boy leaders.
- Work with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to boys.
- Use the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting.

MEETINGS:

- Meet regularly with the patrol leaders' council for training and coordination in planning troop activities.
- Attend all troop meetings or, when necessary, arrange for a qualified adult substitute.
- Attend troop committee meetings.
- Conduct periodic parents' sessions to share the program and encourage parent participation and cooperation.
- Take part in annual membership inventory and uniform inspection, charter review meeting, and charter presentation.
- Conduct Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements
- Provide a systematic recruiting plan for new members and see that they are promptly registered.
- Delegate responsibility to other adults and groups (assistants, troop committee) so that they have a real part in troop operations.
- Supervise troop elections for the Order of the Arrow.

ACTIVITIES:

- Make It possible for each Scout to experience at least 10 days and nights of camping each year.
- Participate in council and district events.
- Build a strong program by using proven methods presented in Scouting literature.
- Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America.

As you see, the Scoutmaster has many responsibilities.

Assistant Scoutmasters

To fulfill obligations to the troop, the Scoutmaster, with the assistance of the troop committee, recruits assistant Scoutmasters to help operate the troop. Each assistant Scoutmaster is assigned specific program duties and reports to the Scoutmaster. They also provide the required two-deep

leadership standards set by the Scouts of America. An assistant Scoutmaster may be 18 years old, but at least one in each troop should be 21 or older, so he or she can serve in the Scoutmaster's absence. Types of assistant Scoutmasters include: • Assistant Scoutmaster-New-Scout patrol • Assistant Scoutmaster-Venture patrol A troop should recruit as many assistant Scoutmasters as possible. It has been found that many successful troops have three or more.

Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol Leader(SPL) is the top leader in the troop. They lead the patrol leader's council and in consultation with the Scoutmaster, assigns specific responsibilities as needed. The Senior Patrol Leader is elected by troop members, for a six-month term.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

The assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL) fills in for the SPL in his absence. He is also responsible for training and giving direction to the quartermaster, scribe historian, librarian and instructors.

Patrol Leaders

The patrol leaders (PL) are responsible for giving leadership to the members of their patrols. They are their representation on the patrol leaders' council.

Assistant Patrol Leaders:

Assistant patrol leaders help the PL run the patrol and fill in for him in his absence.

Other Troop Positions;

Troop Historian- Collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.

Librarian-keeps the troop's books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by troop members.

Instructor-teaches one or more advancement skills to troop members.

Chaplain Aide-assists is troop religious services and promotes religious emblems programs

Junior assistant Scoutmaster-a Scout 16 or older who supervises and supports other boy leaders as assigned.

Patrol leader-gives leadership to members of their patrol and represents them on Patrol Leaders Council.

Assistant Patrol Leader-fills in for the Patrol leader in his absence.

Order of the Arrow Representative-keeps the troop informed on all Order of the Arrow activities.

Venture patrol leader-leader of a troop's Venture patrol.

Troop guide-adviser and guide to the new Scout Patrol.

Den chief-works with a Cub Scout den as a guide.

Quartermaster-responsible for troop supplies and equipment.

Scribe-assists the Troop Secretary.

Troop Parents

The role of parents within Troop 1054 is to be supportive of the Troop's efforts and to provide the atmosphere Scouts need to learn and excel. Parents should try to:

- Read their Scout's handbook and understands the purpose and methods of Scouting.
- Parents should attend an informal Scout Orientation *by* the Troop Committee.
- Actively follow their Scout's progress (or lack thereof) and offer encouragement and a push when needed.
- Show support to both the individual Scout and the Troop by attending all Troop
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- Courts of Honor.
- Assist, as requested, in all Troop fund-raisers and other such activities.
- Be aware of the Troop program and annual calendar.
- Attend Committee Meetings

Expectations, Conduct Code & Safety

Expectations

- Good conduct is expected at all times.
- Regular attendance is expected at Monday night meetings and on weekend camping trips.
- Scouts are required to wear the appropriate uniform.
- The Scout should bring their Scout Handbook, pen, and note pad to every meeting and all camp outs.
- Scouts are expected to participate in Troop 1054 service projects.
- Scouts are expected to participate in Troop 1054 fundraisers.

As the Scout matures, they will be expected to participate in leadership roles

- To get along with and work with all Scouts of different ages and skills

We do not tolerate the following:

1. The use of cursing or foul language.
2. Any form of hazing, physical or verbal harassment, or malicious behavior directed toward others.
3. Any activity that may cause damage to public or private property.
4. Any unsafe actions to endanger themselves or others (fighting, throwing items, etc).
5. Improper use of matches or lighters, knives, or permitted camp tools
6. Knives will not be allowed in vehicles, must be transported in totes or duffel bags.
7. Leaving designated areas without Scoutmaster's or appropriate leader's permission.
8. Excessive rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior.
9. Use of any controlled or illegal substance or tobacco products including vaping or e-cigarettes
10. Pop during Troop meetings or camp outs

Discipline must be maintained for the adult and youth leaders to manage a large group of Scouts.

First level issues are handled by the appropriate youth leader, or an adult leader. Second level issues are handled by the Scoutmaster. At the Scoutmaster's discretion he may involve other leaders. Parents may be advised at this point. Third level issues will be handled by the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee chairman and the parents will be notified of the issues.

Continued problems will lead to a request that the parent be present with the Scout at all Scout activities. Scouts must also show respect for adult leaders and each other. They must pay attention during meetings and not have side conversations that are disruptive in nature. This is also considered inappropriate behavior and is subject to the same disciplinary action described above.

A Scout may be suspended from the Troop for:

- The possession or use of any illegal drug.
- Possession or use of firearms without proper adult supervision.
- Possession or use of alcoholic beverages.
- Smoking or use of any tobacco product.
- Stealing.
- Any criminal offense.
- Other behavior, which the Scoutmaster deems to be excessively disruptive, distracting or contrary to the Scout Oath or Scout Law.

Reinstatement of a suspended Scout will be under terms specified by the Scoutmaster, with the concurrence of the Troop Committee. A Scout is "trustworthy," and we expect this first point of the law and all others to be taken seriously. A Scout will become a responsible young man/woman and later a respected adult, if they live by the Scout Oath and Law.

We do not expect perfection from boys/girls, only that they do *their best*. **Please review all of the above information with your Scout.**

Safety Items

- Knives may not be used until a Totin' Chip card is earned. BSA prohibits blade length greater than 6 inches.
- Saws and axes (no hatchets) may only be used after a Totin' Chip has been issued.
- Appropriate clothing is required on all camping trips. Closed toed shoes must be worn And boots are recommended. Sandals are permitted on the waterfront.
- No open flames are permitted within 10 feet of tents.

Finances and Fund Raising

Our Troop Committee tries to keep the costs of scouting reasonable, but some costs cannot be avoided. A yearly fee covers the registration for your scout, supplementary accident insurance and an activity fee. We do not collect any other dues through out the year, but do ask for nominal payment towards special events as we go. All payments for upcoming camping trips or outings, must be paid ahead of the event and there is absolutely no refund unless the event is canceled.

The cost of Troop equipment, advancement patches, and special outings, are paid out of money earned by the scouts in their fund raising.

Each scout is expected to participate in fund raising activities.

If the cost of scouting presents any problem for you, please discuss it with the Scoutmaster in private.

Advancement

Advancement is the way for a scout to grow and become eligible for troop leadership positions and other honors. Once a youth begins their Scouting journey, they will progress in the following order: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

The troop leaders are the only ones who can pass them on the requirements. They must have all the requirements signed by the Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster.

No one else is eligible to sign off. Advancement is how you become eligible for troop leadership positions, high adventure camping trips, and honors such as election to the Order of the Arrow.

Scoutmaster Conference

When Scouts have completed all of their requirements for ANY rank they must make an appointment with the Scoutmaster for a Scoutmaster's Conference. During the Scoutmaster's Conference the Scoutmaster will verify that all requirements for Rank have been completed, discuss their Troop and Patrol participation, how Scouting influences their life, and how they are doing in general. Scouts should be able to recite the SCOUT OATH AND SCOUT LAW at their Scoutmaster Conference. Scouts MUST

BRING THEIR SCOUT HANDBOOK and WEAR THEIR CLASS A UNIFORM to the conference.

Board of Review

After you have completed a merit badge or rank, you need to tell the Committee Chair in order to conduct a Board of Review.

The Board of Review is made up of at least three adult members of our Troop Committee.

The Advancement Chair will check to make sure your Scout Handbook and other records are up to date.

The Board of Review Members will also ask you what you learned while working on the badge or rank, and what you think about our troop in general. This sounds scary, but it really isn't.

Many of the people on the Board of Review are the same ones you see each week. They all want to see you succeed and grow with our troop.

You should save all written work and projects you do for merit badges and rank. These will be discussed with Board Members during the Board of Review.

Advancement is the Scout's responsibility.

Courts of Honor

The accomplishments of our Scouts and leaders are formally recognized at Courts of Honor, held about three times per year. They are held on Monday in place of a regular troop meeting. Parents' attendance at our Courts of Honor is an important and very easy way to demonstrate an interest in your child's Scouting progress.

Camping Trips & Equipment

Camping is a regular event for Troop 1054 and we want your Scout to be involved and to look forward to these events. These camping trips provide an opportunity for the scouts to work together and live together, learn new camping and survival skills, develop personal growth, learn about the natural world, and develop leadership. Beyond our troop, there are many other camping adventures, such as Camporees, Jamborees, hikes, and other adventures. There are just some of the many opportunities available to your scout!

Camping is a key part of a Scout troop and we want them to be prepared and comfortable for any weather situations. Troop 1054 furnishes group items such as tents, stoves, saws and cooking equipment. You will be told ahead of time, if there are any specialty items that will be needed. Also, please check our website for updated equipment lists.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS:

Personal gear:

Uniform-Class A and B
Hiking boots or other appropriate
footwear
Windbreaker, jacket, or coat
Money
Watch
Pocket-knife (must have Totin' Chip)
Eyeglasses if needed
Hat and gloves
Sun screen and bug spray
Towel and soap
Compass
Rain poncho or slicker
Toiletries
Notebook and pen
Camera and film

Rope
Flashlight
Scout Handbook
Waterproof matches
Tissues
Backpack
Pillow
Water bottle
Mug
Sleeping bag
Cot
Medication(In original container, directions.
Given to Scoutmaster)
Clothing and weather specific
clothing
Mess Kit

Medical Form & History

The adult leadership is responsible for the health and well-being of all youth when they are at Scout events.

To do this, we ask that parents supply us with information about any physical problems or limitations a scout may have. We also need to know the source of health insurance. We ask parents to give us full authorization, permitting the adult leadership to perform appropriate first aid or seek competent medical treatment.

This permission form must be on file before a scout is permitted to go on a Troop outing. The form also includes the name of a person we may contact in an emergency.

For long-term activities like Summer Camp, a physical within the last 1 year (12 months) is required by Scouts BSA. Health form must be filled out and signed by Physician.

Parents can save money by asking their family doctor to fill out the B.S.A. form at the same time a school or sports physical is done.

The Scout program is sensitive to the need to protect scouts from abuse. To meet this need, a Youth Protection Program has been established. Every adult leader must be trained to recognize signs of abuse among youth and report these observations to the Council Executive. In addition, rules have been made regarding adults interactions with scouts, rules designed to protect both the scouts and the adults. A Youth Protection Guide for parents is available. A copy is included in the front of the new Scout Handbook. This is also used in one of the first requirements, for the scout to read and discuss the Guide with their parent(s). The Scoutmaster also has copies available.

Troop Website:
Scoutbook.com

Council website:
<http://www.nlcbsa.org/>

National BSA Website
www.scouting.org/

The present Troop Committee and Leaders are listed on the Troop website.
The contents of this manual have been taken from various sources including The Guide to Safe Scouting, the Troop Committee Guidebook, The Scoutmasters Handbook, The Junior Leader Training Conference Staff Guide, scouting web pages, past years and practices of Troop 1054, and personal input from trained Scoutmasters and Committee members.