

The Boy Scouting Program

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) has three aims: Encourage physical fitness, develop character, and support citizenship. Through living the Scout Oath and Law, we seek to make young boys aware of their obligations to God, to their Country and to other people. We believe those ideals and values should be emphasized so that young Scouts develop into grown men who continue to hold to those ideals. BSA also develops leadership through the examples of other Scouts and adult leaders and by offering opportunities for Scouts to be leaders in a boy-run patrol and troop.

Troop 225

Troop 225 was founded in 1997 with five young and enthusiastic Scouts. Since then it has grown to nearly 65 Scouts and a well-trained adult leadership corps. We now have seven Eagle Scouts.

Costs

We want Scouting to be affordable. But there are some costs that cannot be escaped. Registration fees are set annually by our Troop Committee and are presently \$60.00. This covers BSA registration and insurance fees, Boy's Life subscription costs, Troop paraphernalia, and other expected expenses such as rank awards, merit badges, beads and other recognition items for the year.

Some outings may have other costs, primarily food or a fee imposed by the facility. These will depend on the length and nature of the outing as well as the menu selected by each patrol. A typical full weekend campout (out on Friday; back Sunday) may run in the range of \$7 - \$12. These costs are usually known well ahead of time and can be planned.

Equipment

Troop 225 provides tents, patrol boxes and patrol cooking and cleanup equipment. Scouts should provide their own sleeping bag, ground cloth or pad, toiletries and appropriate clothing.

Occasionally a particular activity might require some additional personal items. Most families will have some of the equipment, but we can provide needed guidance and suggest economical alternatives.

Fundraising Opportunities

Scouts can earn their own way in our Troop. We sell popcorn each year as a fundraising activity for the Scouts. In the spring we have sold cookie dough. While proceeds are retained in the Troop treasury, they are earmarked for the Scout producing them. They may be used by that Scout to pay for camping, registration fees, and even needed personal camping equipment. Some of our Scouts are able to pay for a full year's activities through their work on these fundraisers. The Troop has conducted other fund-raisers such as an annual Chili Supper, a large-scale garage sale and the Dollar Diner at Olathe's "Old Settlers Day" to help develop funds for Troop equipment purchases.

Camping Program and Activities

Take the "outing" out of Scouting, and not much is left! Troop 225 is an active camping troop as planned by our Patrol Leaders' Council. We will usually be camping once a month on our own or by participating in district activities or long term summer camp. We also try to combine camping with other fun outdoor activities. The Patrol Leaders' Council may also plan some more "high adventure" campouts that may involve longer distance travel.

Long Term Camp

Our Troop attends long term summer camp at the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation near Iconium, Missouri, a location "The Chief" described as "good for growing rocks and men." This 7,000 acre facility is one of the premier long term camps in the United States and offers unparalleled opportunities for Scout advancement through many merit badges and rank requirements. Snorkeling, sailing, archery, astronomy, geology, and rifle shooting are some of the offerings. Hiking opportunities abound.

"The Hills of Osceola" will form many wonderful Scouting memories for Scouts.

Sponsorship

We are sponsored by College Church of the Nazarene of Olathe, Kansas. Our sponsor maintains meeting rooms for the Troop and often provides other facilities for meetings or events. We are privileged and proud to have a sponsor that is supportive of the aims and objectives of Boy Scouting.

Patrols

Troop 225 uses the *patrol method*. The patrol is the key unit in Scouting. It's a group of 6-8 Scouts who camp together, plan together and work together as a team on their activities and advancements. Working in patrols gives young Scouts the chance to learn to work with and learn from others and to form fast friendships and relationships.

Venture Patrol

Our Troop also has a Venture Patrol, which is a special "high adventure" patrol for our older and more experienced Scouts. This group has gone to Philmont, Okpik, and BSA Sea Base in Florida. Membership in the Venture Patrol is limited to Scouts 14 and over who are approved by their Scoutmaster and the Venture Patrol Advisors.

Leadership Opportunities

Would you like to be a Patrol Leader? As a boy-run Troop, our Scouts elect their own leadership, starting with the Senior Patrol Leader, his Assistants, and the several patrol leaders. Other troop leadership positions are filled by the Senior Patrol Leader working with the Scoutmaster. One of the great things about a smaller troop is that there are ample opportunities for Scouts to develop and show their abilities as leaders that would simply not occur in a larger Troop. As a new Scout, you will first learn to lead by learning to follow. Then your opportunity will come, sometimes before you may think you're ready so you'll have to grow into the job!

A Special Word for Mom and Dad:

Scouting's founder, Lord Baden-Powell, called Scouting "a game with a purpose." Our adult leadership is committed to the aims and objectives of Scouting and Scouting's concepts of a boy-run troop as means of developing leadership and equipping youth to make ethical life decisions. We strive to provide all types of opportunities for our Scouts, with concern for their physical and emotional safety and their development into responsible citizens and well-rounded principled persons. We share Scouting's aims of physical fitness, citizenship and character development. Our basic operating rules are the Scout Oath and Law. Though simple, and easily memorized, they encapsulate profound life values.

Sometimes reaching too far and falling short results in learning, growth in character and, ultimately, success in Scouting and in life. Young Scouts need to be able to safely reach for their goals, but sometimes fail and try again before they achieve success. What is easily earned is often given little value. Responsibility is learned; not inherited.

Troop meetings are open, and you are welcome here. But, may we say this: Parental *involvement* is needed so you can better prepare for major activities like long term camp. Parental *support* is always needed. But there are times we have found it better (but never easy) for Mom and Dad to stay in the background so your son can have a chance to learn and do things *on his own*. This is particularly important on outings when we are working in patrols and developing scoutcraft and outdoor skills.

Pride in your son's accomplishments is always welcome. Please plan to attend our Courts of Honor when Scouts' advancements and achievements are formally recognized. There are numerous opportunities at the adult level to be more involved and your participation is encouraged. If you would like to become more directly involved in Troop 225's activities as an adult, please contact the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee Chairman.

Adult Leadership

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Assistant Scoutmasters Hayden Knott
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Committee Members:

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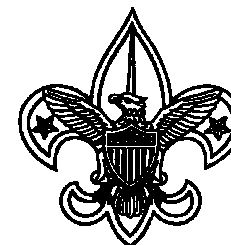
Membership in Troop 225 is open to all appropriate-aged boys who are willing to subscribe to the aims and objectives of Scouting including its Declaration of Religious Principles and are willing to abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Prior participation as a Cub Scout is not required.

Web: <http://www.troop225BSA.org>

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