

BOY SCOUT TROOP 461

ACTIVITIES

- **Year 'round Program**
- **Meet Weekly - Every Thursday, 7:30 - 9:00**
 - **Winter: Highland Heights Community Center**
 - **Summer: Forest Picnic Area, North Chagrin Reservation**
 - **Some meetings other places**
- **PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) Boys meet once per month to plan meetings**
- **Program built around monthly themes - Some picked by Scoutmaster (or other adult leaders) and some picked by the boys**
 - **Dec 1999: Klondike Derby**
 - **Jan 2000: Klondike Derby**
 - **Feb 2000: Snow and Winter Activities**
 - **Mar 2000: Mechanics**
 - **Apr2000: Service Projects**
 - **May 2000: Pioneering**
 - **June 2000: Biking**
 - **July 2000: Advancements & Camp**
 - **Aug 2000: Boats**
- **Weekend campouts 7-10 times per year (about every month)**
 - **Polar Bear, March 4 & 5,**
 - **Firelands Scout Reservation**
 - **April 7, 8, & 9 - Canoeing on Tuscarawas River at Canal Fulton**
 - **Spring Camporee, May 19, 20, & 21 - June Bike Hike Campout?**
 - **Week long summer camp at Beaumont (July 9-15, 2000)**
- **High Adventure summer camp 5-10 days long - Philmont, Canoe trip, Jamboree, etc.**
 - **This years (2000) trip to be a canoe trip, dates to be determined**
- **Elections for new Boy Leadership and Patrol reorganization - Late July/Early August**
- **Boys work to earn advancement at their own pace to reach these ranks. Boy Scouting Goal is to have boys reach First Class after about one year in the Troop.**
 - **Scout**
 - **Tenderfoot**
 - **Second Class**
 - **First Class**
 - **Star**
 - **Life**
 - **Eagle**
- **Monthly Newsletter - "Knotsense"**

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"Parental Expectations"

What does the troop need from each parent?

- Make sure your son knows his schedule for all his activities - Encourage him to put scout activities in his school day planner
- Take on a Troop Adult Leadership positions
- Recognize your son's accomplishments: Attend Court of Honor - 2 per year
- Come enjoy the outdoors on a campout or two
- Commit to encouraging participation by your son.
- Commit to making sure your son meets obligation of Leadership Position -Examples: Attendance at planning meetings, storing of patrol gear, making sure patrol gear makes it to the outing or get it to someone who can get it there.
- Have son wear his uniform - Help him keep it up to date with rank patches and awards
- Patience - We're all volunteers
- Fees:
 - \$40 per year rechartering fee due every March
 - \$35 for each additional boy in each family
 - Fees for each Weekend campout
 - Range from \$2 to \$20 depending on activity and location
 - *Plus* Food money for each campout - Patrols create menus, buy their own food, and divide the cost amongst the members.
 - Summer Weeklong camp: About \$150 including food
 - Summer High Adventure Camps: Range from \$80 -\$750 (Philmont, New Mexico, Jamborees, etc.)
- Fundraisers - We do 1-3 per year to keep the troop treasury full for Troop equipment, badges, etc.
- Equipment needed
 - Uniform
 - Scout Book
 - Sleeping Bag and pad
 - Rain Gear
 - Eating utensils (Cup, Plate, Fork, Knife and Spoon)
 - Back Pack (eventually will be needed for hikes; Boys can usually use duffle bags for a while)
 - Personal tents are optional - Troop tents are supplied however some boys have their own.

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"OUR PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE"

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

- Aims of Scouting - "It is easier to build a boy than to repair a man"
 - Character Development
 - "Character is what you do when no one is looking"
 - Do your best
 - Citizenship Training
 - Service to others
 - Mental and Physical Fitness
 - People get the most out of life when they are mentally and physically fit.
- Methods of Scouting
 - The Ideals - Scout Law, Oath, Slogan, Motto
 - Patrol Method
 - Outdoors - The "sizzle"
 - Advancement - Rewards for exploring and learning
 - Association with Adults - Lead by Example
 - Personal Growth -
 - Leadership Development - Learn by doing
 - The Uniform - Shows you are part of something

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"PHILOSOPHY AND CULTURE"

How Does Troop 461 Meet the Aims and Methods of the Boy Scouts of America?

- "Open" Troop - "There's more to life than just Boy Scouts^{¼ ¼} "
 - We attempt to work around other activities Boys are involved in.
 - We try to balance "rigid rules" against the need for organization
- Fun - Scouting has to be fun for them to participate
- Attendance Philosophy & Participation
 - Boys should attend meetings and campouts whenever possible but shouldn't sacrifice school work and studies. We also understand that other activities come up that require the boy to miss meetings. Sometimes these activities last several months (like sports). We encourage the boys to "rejoin" the troop activities when time allows. However, it is the boy's responsibility to find out what's going on. Also remember that last minute cancellations may cause you to forfeit fees already paid.
 - Stricter attendance criteria are required when in a leadership position working toward advancement requirements (we are developing specific guidelines)
- Communication
 - Boys responsible for remembering activities, but^{¼ ¼}
 - We publish a Monthly newsletter "Knotsense" that boys and parents should use as a guide to activities.
- We use the Patrol Method - But what is a Patrol?
 - The Boy Scout Troop is made up of Patrols of 5-10 boys each. Each patrol has a Patrol Leader, Asst. Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Scribe.
 - Cub Scouts crossing over will be assigned to a "New Scout Patrol" with 6-10 boys. Patrol Leadership positions may be rotated so boys get to know each position.
 - One or Two older Scouts will be assigned to the "New Scout Patrol" as Troop Guides.
 - A parent (Assistant Scoutmaster) will be assigned to the "New Scout Patrol" as a Patrol Adviser
- Boy Leadership - *A scoutmaster trains boys to be leaders, makes available to them the resources and guidance they need to lead well, and then steps into the background and lets them do their jobs - Letting them fail sometimes is part of the experience of learning.*
- Boy Planning & Direction whenever possible
- Boy Meeting Planning

How does are Troop Philosophy Impact you?

*Answer: Activities may sometimes seem "disorganized" and "last minute" -
Please Be patient*