



How to Join Troop One Akron

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For New Parents -- How to Join and get a good start list.

It isn't just doing the paperwork, but it is making sure the new boys get a great start together. Parents are not optional in that success. Complete all of the checks and know you and your scout have a great start! You may join at anytime.

Who to work with:

Our membership recruiting coordinator is Dan Gunther. Everything flows through him. Of course all of us can answer questions for you, but Dan handles all of the joining details.

So who wants to join?

- I am new to scouting with no current experience in cub scouting
- I am a Webelos II Scout in a Cub Scout Pack
- I am an older scout returning to scouting or transferring from another troop.

Joining requirements: 11 yrs old, completed the 5th grade or have received the Arrow of Light. If any of these are happening to you in the next 4-6 months stop by and see us!

This Check list is for all of you – please do all of these things to give your scout a great start!

To join – this paperwork is necessary before you camp with us.

- o Boy Scout Application filled out and signed and dated by parent.
- o Annual Health & Medical record Parts A&B completed, signed and turned in. (Part C, going to the doctor, must be done this Winter/Spring) Must use the recently updated medical form which is a pdf-fillable form:
Parts A&B: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/parts_ab.pdf
Parts C (Doctor's Visit): http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/part_c.pdf
- o Return the yahoo groups email address request list. This will assure you that your email is placed in our private Troop One discussion list. This is how we communicate!
- o Pay joining fees (of \$25) and dues payable to BSA Troop One. (Note dues are \$47 per year starting in September and prorated to the month you join. Dan will tell you what the actual amount is.)

For those joining now and not crossing over in February skip the boxed information and read on.

For Crossing Over Webelos IIs and New Scouts that join in February

The Induction Ceremony at Camp Manatoc February 25-26, 2012

- o Return the Permission slip for the Induction Overnighter at Manatoc on Feb. 25, 2012. The fee is \$8.00 for dinner and camping overnight. We do not charge the parents and families for the dinner, but ask for the \$8 if the parent stays the night.
- o Attend the dinner and crossover ceremony at Camp Manatoc (Forester Lodge) on Sat. Feb. 25. Please arrive at 5:00 PM. The ceremony is outdoors. Dress for the weather and wear boots.
- o New Scouts sleep over at Manatoc, Feb. 25-26. (Must have a signed permission slip). Parents must pick up the new scouts at 9:30 AM at Camp Manatoc (Forester Lodge).

Parents and family should plan to attend with their scouts. Troop One will provide a **great dinner for all**. After dinner there will be a time in the Cabin called "**meet the troop**" where Youth and Adult Boy Scout Leaders will be introduced. There will be some time for socializing, before the new scouts leave on a short night hike which will end at the famous **Spectacular Campfire Induction Ceremony** in the council ring. Parents and family will be led to the Campfire circle to await the entrance of the New Scouts. After the ceremony, the New Scouts are asked to

stay the night with the Troop in Forester cabin. Parents must return to camp to pick up their new members of Troop One at the cabin at 9:00 am Sunday Feb. 27. Don't be late; we need to leave camp promptly.

The shock of A Boy Run troop

Seeing a boy run troop can be quite a shock. An even bigger shock is that the adults are not directly involved. If you see a safety concern you can step in, then flag down a senior scout or the SM, but otherwise sit back and enjoy the chaos.

For Crossing Over Webelos IIs and New Scouts that join in February

The first meeting Feb 28, 2012 for Scouts and all Parents – Do all three!

- o Scouts attend Troop meetings on Tuesday nights beginning Tuesday Feb 28 from 7:30-9:00 pm. Parents are always welcome. Feb 28 will be a **New Scout Celebration** and their patrol organization night.
- o Parents must attend the **Parents Meeting** on Tuesday Feb 28 from 7:45 pm – 9:00 pm at First Baptist Church. Each family will receive a “New Family Orientation Guide” at that meeting. That guide will include some gear lists and a T-shirt and Sweat-shirt order form.
- o Turn in a **permission slip** for the new scout's first camping trip **March 11-13, 2011** at Camp Stigwanish (Madison OH) no later than March 6, 2012. The cost is approximately \$17 for each scout and adult.

The events below are discussed in detail at <http://trooponeakron.org/whats happening.htm>. It will be more up to date if there is a discrepancy.

October 14-16, 2011 – Traveling to West Virginia

Camping at Camp Mountaineer near Morgantown, then on Saturday driving by Blackwater Falls, WV and on to Seneca Rocks, WV where we will climb the trail to the top of that 1000 foot rock outcropping. Late in the afternoon we will visit the Dolly Sods Wilderness and Scenic Area and Bear Rocks before returning to Camp for the night. We will stop at REI in Pittsburgh on Sunday on the way home.

November 11-13, 2011 – Greater Western PA Energy Tour

Thanks to first energy we will visit a Nuclear Power plant and a Coal Fired Power Plant. Scouts will work on the Energy and Nuclear Science merit badges.

December 2-3, 2011 – Holiday Campout

We will camp at Camp Butler at Atwater Lodge for the annual cooking conference and for some day and night time orienteering. Always a great campout.

January 13-15, 2012 – Old Portage Klondike Campout

At Camp Manatoc the troop will sleep in the snow and cold and compete with all the other troops in the district to showcase their outdoor skills. Adult head quarters will be at Concord Lodge.

Feb 28, 2012 – New Scouts' First Meeting

Our new scouts will attend regular weekly meetings of Troop One starting this night. On this night they will be formed into new-scout patrols with an older scout assigned to them as a Troop Guide and a second older scout assigned to their patrol as a patrol instructor. They will elect their first “new Patrol Leader “ to serve a one month term. With their Troop Guide and Patrol Instructor they will begin working and planning towards their first Boy Scout camping experience, which will take place at Camp Stambaugh on March 15-17, 2011. That cabin camp will be a new scout training camp with the older experienced scouts setting up a show-n-do experience.

Feb 28, 2012 – New Parents meeting

Feb 28 will be the night of our New Parents meeting. Each parent will be treated to a parade of “experienced” parents and volunteers who will orient each family to how we do it in Troop One. Every family will receive a *New Family Orientation Guide*. No this will never be online because it contains some sensitive information the “world” doesn't need to see. You have to get your copy in person! You will also get some gear lists, a t-shirt order form, and a permission slip for Camp Stigwandish you must complete this night (due Feb 28). We will encourage you to drive on camping trips.

Parents are needed as drivers and campers

Our active number of scouts is over 70 and when we include the Venturing crew is almost 90. We need lots of parents and registered adults to support a boy planned and boy run program. At the minimum we must have drivers and campers among the adults to make sure every scout has a chance to participate fully. Each patrol that camps will require 2-3 drivers and their cars, so you can see that we cannot do this without you. We must have on record your vehicle information (make, model, year) and your insurance company's name and coverage (\$50,000 / \$100,000 is a minimum requirement to move scouts) before you are allowed to drive. More on this at the parents meeting or in email before.

First Campout - Camp Stigwandish, March 16-18, 2012

The new scouts will be camping in a cabin while all experienced scouts will camp in tents by patrol. This will be an introduction to camping and scouting that should not be missed. Each older patrol will be putting on a "Show-and-Do" to exhibit to the new scouts a lot of Scout camping. Capture the Flag Troop One style is not to be missed either.

Parents and adults are invited to camp with us, but cabin space will be limited and parents should be ready to camp in tents. We will house what adults we can, but please consider tenting. The Troop does have a limited amount of tents for parents if you need to borrow one.

March 20, 2012 - Troop Leader Elections

Just as soon as you get in we change all the players. This night is really critical in how we conduct the troop. Your scouts will be voting for the next New Patrol Leaders that will rotate once a month, but all the other Youth Leader offices run for 6 months and this is the night everything changes.

March 27, 2012 - Court of Honor

Come and enjoy our potluck dinner and see all the scouts get awards. Will your son be ready for his SCOUT badge?

Calendar at <http://trooponeakron.org/calendar.pdf>

Details are often early announced at <http://trooponeakron.org/whats happening.html>

April 20-22, 2012 – Wright Patterson Air Force Base

Come to a great campout at Wright Patterson Air Force Base and we will tour the largest Air Force Museum in the world. This is the new scouts' first tent camp out.

May 18-20, 2012 – Wilderness Camping

Tracy Ridge will be the first wilderness campout for our new scouts. Newest scouts will do some hiking and their fireman chit, experienced scouts will be backpacking in the Allegheny National Forest.

June 23-30, 2012 American Heritage High Adventure

Our High Adventure will be a weeklong trip through Gettysburg, PA; Harpers Ferry, WV; and Washington DC.

July – SUMMER FUN and the most important week in your scouts life this year!

Mohican Wilderness canoe and tubing trip, July 6-8, 2012

Summer Camp, July 15-21, 2012