

Quick Overview of Troop 700

Meetings: We meet every Monday evening at the gym of Henry Clay Elementary School in Ashland. Meetings start at 7 and end at 8:30. All are welcome—especially parents! There is lots of activity (aka controlled chaos) at meetings. We try to get a lot done plus have a great time. Scouts should come to every meeting in uniform with their *Handbook*.

Campouts: We camp every month, and Scouts will want to participate. See the Troop calendar plus ask your Scout to remember announced events and bring home handouts for you. Every boy should plan on going to Summer Camp.



Fees: There is an annual registration fee—which goes toward Council services, insurance, and *Boys Life*. Some campouts have an associated fee and all have food costs. If money is an issue that may keep a Scout from participating in an event, talk to the Scoutmaster—really.

Leadership: The Senior Patrol Leader—an elected youth position—is charged with moving the Troop along. He has a staff of other leaders plus your Scout will be in a Patrol with an elected Patrol Leader. The Scoutmaster, his staff, and the Troop Committee provide adult oversight.

Advancement: Your Scout will work with an Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Guides to learn new things and advance through the scout ranks. Everything your Scout and you need to know about advancement to First Class is in the *Handbook*.

Safety: Adult and youth leadership are fully committed to scouting being a safe environment. There are a number of policies and procedures in place to insure that your Scout is safe.

Gear: The troop has tons of gear. Your Scout need only be concerned with his personal gear. See the *Scout Handbook* for the “10 Scout Essentials” and a suggested Personal Equipment List.

Recommended uniform: Short sleeve uniform shirt—with red tabs, Council strip, short or long uniform pants, official web belt, scout socks, neckerchief slide. We’ll provide one Troop 700 hat Troop 700 neckerchief, and **700**. For summer camp he’ll need a Troop 700 red t-shirt.

Information: Ask for the Troop information brochure when you attend your first meeting. Look for the monthly newsletter and frequent Troop Meeting handouts.

Adult participation: There are lots of things that need doing. Ask any of the adult leaders for advice on how you can best help out. Boys with involved parents tend to succeed.

??? or !!!: Scouts should call their Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader (Matt Perry, 798-6028). Scouts and parents are encouraged to call the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster (Al Best, home: 752-7588, work: 827-2045 ALBest@VCU.edu), or Troop Committee Chair (Bruce Phaup, 227-3458). Comments, suggestions, concerns—all are welcome.

Also visit: www.people.vcu.edu/~albest/troop700

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Troop 700 is here to do what’s best for your Scout.

Welcome!