

## **Adult Scouter Opportunities with Troop 35**

What's a Scouter? A Scouter is an adult volunteer who plays a supporting role in the Boy Scout program through troop duties or as a committee member.

Please Register (fill out the Adult Application) and take the online Youth Protection Training at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org) and pay the Council fee of \$24 to Troop 35 .

It takes an army of volunteers behind the scenes to make our scouting program a safe, fun and quality learning and leadership experience for the boys. We have more than 60 on our roster and on any Tuesday, we might see more than 40 scouts participate. We need YOU and we don't want you to miss this chance to help this troop grow and learn together and make lifetime memories.

### **Campout Logistical Support**

**Drivers:** We almost always need them. We need to have on file your car make/model/ year, number of seatbelts, insurance info and driver's license, YPT date. This is for the BSA Tour Permit which is filed BEFORE the trip for insurance.

**Camping Chaperones:** You will get to cook/eat with the adults, sleep in your own tent, and watch as the scouts demonstrate their amazing abilities to cook, set up tents and otherwise astound you with their polished camping skills.

**Scoutmaster/Asst. Scoutmasters:** You need some patience and additional training in teaching leadership and outdoor skills for this job but we can never have too many of these! Scoutmasters assist in teaching and check the learning of requirements for rank advancement and they supervise weekly activities. Also, every campout needs trained leadership with YPT, First Aid, CPR, hazardous weather and other online modules as well as IOLS. There are more advanced hands on training modules such as Wilderness First Aid and Wood Badge which help develop skills to successfully manage the unexpected in outdoor adventure with kids. We are fortunate to have many experienced Scouters help in this role, staying even after their own child has headed out to college. Every scout deserves trained leadership!

**Paperwork Trackers:** As with all things to do with kids, lots of paperwork has to be tracked. This includes- 1) Medical Forms 2) Tour Permits with adequate numbers of drivers with seatbelts for participants 3) Campout coordinator who reserves campsites, secures permits, 4) High Adventure Coordinator who tracks the extra paperwork for long-term campouts and ensures the participants are adequately prepared 6) Summer Camp coordinator to register our troop for classes and make sure participants are prepared

**Committee Members:** All adults who register are committee members. The role of the committee is to support the troop in getting its plans to become reality and to provide some oversight with the logistics like the paperwork, planning, fundraising. The committee has some members of long association who provide some continuity in the program but welcome new families to attend to provide suggestions, direction, feedback to the program. As with any group, there is a chair, secretary, treasurer, and liaison with our charter organization but there are other roles that we need filled such as training coordinator, photographer, Court of Honor hospitality, t-shirt supply, community service supporters.

**Fundraising:** Popcorn Kernel collates the popcorn order and money collection and organizes the distribution of orders. Throughout the year, the troop holds several fundraising/thank you to the SUMC events which need adult supervisors in the kitchen to help scouts prepare food, serve to customers and collect money. We have a spaghetti lunch, Pancake breakfast, BBQ, sometimes car washes, greenery sales and other events. We always need hands-on help as well as assistance in getting out the word to patrons.

**Support of Scout Advancement:** Send your scout to meetings and campouts with his book. Come to Court of Honor to applaud his advancements and achievements. Volunteer to sit on Boards of Review which are scheduled on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month for each scout seeking to advance a rank. After completing all the items in a rank and meeting successfully with a scoutmaster, the scout must sit for a panel of 3 Committee members and answer questions about his path in scouting to date. This is an excellent chance for an adult to get to know other scouts and watch them grow as they reflect upon their experiences. Merit Badge Counselors are always needed to help finish teaching what scouts may have started at summer camp or need to complete to achieve their next rank. Multiple counselors for a badge mean that more scouts can be accommodated no matter what.