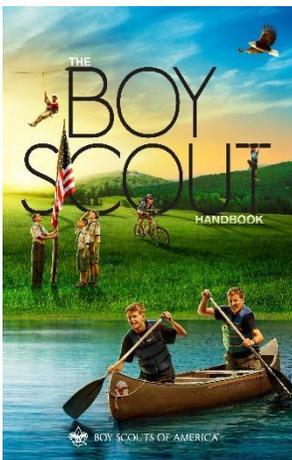


Troop Plans for February 2016

- Monday, February 1 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, February 2 - TROOP MEETING: Fire Station Visit
- Tuesday, February 9 - TROOP MEETING: Planning for Hopkins Prairie Hiking Trip
- Fri-Sun, February 12-14 - TROOP CAMPOUT: Gold Head
- Tuesday, February 16 - TROOP MEETING: Practice Flag Ceremony & Capture the Flag
- Saturday, February 20 - SERVICE PROJECT: New Grove Plantation
- Sunday, February 21 – SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST
- Tuesday, February 23 - TROOP MEETING: Ax Yard
- Saturday, February 27 - SERVICE PROJECT: Hendricks Avenue Walkathon 2016
- Monday, February 29 - PLC and Committee Meeting, 7 PM
- Tuesday, March 1 - TROOP MEETING: Games & S'mores

Scouts: Please suggest Troop meeting ideas to your Scout Leaders the last week of the month before the PLC meeting.

NEW SCOUT HANDBOOK**13th Edition Boy Scout Handbook**

The rank requirements in this book are official as of Jan. 1, 2016. Scouts who joined the Boy Scouts of America on or after Jan. 1, 2016, **MUST** follow the rank requirements as printed in this Boy Scout Handbook or in the current year's Boy Scout

Requirements book.

Scouts who joined the BSA prior to Jan. 1, 2016:

- Who are working on the Tenderfoot through First Class ranks **MAY** continue to follow the old requirements, but **MUST** convert to the current requirements upon attaining First Class.
- Who have completed the First Class rank **MAY** complete the rank they are currently working on in the old requirements, but **MUST** convert to the current requirements for subsequent ranks.

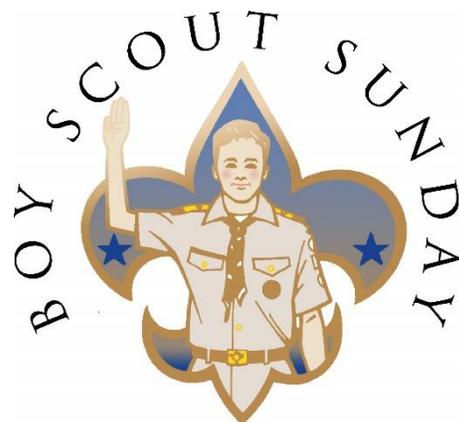
Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts MUST use the current requirements regardless of rank.

The BSA has made it easy for you, providing [this PDF](#) straight from the new *Boy Scout Handbook*.

SCOUT SUNDAY & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Scout Sunday will be February 21. This annual event salutes the tradition of scouting while thanking Southside United Methodist Church for sponsoring Troop 35.

We will set up a mock campsite on the church grounds, participate in a flag ceremony in both church services, and prep, cook and serve pancakes to the congregation. Please sign up in the Scout Room for one of two shifts: 7-10 or 9:30-12:30. Remember this counts toward your service hours.



COURT OF HONOR SCOUT AWARDS**Eagle Scout**

Austin S., Matthew K., Ryan G.

Life Scout

Nicholi B., Grayson E.

Star Scout

Will D.

First Class Scout

Will B., Sam D.

Second Class Scout

Will B., Sam D., Mason H.

Scout Badge

Elijah S.

BOY SCOUT PARENTS' PINS

When scouts in Troop 35 earn a new rank, each is awarded the rank emblem, rank card and the corresponding Parents' Pin. Show your pride in your son's advancement in Boy Scout by wearing the parent pin to match his earned rank.

STEPHEN FOSTER CAMPOUT

Stephan Foster National Park is located near the Suwannee River. The Park is full of hiking trails and interesting shops, which include a gift shop and other smaller shops. Also, there is a black smith who taught us what he does and his techniques. Our campground was right off a trail and the first night we set up camp while stealing a few Oreos along the way. Once the camp was fully set up, the adults sat around by the fire and the scouts played manhunt with the musical talents by Carson Del-Alba and his Trombone. The Next Morning, as everyone was stirring, we

all realized that Florida can get cold too. Everyone was bundled up as the snow flurries hit the ground and the smell of bacon filled the very cold air.

That day, several groups went hiking and eventually ran into each other thus starting a game of manhunt around the entire park. We had lunch around 12:30 and then completed a service project where we walked down a road and picked up trash. Once we were finished, all the scouts bought lots of sugary items from the gift shop. That night, the weather had just started to get cool and the fire was the popular spot. The next morning, everyone chipped the ice chips from their ears, and packed up camp. Overall it was a great campout, and we survived twenty-five degree weather.

Submitted by Dylan T., SPL

CAMP CARDS

Camp Cards are now available through the Troop. Cards sell for \$5 each. Scouts earn 50% commission or \$2.50 per card sold. Scout commission will be



deposited into the scout's account to be used to help pay for summer camp, high adventure and/or camping. Scouts should pre-pay for Camp Cards when picking them up.

PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED

The Troop 35 Committee is dedicated to Boy Scout program and the success of the boys and the troop. We currently are in need of volunteers for the following positions:

- *Roundtable Representative*- attends one Council meeting a month and one Committee meeting a month

Please see David Price with any questions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The troop remains in good financial standing. Final Philmont payments are due March 15.

Bill McLaurine, Troop Treasurer

CALL FOR MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS

The merit badge counselor is a key player in the Boy Scout advancement program. Whatever your area of expertise or interest—whether it is a special craft or hobby (basketry, leatherwork, coin collecting), a profession (veterinary medicine, aviation, engineering), or perhaps a life skill (cooking, personal management, communications)—as a merit badge counselor, you can play a vital role in stirring a young man's curiosity about that particular topic. By serving as a merit badge counselor, you offer your time, knowledge, and other resources so that Scouts can explore a topic of interest. Click the link for a [list of Merit Badges](#). If you are not yet a merit badge counselor, it is easy to become a volunteer. Click the link for the [Merit Badge Counselor Information Form](#) and contact Tiffany Floyd or Sheila Andersen with any questions. They will help you get signed up!

SERVICE

Last month several of the scouts gathered at Southside Park behind the San Marco Library for a park clean up. Thank you to those who pitched in! Look for additional service opportunities this month at the New River Grove Plantation, Hendricks Walkathon and Scout Sunday. Sign-up sheets are in the Scout Room.

SCOUTMASTER REPORT

January has been a month chock full of fantastic scouting experiences for the families of Troop 35. Our recent Court of Honor saw three Eagle Scouts presented with their awards and the recognition they have worked so hard for. It was my honor to present Austin Saltmarsh, Mathew

Knowing, and Ryan Garner the highest rank a scout can achieve in the Boy Scouts of America. My deepest congratulations to these three young men for earning Eagle and I wish you all the best in the future. I hope that it won't be long before Troop 35 allows me to present another Eagle to a scout.

On our recent campout at Stephen Foster State Park 15 scouts earned the Polar Bear Patch as they camped out in subfreezing temperatures, snow flurries, and loved every minute of it. Special thanks to Carson Del Alba for providing the soundtrack for a great weekend in the woods and for those scouts whose diligent work in the axe yard provided the fire wood! The pictures should be up on the website soon so be sure to check it out.

I look forward to February with another full calendar of events and activities. It's going to be a great year to be a scout in Troop 35!



Y.I.S.

Adam McDonough, Scoutmaster Troop 35

WHAT'S GOING ON IN YOUR COUNCIL?

- February 27 - [Alachua District STEM Merit Badge University](#)



If you have pictures of the troop please send to admin@troop35jax.org