

Troop 52



Handbook

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Troop 52 – Informational Handbook

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Organization Information

The First United Methodist Church in Lawrence, Kansas, charters Troop 52. Troop 52 is in the Pelathe District of the Heart of America Council in Kansas City, Missouri. We have moved to our new location at the church's West Campus located at 867 Highway 40 (Southwest corner of Hwy 40 & K10).

The Heart of America Council Offices are located at 1010 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. The Council can be reached by phone at 1-800-776-1110 or 1-816-942-9333. There is a Scout Shop at these offices that sells uniforms and other items of interests to scouts.

Our current District Executive that serves Pelathe District is Jacob Allen. He may be reached at 1-800-776-1110 or 1-816-569-4948.

The current Scoutmaster is Mr. Chris Golledge and our current Committee Chair is Glen Sharp.

Goals

Troop 52 has been in existence since 1919. We are an active troop; we camp each summer and we have campouts throughout the year. A goal of the Boy Scouts of America is to help boys develop into honorable men. Scouts have many opportunities to learn skills of leadership, of the outdoors, and of life. Each scouting activity hopes to develop the boys' character, citizenship and mental and physical fitness.

We accomplish these goals through the boy leadership and parental involvement. These two terms might seem contradictory, but they are not. They are complimentary. In Boy Scouts the program is boy-

centered. Boys plan all activities with adult guidance. Allowing the boys to plan the activities and the meetings takes some getting used to and patience. It takes practice to learn leadership. Chapter Two of the Scout Handbook explains the patrol method and boy leadership.

Meetings

We meet year round at 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. every Tuesday night in our meeting rooms at the First United Methodist Church – West Campus located at 867 Highway 40 (southwest corner of Hwy 40 & K-10). Parents and visitors are always welcome. We understand that boys are often involved in school, church and/or sport activities, yet, attendance at Troop Meetings is important for boys. Please make the Troop Meeting a priority.

How Boy Scouts Differs From Cub Scouts

The Cub Scout program is lead by adults and involves the entire family. The Boy Scout program is boy lead and relies heavily on camping. Most Troop activities do not lend themselves to full family participation. Advancement is different in Boy Scouts, too. A boy has almost total control over his own advancement that he will do mostly on an individual basis with older Scouts and different adult leaders. Parental involvement is important in Boy Scouts, but it is different than in Cub Scouts.

The Boy Scout Handbook

Every boy must have *The Boy Scout Handbook, 11th Edition*. It explains everything a boy needs to know about scouting. Bring the Handbook to every meeting! It is available for purchase at George's Hobby Shop on 23rd Street, Fun & Games on Massachusetts Street or at the Scout Shop in Kansas City. There is also a Scout Shop in Topeka that serves the Jayhawk Council and has basic Boy Scout items.

Uniforms

All Scouts in Troop 52 are expected to wear an official Boy Scouts of America shirt at the very minimum. Sometimes the Troop differentiates between a Class A Uniform and Class B Uniform. Class A Uniforms are described on page 12 of the Handbook. It is worn at all formal functions and at any other time. Class B Uniforms are described on page 13. It can be worn at most times, but not to formal functions.

The **shirt** needs the following insignia:

- Red should loops
- Badge of Rank
- Troop Numbers
- Patrol patch (optional)
- Arrow of Light on left pocket (if earned)
- Heart of America Council patch
- World Scout Crest (8 cm above left pocket)

The Scout Handbook has full-sized sewing templates on the inside front and back covers. It does not show the 80 year bar (sew on the left sleeve between the Council patch and the Troop numbers) and the

Quality Unit patch (sew on the right sleeve four inches below the shoulder seam just below the patrol patch.)

Scouts are expected to wear a Class A Uniform to all Courts of Honor, Boards of Review, and Meetings. From May through September boys may wear a Class B uniform to the Troop Meetings, as it is hot in our meeting space. Boys will need their Class A Uniform at summer camp.

While Troop 52 does not require the complete uniform, it is always appropriate attire: belt, socks, shorts or trousers. Scout shorts wear like iron and show little dirt.

Expenses

Each boy currently pays \$55.00 annually to belong to Troop 52. A subscription to *Boy's Life* (not optional) is included in the dues. Other expenses would include money for a weeklong summer camp (around \$150) and a share of the food costs for weekend camping trips. There is an activity fee charged for skiing, canoe trips, and some other high adventure activities. Financial assistance is available. See the Scoutmaster for more information.

Fundraising

Troop 52 participates in the Heart of America Council's Fall Popcorn Sale. Each boy earns a credit toward camp from his sales. We also participate in other activities that earn the Troop money and the Scout service hours.

Summer Camp and Campouts

We are a camping troop. The Troop owns tents and most cooking utensils. Boys need to provide their personal camping gear. A good checklist for what is needed is on pages 224-227 of the Handbook. The Boy Scouts' Motto is *Be Prepared!*

Summer camp is important to a boy's advancement in scouts. Troop 52 alternates its summer camping between Camp Naish in Bonner Springs (a 6 day camping experience) and Camp Bartle in Osceola, Missouri (a 9 day camping experience). There is always a family visitation night where families are encouraged to bring a potluck dish to share with the Troop and other families. Boys seem to appreciate that mid-week visit by the family.

Weekend campouts usually are close to home. Camping costs are partly for the food, which is usually between \$5 - \$10, and partly for any fees charged by the camping site. The menu is planned purchased, and cooked by the patrols. The costs will vary depending upon the patrol's tastes and experience in camping. Once a boy commits to going on the campout, he is responsible for food payment whether he goes or not.

It is important for you to know that when the scouts are told to be at the Scout Room at a certain time for a campout that it is not like dropping the boy off for a sport's practice. To go on a campout requires Troop owned gear (tents, water coolers, stoves, etc). The scouts load this equipment and this takes some time. Each scout going on the campout is expected to help load the gear and unload it upon our return. It is part of the total camping experience.

Courts of Honor

Troop 52 usually has two Courts of Honor a year. These are formal ceremonies that recognize each Scout's leadership, advancement and other significant accomplishments in front of his family. The Class A uniform is required.

Religious Award

Most religious denominations offer a God and Country award for the Scout to earn. You are encouraged to contact your church to find out about earning this award. The church usually gives it after completion of a course. Troop 52 recognizes the importance of religion in a boy's life and encourages each scout to earn his God and Country Award.

Totin' Chip

A Scout must earn his Totin' Chip to use a cutting instrument at Troop 52 activities; this includes personal knives. The Cub Scout Whittling Card is not the equivalent of a Totin' Chip.

Order of the Arrow

This is a national camping honor society. To gain membership a Scout must hold First Class rank or higher, attend summer camp and be elected by his peers. This is a boy run organization. Pages 426-527 in the Handbook describe Order of the Arrow.

Mic-O-Say

This is a camping society associated with Camp Bartle. Minimum requirements for the first introduction to MoS (Foxman) are Star Rank and prior attendance at any one camp, plus attendance at Bartle. To gain membership a Scout must hold Life Class rank and be attending Bartle for the second time at the camp session he is to obtain Brave status, and be nominated by the adult leadership of the Troop.

Parental Involvement

YOU are very important to your son's success in Troop 52. You do not have to be a uniformed leader to be involved in Troop 52. We need all adults, both male and female, to be involved. There are a number of ways YOU can help Troop 52 and your son.

- Provide transportation of boys and equipment to campsites
- Assist with fundraising.
- Be a merit badge counselor. There are over 120 merit badges a boy can earn. Volunteer to offer guidance, supervision, instruction and support in your area of expertise and interest. See the Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairman for more information on becoming a merit badge counselor.
- Camp out with us. We are required to have two deep adult leadership at all times.
- Be part of our committee. The Troop Committee is somewhat like a Board of Directors in that it provides support and ideas to the adult leadership of the Troop.
- Be a uniformed leader. Adult leadership work is interesting and challenging. Pelathe District provides wonderful training for adults. Join the fun!

Uniformed Adult Leadership of Troop 52

Chartered Organization Representative – Rod Zinn
Unit Commissioner - Ed Church
Committee Chair – Glen Sharp
Secretary – Tammy Barta
Treasurer Chair – Deb Rawlings
Fundraising Chair - OPEN
Advancement Chair – Michelle Mailand / Sue Reiske
Activities Chair – Krzysztof Kuczera
Publicity Chair - OPEN
Scoutmaster – Chris Golledge
Quartermaster – Jim Joyce
OA Advisor & Training Chair – Ralena McCurdy
High Adventure Chair & Eagle Scout Advancement Chair – Glen Sharp
Chaplain – David Berkowitz

Troop 52 also has many Assistant Scoutmasters and Junior Assistant Scoutmasters.

**Have any questions or would like to schedule a visit,
please contact Glen Sharp at 785-594-3306 or
Chris Golledge at 785-842-4120.**