Boy Scout
Parent Orientation

Troop 17
Dutchess District
Hudson Valley Council
The Goals of Scouting

- The Aims of Boy Scouting
  - Character development
  - Citizenship training
  - Physical, mental, and emotional fitness

- Aims are Delivered by these Methods
  - Ideals
  - Patrols
  - Outdoor Programs
  - Advancement
  - Personal Growth
  - Leadership Development
  - Uniform
History of Scouting

♦ The Beginnings of Scouting Movement
  – The 20th-century scouting movement was started by Robert Baden-Powell during the Boer War as a series of games and exercises to help men learn to live in the open under difficult conditions
  – Powell developed a book called “Aids to Scouting” as a way of training recruits. This book became an instant hit among boys
  – He conducted his first Boy Scout camp on Brownsea Island in 1907, and his book “Scouting for Boys” was published in 1908
  – In England, Boy Scouts formally started on Jan. 24, 1908

♦ History of Scouting in the USA
  – In the United States the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) had been running camps for boys since 1884.
  – In 1902 Ernest Thompson Seton founded the Tribe of Woodcraft Indians as a boy's organization. Three years later Daniel Carter Beard started a similar society called the Sons of Daniel Boone.
  – February 8th, 1910 William Boyce, inspired by unknown Scout in London, incorporated BSA working with YMCA and Seton
  – In 1910, Seton combined B-P “Scouting for Boys” and Woodcraft Manual to publish first BSA Handbook
History of Troop 17

- First chartered in the 1930’s.

- Over 50 Eagle Scouts in our Troop’s history.
  - Eagle Scout register posted on Troop 17 website www.bsa17.org

- We average 26 camping night opportunities each year.

- We average 50 community service hour opportunities each year.
BSA Organizational Overview

- The Scout Organization
  - National Council of Boy Scouts
  - Region
  - Local Council
    - Hudson Valley Council
  - District
    - Dutchess
  - Chartered Organization
    - Fairview Fire Company
    - Chartered Organization Rep.:
      - Karen Little
  - Troop 17 Committee
    - Committee Chair:
      - Bob Boudreau
  - Troop 17
    - Scoutmaster:
      - Kevin Little

American Youth
Served in 2003

- Cub Scouting: 1,914,425
- Boy Scouting: 930,325
- Venturing: 288,395
The Scouts Organization

● **Patrols**
  - Grouping of six or more boys who work together. Each patrol elects its own boy leader, called a patrol leader.

● **Troop Youth Leaders**
  - The troop is actually run by its boy leaders. With the guidance of the Scoutmaster and his assistants, they plan the program, conduct troop meetings, and provide leadership among their peers.
  - **Senior Patrol Leader** - top junior leader in the troop. He leads the patrol leaders' council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.
  - **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** - fills in for senior patrol leader in his absence. He is also responsible for training and giving direction to the quartermaster, scribe, troop historian, librarian, and instructors.
The Scouts Organization

Troop Youth Leaders (continued)

- **Troop Historian** - collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.
- **Librarian** - keeps troop books, pamphlets, magazines, audiovisuals, and merit badge counselor list available for use by troop members.
- **Instructor** - teaches one or more advancement skills to troop members.
- **Chaplain Aide** - assists in troop religious services and promotes religious emblems program.
- **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster** - Scout at least sixteen (16) years old who supervises and supports other boy leaders as assigned.
- **Patrol Leader** - gives leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC).
- **Assistant Patrol Leader** - fills in for the patrol leader in his absence.
- **Troop Guide** - advisor and guide to new Scout patrols.
- **Den Chief** - works with a Cub Scout den as a guide.
- **Quartermaster** - responsible for troop supplies and equipment.
- **Scribe** - the troop secretary.
Scout Leadership and Training

- **Leadership**
  - Scouts elect their own major leadership
    - Senior Patrol Leader (entire troop)
    - Patrol Leader (each Patrol)
    - Assistant Patrol Leader (each Patrol)
    - Other positions appointed by Scout and adult leaders
  - Troop elections held once a year
    - Every spring

- **Scout Training**
  - National Youth Leader Training (NYLT)
    - Scouts nominated by Scoutmaster (typically after 2nd year)
    - Offered annually
Boy Scout Advancements

- Process by which Boy Scout Progresses
- Advancement is a means to an end, not an end in itself
  - Designed to help Scout have exciting and meaningful experience
  - Education and fun are key to advancement principles
  - Growth the Scout achieves overcoming obtainable goals
  - Scout through First Class Ranks focus on Scouting’s basic skills
  - Goal of BSA and Troop 17: every Scout achieves First Class

- Rank Advancements
  - Scout
  - Tenderfoot
  - Second Class
  - First Class
  - Star
  - Life
  - Eagle
Advancement Principles

- Personal growth is the prime consideration in the program
- Learning by doing
- Each youth progresses at his own rate
- A badge is recognition of what a young person is able to do, not just a reward for what he has done
- Advancement encourages Scouting Ideals
Boy Scout Rank Advancement

- Scoutmaster oversees Scout advancement
  - Advancement Coordinator maintains records and arranges Boards of Review and Courts of Honor
- There are four steps in the Boy Scout Advancement Process:
  - Learning
  - Testing
  - Reviewing
  - Recognition
Advancement - Merit Badges

- Over 100 Boy Scout Merit Badges
  - Teach Scouts about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers
  - Required for rank advancement beyond First Class Scout
  - 21 Merit Badges required for Eagle Scout (12 specific badges required)
  - Must meet the requirements as stated – no more, no less…
Merit Badges

- All Merit Badges require approval from Scoutmaster or delegate before starting
  - Ensures approved Merit Badge counselor is identified

- Qualified Merit Badge Counselors must approve
Scoutmaster Conferences

- Essential to individual Scout development and advancement
  - Getting to know scout
  - Setting individual goals
  - Mentoring
  - Building confidence
  - Encouragement
  - Problem Solving and discipline

- Scouts responsible for scheduling an advancement Scoutmaster Conference after requirements for rank advancement completed
  - Sign-ups can be made online at the Troop web site [www.bsa17.org](http://www.bsa17.org) or in the event book at a Troop meeting
Board of Review

- Evaluation of the effectiveness of the Scouting program within the troop

- Review is not an examination
  - Make sure Scout has completed the requirements
  - Determine how good an experience Scout is having within the Troop
  - Encourage Scout to advance further

- Scout is responsible for scheduling a BOR after completing the Scoutmaster Conference
  - Sign-ups can be made online at the Troop web site [www.bsa17.org](http://www.bsa17.org) or in the event book at a Troop meeting
Recognition

- Each time a Scout advances in rank, he will be recognized
  - Rank advancement is effective after approval by Board of Review
  - Scout’s name can then be moved under new Rank plaque in Scout House
  - Formal recognition occurs at the Court of Honor

- Eagle Scout rank is usually recognized by a special Eagle Court of Honor
First Class Emphasis Program

- Troop 17 focuses on new Scout development and advancement to First Class within the first year

- From the *Scoutmaster Handbook*: “A boy who advances to First Class within his first year in Scouting has a better-than-average chance of eventually becoming an Eagle Scout.”

- BSA statistics confirm the Scout is likely to stay in Scouting for a longer period of time.
Uniforms

- **Class A Uniform (Field Uniform)**
  - Tan Boy Scout shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Scout belt, Troop neckerchief
  - Must wear Scout socks if wearing shorts
  - Required for travel, Courts of Honor, Troop meetings, meals on some campouts, and other more formal events

- **Class B Uniform (Activity Uniform)**
  - Troop or other Scout t-shirt or sweatshirt
  - Khaki/olive green shorts or jeans can be substituted for Scout pants/shorts
  - Worn during camping trips, service projects and other “activity” events
  - Troop 17 t-shirts available for purchase from Troop
    - An online order form is available on the Troop web site [www.bsa17.org](http://www.bsa17.org)

- **Other Information**
  - Scout Shop (closest) is at 6 Jeanne Drive, Newburgh, NY
  - Supplies can also be ordered online at the BSA Supply Store web site [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)
Recommended Equipment

- **Essentials**
  - Compass, flashlight w/ extra batteries, pocket knife & totin’ chip card, sunscreen, personal first aid kit, canteen, whistle, scout handbook

- **Clothing/Footwear**
  - Scout uniform (Class A & B), rain gear, jacket/coat, sneakers, waterproof hiking shoes, sleepwear, underwear, socks, shorts, shirts, long pants, hat

- **Camping Gear**
  - Sleeping bag, sleeping pad, pillow, backpack or duffle bag, folding chair, mess kit

- **Personal Items**
  - Toothbrush & paste, brush/comb, small towel, soap, deodorant, toilet paper, lip balm, insect repellent, medications, small amount of cash

- **Optional Items**
  - Swimsuit, small camera, watch, sunglasses, notebook & pen/pencil, gloves

- **Additional References**
  - Camping checklist in BSA Scout Handbook
  - Camping checklist on Troop website [www.bsa17.org](http://www.bsa17.org)
Troop Outings

❖ **Camps and campouts**
  – Troop 17 camps an average of once each month during the school year
    • Sign up for campouts in advance
  – Patrols plan, purchase, cook their own meals and clean their kitchen gear
  – One week summer camp every year
  – High-adventure camp during summer based on demand

❖ **Regular campout procedures**
  – Planning & scheduling meeting in spring
  – PLC plans details month before
  – Approximately 2 weeks before campout, turn in permission slip and pay any fees
  – Transportation arranged & coordinated by Assistant Scout Masters (ASMs)
    • Parent’s may need to provide transportation
Other Stuff

🔹 Record Keeping
  – Troop keeps Merit Badge & Advancement records in advancement database (TroopMaster)
  – Critical that you also keep your own records
    • Campouts attended
    • Camped days, miles hiked/backpacked/floated
    • Service hours and projects
    • Leadership positions and time
    • Merit badge blue cards

🔹 Meetings
  – Troop meetings every Tuesday, 7:00 - 8:30PM
  – PLC meetings on 1st Wednesday each month, 7:00 – 8:00PM
  – Troop Committee (adults) meets on 2nd Monday each month, 7:00 – 8:30pm
  – Sub-committee meetings scheduled as needed
Other Stuff (continued)

- **Dues**
  - Once annually (Nov), for recharter and troop needs
  - Currently:
    - Full year scouts - $107 / year
    - New scouts - $20 / year (cub scouts joining Apr/May)
    - Leaders - $42 / year

- **Major fundraisers**
  - Performed by entire Troop
    - Christmas wreaths
    - Popcorn sales
    - Pizza sales
    - Candy sales
    - Car washes
Service Projects

- Route 9G Adopt-A-Highway, 4 times per year
- Flag Retirement Ceremony, every fall
- I-84 Daytime Safety Breaks, 1-2 times per year
- Eagle Scout Service Projects
- VFW Memorial American Flag Replacement
- Emergency Preparation Drills with Fire Company
- Various other community service projects

All Troop 17 scouts are expected to participate in service projects.

- Parents are welcome to help too!
Health and Wellness

- **Medicine Handling**
  - All medicine (prescription and non-prescription) must be labeled and given to Scoutmaster or designated Assistant Scoutmaster with written directions on a labeled Ziploc
  - Prescription medicine must be in original containers

- **Physicals**
  - Required for Scouts and Adult Leadership
  - Annual Health & Medical Record form
    - Must be updated every 12 months
Troop & Scout Communications

- Troop 17 Website
  - www.-bsa17.org

- Other websites
  - www.scouting.org (Boy Scouts of America)
  - www.hvcbsa.org (Hudson Valley Council BSA)
  - www.meritbadge.com (Merit Badge Research Center)

- Scouts receive Boys’ Life Magazine (optional)

- Lots of E-mail
  - Yahoo! Group – troop17poughkeepsie@yahoogroups.com
Welcome to BSA Troop 17's Web Site!!
Meetings are held at Violet Avenue School, Route 9G, Poughkeepsie, NY on Tuesday’s from 7:00-9:30PM.

Click on one of the links on the left side of this page to explore our site.
Troop 17 - Poughkeepsie, NY

Calendar of Events

Troop meetings are held every Tuesday at 7:00PM at Violet Avenue School. If there is no school at VAS, for any reason, there is no meeting. Link to School Calendar.

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Key: $ = Additional Fee, (S) = Service Hours

To register for an event you can sign up at a meeting or use the Online Registration Form.
The Troop Committee is the troop’s board of directors and supports the troop program. The troop committee does the following:

- Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained. In case the Scoutmaster is absent, a qualified assistant Scoutmaster is assigned. If the Scoutmaster is unable to serve, a replacement is recruited.
- Provides adequate meeting facilities.
- Advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization.
- Carries out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Supports leaders in carrying out the program.
- Is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan.
- Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for troop property.
- Provides adequate camping and outdoor program (minimum 10 days and nights per year).
- Serves on Boards of Review and Courts of Honor.
- Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that may affect the overall troop program.
- Provides for the special needs and assistance some boys may require.
- Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- Assists the Scoutmaster with handling boy behavior problems.
Troop Committee Organization

- **Troop Committee Positions**
  - **Chairperson**
    - Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated and completed.
    - Prepare troop committee meeting agendas.
    - Call preside over and promote attendance at monthly troop committee meetings.
    - Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtables.
    - Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp leadership.
    - Arrange for charter review and recharter annually.
  - **Secretary**
    - Keep minutes of meetings and send out committee meeting notices.
    - Handle publicity.
    - Prepare a family newsletter of troop events and activities.
    - Conduct the troop resource survey.
    - Plan for family night programs and family activities.
    - At each meeting, report the minutes of the previous meeting.
  - **Treasurer**
    - Handle all troop funds and maintain checking/savings accounts.
    - Pay bills on the recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee.
    - Train and supervise the troop scribe in record keeping.
    - Supervise the camp savings plan.
    - Lead preparation of the annual troop budget.
    - Keep adequate records of expenses and report to the troop at each meeting.
Troop Committee Organization

- **Troop Committee Positions (continued)**
  - **Outdoor/Activities**
    - Secure permission to use camping sites.
    - Serve as transportation coordinator.
    - Ensure a monthly outdoor program.
    - Secure tour permits for all troop activities.
    - Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
  - **Advancement**
    - Encourage scouts to advance in rank.
    - Work with the troop scribe to maintain all scout advancement records (TroopMaster).
    - Arrange quarterly troop boards of review and courts of honor.
    - Develop and maintain a merit badge counselor list.
    - Work with the troop librarian to build/maintain a troop library of merit badge pamphlets.
    - Secure badges and certificates.
    - Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
Troop Committee Organization

- **Troop Committee Positions (continued)**
  - **Chaplain**
    - Provide a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities.
    - Give guidance to the chaplain aide.
    - Encourage Boy Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems.
    - Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
  - **Training**
    - Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities for training.
    - Maintain an inventory of up to date training materials.
    - Work with the district training team in scheduling Fast Start training for all new leaders and be responsible for BSA Youth Protection training within the troop.
    - Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
  - **Equipment Coordinator**
    - Supervise and help the troop procure camping equipment.
    - Work with the quartermaster on inventory and proper storage and maintenance of all troop equipment.
    - Report to the troop committee at each meeting.
Troop Committee Organization

- **Troop 17 Committee – Who’s Who**
  - Chairperson – Bob Boudreau
  - Secretary – Karen Little
  - Treasurer – Jane Kelemecz
  - Outdoor/Activities – Louisa Stannard
  - Advancement – John Raydo
    - Court of Honor Committee – Wayne Remond
    - Eagle Court Committee – Karen Little
  - Chaplain – Father Garisto, St. Peters
  - Membership Coordinator – Scott Compton
  - Training – Jay Burkhard
  - Equipment Coordinator – Levi Woods
  - Fundraising Coordinator – Karen Little
    - Popcorn Sale Chair – varies
    - Wreath Sale Chair - Kevin Little
    - Candy Sale Chair – Open
    - Pizza Sale Chair – Karen Little
    - Car Wash Chair - varies
  - Chartered Organization Representative – Karen Little
  - Troop Clothing Coordinator – Open
  - Summer Camp Coordinator – Open
  - Webmaster – Levi Woods
Leadership Training Philosophy
Boy Scouts of America

- Provide Adult Leaders fundamental information about Aims & Purposes of Scouting Movement
- Specifics about their particular Roles in Scouting
BASIC Training
Leader Specific Training

- **Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster**
  1. Youth Protection Training (every 2 years)
  2. This is Scouting
  3. Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training
  4. Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

- **Committee Member**
  1. Youth Protection Training (every 2 years)
  2. This is Scouting
  3. Troop Committee Challenge
ADVANCED Training

Wood Badge for the 21st Century

- An intensive course designed to develop leadership skills and create a deeper, more dedicated involvement in Scouting; for all leaders in traditional programs

- Leadership in Team Development
  - Living the Values
  - Bringing the Vision to Life
  - Models for Success
  - Tools of the Trade
  - Leading to Make a Difference
SUPPLEMENTAL Training

- Designed to give additional training on specific areas of the different programs

- Examples:
  - Safe Swim Defense
  - Safety Afloat
  - Trek Safely
  - Climb On Safely
  - Leave No Trace
  - University of Scouting
  - Philmont Training Conferences
You need what?

- **Troop 17 needs from you:**
  - **Scouts:**
    - BSA Boy Scout Application and Dues
    - Medical Form (annually)
    - Troop Behavior Agreement (annually)
    - Permission Slips (specific for each outing)
  - **Adults:**
    - BSA Adult Leader Application and Dues
      - for assistant scout masters & committee members
    - Medical Form (annually)
    - Youth Protection Training (YPT)
      - mandatory for adults to recharter (every 2 years)
    - Adult Resource Survey
Q & A