



# New Parents Orientation



“The sport in Scouting is to find the good in every boy and develop it.”

- Lord Baden Powell



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# Agenda



- **Why Scouting?**
- **What's In It for My Son?**
- **What's In It for Me?**
- **The Scouting Program**
- **What You Need to Know About Our Troop**
- **Settling Into The Troop**
- **Conclusion**

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# The Scouting Program is a lot like the Scout Shirt



- **This is the Scout uniform shirt that the Scouts and adults in our troop wear. There are three points I'd like to make about it**
  - First, the Scout uniform shirt is a traditional Scout item
  - Second, each Scout shirt is a bit different
  - Third, Scout shirts are generally decorated on just one side
- **The Scouting program itself is a lot like the Scout shirt**
  - First, it is a traditional program
  - Second, Scouts and Scouters each have unique experiences
  - Third, Scouting is like a Scout shirt because it has a “showy” side and a plain side

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# Scouting's Promise to Every Scout



Adventure, learning, challenge, responsibility – the promise of Scouting is all this and more

- **SCOUTING** promises you the great outdoors
- **SCOUTING** promises you friendship
- **SCOUTING** promises you opportunities to work toward the Eagle Scout rank
- **SCOUTING** promises you tools to help you make the most of your family, your community, and your nation
- **SCOUTING** promises you experiences and duties that will help you mature into a strong, wise adult.

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# The Scout Law



- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent

Which of these words do you want others to say about your son when describing him as an adult?

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# The Aims of Scouting



- Character Development
- Citizenship Training
- Personal Fitness

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# The Methods of Scouting



- **Advancement** - Self-reliance-ability to help others-challenge
- **Ideals** - Oath - Law - Motto - Slogan
- **Patrols** - Peer groups-elected representation-activities
- **Outdoors** - All outdoor programs
- **Adult Association** - Image - role model - example
- **Personal Growth** - Good Turn-service projects-religious emblems
- **Leadership Development** - Leadership skills & practice citizenship
- **Uniform** - Commitment to aims-identity

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# The Boy Led Troop



What's important for Adults to remember is that its

- Not the quality of the food on the campout, but that the boys cooked it.
- Not a sharp-looking flag ceremony, but that the boys put it together.
- Not who would make the best patrol leader, but that the boys elect one.
- Not that Johnny learns first aid, but that Billy teaches him.
- Not that we cover everything on the meeting agenda, but that the senior patrol leader is in charge.

Our goal is **not to get things done**, but to *create a safe and healthy environment* with the training and resources that the Scouts need, and then **let them do it.**

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# First Class Trail

## Your Son's Goal for First Year in Scouting



- Ranks up through First Class are skill based
- Goals are individually based for each Scout, not all advance together (un-like Cub Scouts)
- The skills are valuable Scout / Life skills that are the backbone to the becoming an effective Scout
- Skills will be taught at Troop meetings and outings by the older Scouts
- Once a skill is taught, it then becomes the Scouts responsibility to gain proficiency in that skill and demonstrate over and over
- Participate in 10 separate troop/patrol activities
  - other than troop/patrol meetings
- **Summer camp is CRITICAL**

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# Troop 101 Specifics



- Meeting Schedule/Calendar
- Organization
- Communications
- Code of Conduct/Discipline
- Personal Camping Gear
- Youth Protection/Bullying
- Special Needs

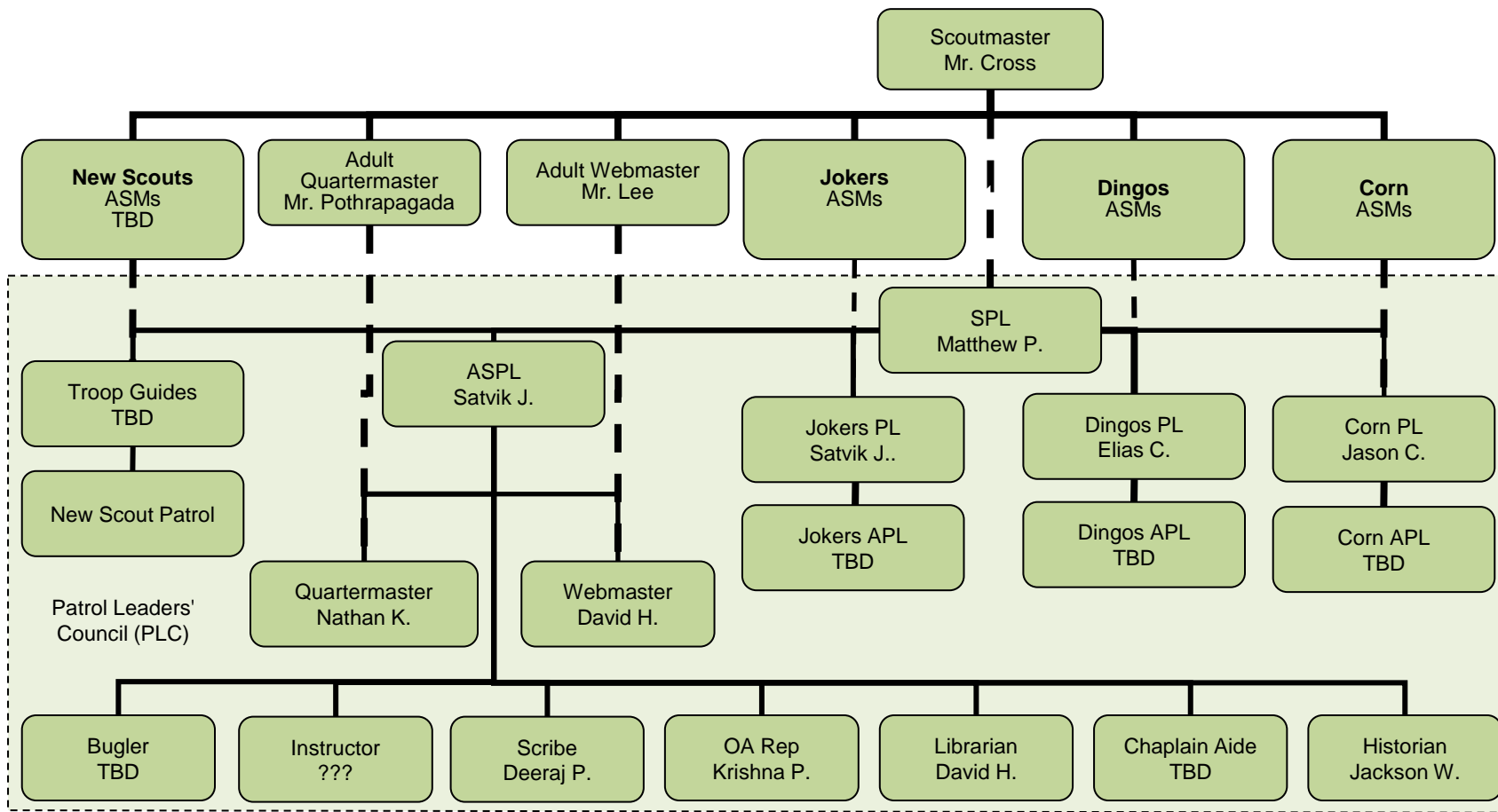
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# Troop Organization Chart

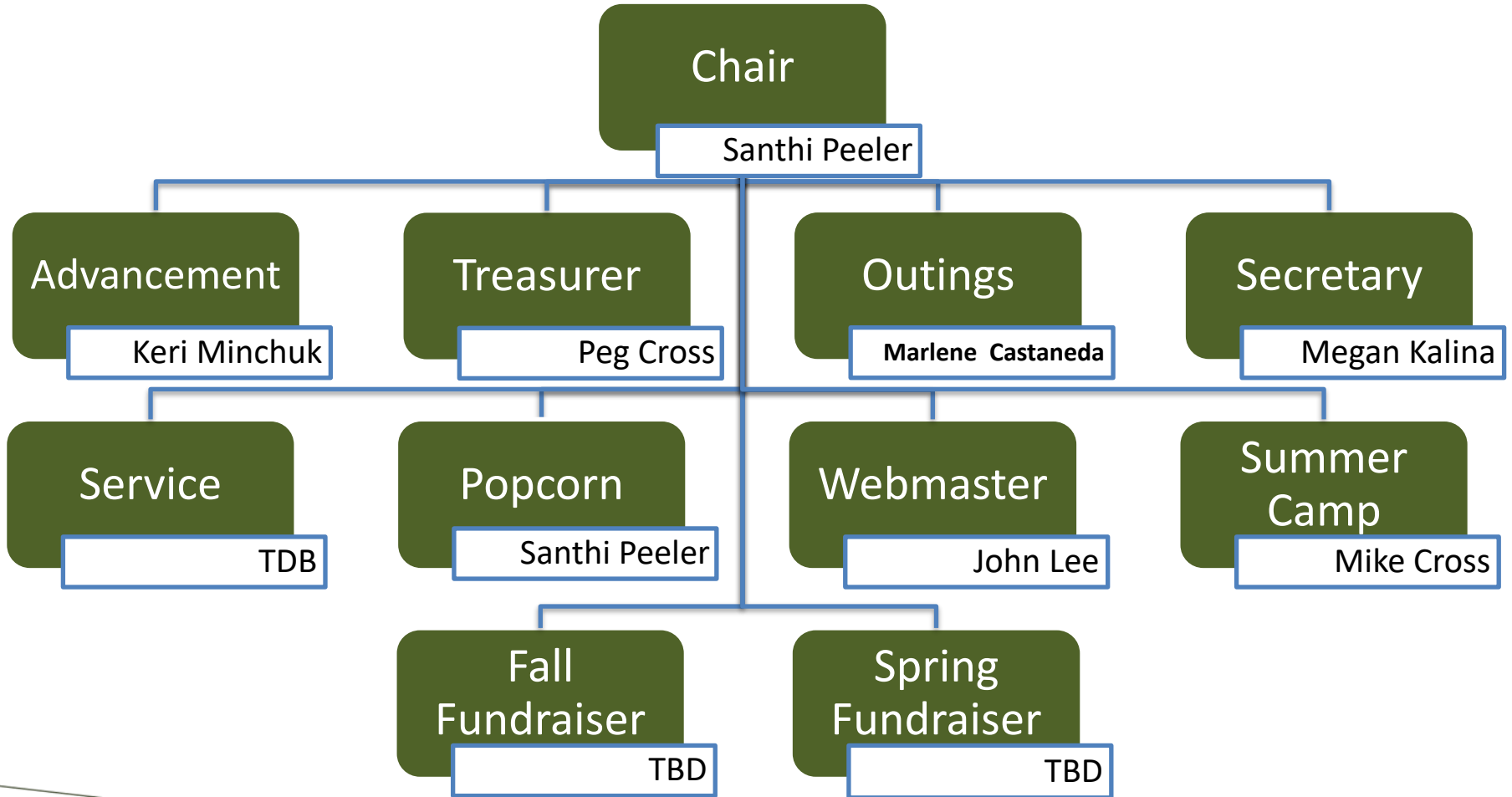
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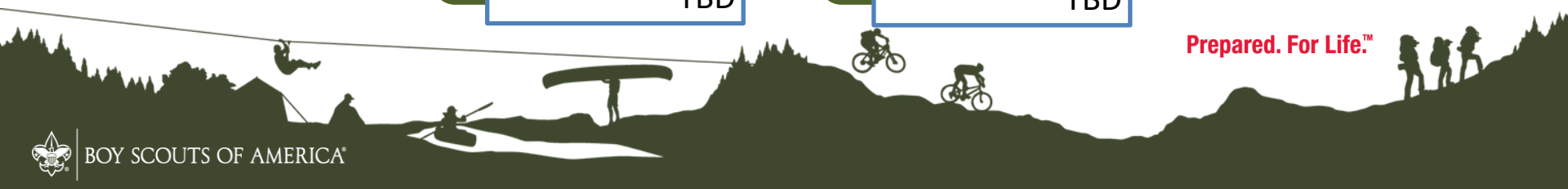
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# Troop Committee



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# Key Upcoming Troop Events



<b>Skills Outing (Chief Shabbona F.P.)</b>	
<b>Spring Break (No Meeting)</b>	
<b>Court of Honor (October, February, June)</b>	
<b>Indoor Rock Climbing (Bloomington, IL)</b>	
<b>Riflery Outing (Sportsman Club, Waterman, IL)</b>	
<b>Flower Sale Delivery</b>	
<b>Eagle COH</b>	
<b>Canoeing Outing (Fox River)</b>	
<b>Spelunking Outing (Eagle Cave, Blue River WI)</b>	
<b>Summer Camp (Camp Freeland Leslie)</b>	<b>Jul ~14-20</b>

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# Electronic Communications



- [www.3firetroop101.org](http://www.3firetroop101.org) links to council & district sites
- **Redirected email**
  - [lastname@3firetroop101.org](mailto:lastname@3firetroop101.org)
  - You may redirect up to three different addresses, such as work and home
- **Permanent email lists**
  - [committee@3firetroop101.org](mailto:committee@3firetroop101.org)
  - [leaders@3firetroop101.org](mailto:leaders@3firetroop101.org)
  - [treasurer@3firetroop101.org](mailto:treasurer@3firetroop101.org)
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**Home: 630.416.1415**

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# Electronic Records



- Now using BSA Scoutbook for rank tracking
- <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/mobile/>
  - You will be sent an invitation
- Scouts details on Family Tab
- Parents details on My Account Tab



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# Code of Conduct/Discipline

## Troop leadership shall use the following disciplinary plan



- A. **Personal Conference:** This conference between the Scoutmaster(s) and the Scout(s) is the primary form of discipline..
- B. **Call or Letter to Parents:** In addition to the Personal Conference and requesting parent cooperation, face to face counseling meeting
- C. **Disciplinary Conference:** The Scoutmaster(s) will meet with the Patrol Leaders Council to determine the proper disciplinary action.
- D. **Termination Request:** The Troop Committee's approval would be sought to ask the Scout to no longer participate in Troop 101
- E. **Severity Clause:** Any behavior that directly affects the health or welfare of self or others automatically places Scout on step C
- F. **Trip Clause:** If, during the trip, a Scout exhibits negative behavior that, in the opinion of the senior Scoutmaster in charge, affects the ability of the event to continue in a positive manner, the Scout's parents will be contacted immediately by phone to pickup scout

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# Personal Camping Gear

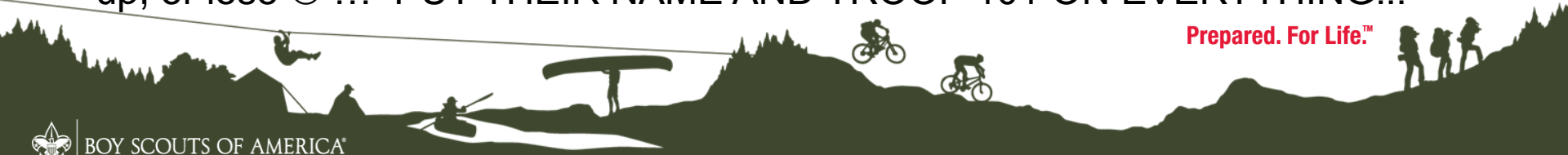
Acquire as you can, borrow until then



Personal Gear Item		Low Est.	High Est.
Sleeping Bag	20 Deg Mummy with Synthetic Fill, <3lb 6oz	\$50	\$100+
Water Bottle	1L - wide mouth, no 'sippy' straw/flip top	\$7	\$11
Sleeping Pad	Full length - closed cell foam—no air pads	\$12	\$25
Backpack	4000+ Cubic Inches with hip belt, confirm fit	\$60	\$150+
Rain Gear	Top & Bottom	\$40	\$120+
Mess Kit	Can be as simple as plastic bowl and cup	\$10	\$30
Hiking Boots	Waterproof, lug sole	\$60	\$120+
Utensils	A "spork" will be seen as novel by the boys	\$2	\$15
Total		\$241	\$570+

If you can, invest more in those items at the top of the list as they are items that will last longer. Those at bottom are items your scout will outgrow quickly, beat up, or lose ☹ ... **PUT THEIR NAME AND TROOP 101 ON EVERYTHING!!!**

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# Youth Protection/Bullying



- Review the “How to Protect Your Child from Child Abuse” pamphlet
- Zero Tolerance within Troop



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# Special Needs



- **Dietary / Behavioral / Medical**
- **Better to tell us rather than wait for us to discover it**
- **Scoutmasters dispense Medicine on outings**



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# What is your role in the Troop?



- **First priority is simply to be a parent**
  - Encourage but provide space for growth
- **Learn about Scouts BSA Program**
  - Youth Protection Training
  - Fast start training
- **Volunteer for driving, fundraising, etc.**
  - Merit badge counselor – Have a hobby?
- **Become a uniformed leader or join committee**

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**“In the 30 years that I've been doing this for a living, I've never had a parent say to me, ‘I regretted the time I spent with my son or child in Scouting.’”**

Roy L. Williams,  
Chief Scout Executive,  
Boy Scouts of America

