

## Troop 104 at a Glance

Troop 104's goal is to ensure that scouts can experience high quality outdoor adventures, explore their leadership potential and receive quality instruction from senior scouts and trained adult volunteers. Our program emphasizes participation by all scouts from the moment they bridge or join the troop. Younger scouts are placed into existing patrols where they can learn from senior scouts using the patrol method. Outdoor programs are structured so that activities, adventures and advancement opportunities exist for scouts at all levels.

- Founded in 1996, 107 Eagle Scouts
- Meet Mondays @ 7 pm at the Raleigh Elks Lodge (at the intersection of Lead Mine and Millbrook Roads)
- Camping trips once a month
- Summer camp every year in July
- Community service activities – Rise Against Hunger, Salvation Army
- Annual high adventure opportunities – Philmont, Northern Tier, Sea Base, Summit
- Dedicated parental support through Troop Committee and Assistant Scoutmasters



### Some Previous Troop 104 Outings:

- Backpacking - Grayson Highlands State Park (VA)
- Rock Climbing – Pilot Mountain State Park
- Beach Camping – Bear Island State Park
- Overnight Canoe Trek – New River State Park
- Rifle and Shotgun Shooting – Camp Durant
- Wilderness Survival Weekend – Rendezvous Mountain State Park
- Climbing Lock In – Triangle Rock Club
- Whitewater Rafting (WV)

### See us in action:



## A Guide for Parents and Cub Scout Leaders



### Troop 104

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Mondays 7pm

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## Common Questions about Scouts BSA

### What does 'Boy Led Troop' mean?

A boy led troop is one in which the leadership is carried out by boys. Boys do the planning for meetings and outings. Boys run the meetings and are in charge of the outings. Adults are in the background providing advice, supervision, training and transportation.

### What is the difference between a Cub Scout Den and a Scouts BSA Patrol?

A Den is a group of 6 to 8 boys who are led by an adult leader. A Patrol is a group of 6 to 8 boys within a troop who are led by their Patrol Leader, one of the boys in that patrol.

### How much responsibility do the boys have?

Boys are responsible for themselves and to the troop. By wearing a uniform to meetings, taking care of their gear before, during, and after outings, and by taking ownership for earning merit badges, Scouts learn personal responsibility. Doing a good job taking care of oneself could lead to leadership positions within the troop.

### What kind of leadership is there in the troop?

The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is elected by all the scouts in the troop. The SPL works with the Patrol Leaders Council to plan and conduct scout activities, under supervision of adult leadership. There are many leadership positions within a troop, including Patrol Leaders, Quartermaster, Historian, Librarian, and Webmaster.

### How much parent involvement is required at this level?

Troops need adults to be Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, and troop committee members. Adult volunteers are also needed to transport boys and equipment on outings. We, as adults, provide a support system for the Scouts in the troop.

### What is Rank?

Rank is a collection of skills, such as cooking, orienteering, knots and first aid. The requirements for each rank are more difficult than the prior rank. The ranks in Scouts BSA are: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. Doing the requirements for each 'rank' prepares Scouts to become better campers, hikers, better Scouts and most important of all; better citizens.



### What are Merit Badges?

Merit Badges are an opportunity to explore an exciting subject. By earning Merit Badges Scouts gain career skills, social skills, physical skills and they may even begin new and healthful hobbies that are kept for a lifetime.



### How important is a uniform?

By dressing alike, Scouts show they are equals. Boys will act like Scouts and will be recognized as helpful and courteous when in uniform.

### What kinds of trips do scouts take?

Camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, kayaking, winter survival, summer camp, rock climbing, sailing, snorkeling and bicycling to name just a few. The types of activities depend on the choices the troop makes and the skill levels of the boys in the troop.



### How much camping equipment does my child need?

Types of equipment depend on the outings the troop takes. Depending on the outing, the troop may have extra gear that can be used. Feel free to talk to the Scoutmaster to determine what is "essential".

