

Glen Rock Troop 15
Handbook
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# **WELCOME TO TROOP 15!**

To Scouts and Parents,

Welcome to the wonderful and exciting world of Scouting! The information in this handbook has been compiled to help Scouts and families better understand the Scouting program and to answer some of the initial questions you may have. There is a lot of information; however, our intention is not to overwhelm you, instead to aid in your comfort with our program.

This is an exciting time to be a Scout in Troop 15. The 2021/2022 year brings with it many changes, but one thing will always remain the same, our desire to provide a fun, safe, and challenging environment for Scouts to grow and develop as leaders in the Troop and community.

Troop 15 is a Scout-led Troop, meaning that the Scouts are responsible for developing the calendar, organizing meetings and training and developing other Scouts. This important principle provides the ability for Scouts to learn and lead in a safe environment. This can not be accomplished without parent support and involvement.

Unlike Cub Scouts, parents are asked to become much less involved with their own child and more within the structure of the troop as a committee member or assistant Scoutmaster. The success of the troop depends on a lot of adult volunteers who work behind the scenes to make it all happen.

Thank you for taking the time to become familiar with our Troop. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me, the Troop 15 Committee or any of the Assistant Scoutmasters.

Yours in Scouting,

Tim Stansel Scoutmaster

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Our mission

At Troop 15, we enthusiastically embrace the mission of the Boy Scouts of America which is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Scout Oath:	Scout Law:	
On my honor I will do my best	A Scout is:	
To do my duty to God and my country	Trustworthy	Obedient
And to obey the Scout Law;	Loyal	Cheerful
To help other people at all times;	Helpful	Thrifty
To keep myself physically strong,	Friendly	Brave
Mentally awake and morally straight.	Courteous	Clean
	Kind	Reverent

These two methods form the foundation of the Scouting movement and establish the core of what it means to be a Scout. Troop meetings begin with the recital of both the Scout Oath and Law and when presented with an ethical or moral dilemma should help to provide Scouts clarity in both action and word. The Scouting program should prepare your child for life through the teaching of a variety of outdoor and other skills. As a Scout grows with the program they will have the opportunity to lead and further develop.

One way Scouting fosters leadership is that we are a "Scout Lead Troop", which means the Troop 15 Committee and Scoutmasters are responsible for setting the plan and then they supervise the execution by the Scouts. The Scout's growth in leadership comes from organizing the execution of the plan, running meetings, managing their assigned patrols, and planning for trips. They learn both from success and failure. Scouts are expected to do things on their own. They are expected to plan and pack for events accordingly, carry their own packs, clean up after themselves, cook their meals with their patrol, etc. The older Scouts teach the younger Scouts and help carry the load when necessary. Of course, Scout Leaders and volunteer parents are always close by in order to ensure a safe environment.

## Meetings

Troop 15 is currently chartered by Community Church of Glen Rock located at 354 Rock Road. Beginning in September 2021, our meetings will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the Community Church on Sunday nights from 7-8:30pm. Unless communicated to the contrary, when school is not in session, there are no meetings.

The last few minutes of every meeting are reserved for announcements from Scouts and adults. If you are picking up your son from a meeting, we highly recommend that you join us for those last few minutes – it's a great way to glean information about upcoming events.

The troop usually has three types of activities each month: the *Patrol Leaders Council*, where all of the elected and appointed leaders meet to plan activities for the coming months. While these meetings are open for anyone to attend, only members of the council are eligible to vote or participate. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) usually meets on the first Sunday of each month from 6 to 7pm (prior to the Scout meeting). When there is a planned activity or no meeting on the last Sunday of the month, the PLC will meet on the following Sunday.

The second activity is the *Troop Meeting*. The troop meets every Sunday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm EXCEPT the Sunday of a campout weekend or other special activity, or a school holiday. Parents are always welcome to attend if they have questions or would just like to see what goes on.

The third activity is a *Campout or other special event*. These are usually planned several months in advance and published via TeamSnap. Parents are always welcome to join us and sometimes we need additional help to drive to and from the activity. Campouts are usually on BSA property, at state or national parks, or county forest preserves.

## Court of honor

Courts of Honor are special Troop meetings held during the school year where awards, badges, and other recognition are presented. Parents, siblings and other family members are encouraged to join the Scout at the Court of Honor to participate and help celebrate the Scout's achievements. It is very important that all Scouts, even those not receiving any award or advancement, attend to support their fellow Scouts. Class A uniforms with Merit Badge sashes are required for all Scouts. Troop 15 will hold three Courts of Honor per year – one in the fall, one in winter, and one in the spring.

### **Attendance**

We understand that youth today have many competing pressures on their time. Our ask of Scouts is to make a good faith effort to attend all meetings and events and to provide timely notification when unable to do so. A requirement for advancement for every rank is to demonstrate Scout spirit of which a critical component is active participation in events.

## **Parent Involvement**

Although we are a Scout lead troop and the Scouts assume much of the responsibility to develop their leadership skills, the Scouts like any youth still needs some encouragement.

Scoutmasters are there to supervise and ensure a healthy environment. Once the Scouts leave the meetings, they will need encouragement to stay focused and reinforce some of the messaging needed to progress. For a few badges in particular like Cooking, Family Life and Personal Management requirements, there are specific activities to benefit the family as well as themselves. This provides a fun time to work with your child and encourages a greater responsibility to their family.

For various events we welcome you to also consider this to be an opportunity to share time with your child. It does not have to include camping, as we will have plenty of other types of activities. There will be times where we will need parent involvement to ensure we have enough adults to supervise. Your presence is appreciated at all campouts, meetings, and for many other duties that help make the troop run.

We also welcome parents to share their hobbies and interests with the troop by becoming Merit badge Counselors. You can pick an activity that you are interested in and lead the Scouts in learning the skills to achieve the merit badge. The personal time required is minimal as it is more about tracking progress to pass along skills based on a schedule that is convenient for you. You can see all the badges Scouts are able to obtain by following this link:

#### http://www.Scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx.

This merit badge opportunity comes in two basic categories one is hobbies like art, fishing, hiking, golf, pets, reading, skiing, skeet shooting, snow sports, water sports, wood working, to name a few. If you have a hobby there is a badge for it. The second is being a counselor for activities associated with our community and school system like chess club, debate team, music, public speaking, sports, robotics, and theater as examples

In addition there are other levels parents can help support the troop by either becoming a registered leader up to an Assistant Scoutmaster. If you have any interest in getting more involved with the Troop, please contact Tim Stansel at <a href="mailto:timstansel@gmail.com">timstansel@gmail.com</a> or Alex Thurber at <a href="mailto:thurberalex@gmail.com">thurberalex@gmail.com</a>.

## **Uniforms**

A Scout should keep their uniform clean and up to date with insignia, rank and patrol designations. Scouts should treat their uniform with respect and look sharp! The uniform shirt should always be neat, buttoned, and tucked in. All badges, awards, and insignias should be placed correctly, as explained in the Scout Handbook. Most dry cleaners in town will attach patches for a nominal fee.

BSA generally recognizes two categories of uniform; Class A and Class B.

**Uniform Definitions:** 

#### Class A:

- 1. Official Scout short sleeves or long sleeves shirt with all patches properly placed
- 2. Official Scout shorts or official Scout long pants
- 3. Troop neckerchief and slide
- 4. Official Scout belt
- 5. Official Scout socks
- 6. Official Scout Hat optional
- 7. Shoes or boots (flashy sneakers discouraged and no Heelys, open toes or sandals)
- 8. Merit Badge Sash optional (required for board of review, court of honor, and special events)

**Note**: You are never wrong wearing the full Class A uniform including the optional items.

#### Class B:

- 1. Red Troop 15 wicking tee shirt
- 2. Red Troop 15 hooded sweatshirt optional, available for purchase for \$20
- 3. Official Scout shorts, official Scout long pants, or neat olive khakis.
- 4. Official Scout belt optional
- 5. Official Scout socks optional
- 6. Shoes or boots (flashy sneakers discouraged and no Heelys, open toes or sandals)

<u>Class A uniforms:</u> Required at weekly Scout meetings, parades, jamborees, camporees, summer camp, flag ceremonies and certain special events or service projects (ie, fundraising).

<u>Class B uniforms:</u> Required uniform for organized district or council. The Class B uniform is allowed for activities in camp during campouts and during summer camp. It is also appropriate to wear it for physically demanding activities like cleaning flower beds at the church, helping with Eagle Scout projects, etc.

**Note**: The uniform for each activity will be announced during the troop meeting.

Class A Uniforms can be purchased online at <a href="http://www.Scoutshop.org/">http://www.Scoutshop.org/</a>, at the Scout store in Oakland or at Ramsey Outdoor Store. Troop 15 also maintains a uniform closet. The closet contains gently used uniforms that have been donated by Scouts in Troop 15. Use of these items will greatly offset the cost of Scouting. All Scouts and families are encouraged to donate any items that their Scouts have outgrown.

Class B uniform shirts will be provided to new Scouts as part of their dues. Scouts can purchase the Class B hooded sweatshirt separately for \$20 if they desire. Additional Class B shirts can be purchased for \$15.

### Handbook

The Handbook is an important tool for your Scout. In it he'll find out how to advance and use the book to track progress. As your son progresses, senior Scouts or Scout leaders will make notations of accomplishment in this book. We will work with your son, <u>but we ask that you help us to encourage your son to be diligent in ensuring their book is updated</u>. Once the Handbook is updated the Scout should meet with our Advancement Chairperson or Scoutmaster to ensure our computer system is kept up-to-date.

Scouts should bring their books to all meetings and camping trips. You may want to consider purchasing a cover for the book. You can purchase them on Amazon or from the Boy Scout Council Office at 25 Ramapo Valley Rd, Oakland.

## **Campouts**

Once a month, Troop 15 will plan an overnight camping trip. Winter camping usually involves cabin camping. One of the most favored camping outings the Scouts enjoy is our annual Turkey Roast (usually a week or two before Thanksgiving). Other outings can include: white water rafting, shotgun shooting, rock climbing, go-karting, skiing, hiking, backpacking, camping at West Point and attending a football game, and historic sites like Gettysburg, Valley Forge, and the Intrepid Museum. During the summer months our troop has attended Camp NoBeBoSco. It's usually during the fourth week of July (starting with the first Sunday of the month). This is a great place for the Scouts to achieve merit badges and learn skills as they challenge themselves. Other summer adventures have included high adventure camp, as well as Boy Scout Jamboree and Beach Jam.

### Advancement

We are extremely proud to have so many of our Scouts make it to Eagle, the highest rank awarded by the Boy Scouts. There are other levels and ranks for Boy Scouts as well. With diligence your Scout can become an Eagle Scout, but there is no pressure to advance to that level. Your child should advance at the level and the pace at which they feel comfortable.

When your child joins our troop they are considered a pre-Scout. He'll need to complete a series of requirements in the handbook to be considered our first rank which is Scout. The remaining ranks are Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Life, Star and finally Eagle. In order to advance from one rank to the next, your son will need to meet the requirements as laid out in the handbook. You can review some of the additional details by following the link below.

#### http://www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards.aspx

There is one detail to be aware of, a Scout "Ages Out" once they are 18 years old, meaning they are not able to officially advance any longer as a Scout. The intention is to give the Scouts a deadline for their rank advancement, thereby increasing the credibility of the accomplishment. They can however, absolutely continue to participate in Scouting events and help the troop as long as they like. We have reunion events they will always be invited to. They may even wish to become junior leaders. Note: Advancement can not occur without a few things happening:

- 1. Complete requirements (all listed in the handbook)
- 2. Have the handbook signed by a Scout assigned as den chief or instructor
- 3. Have a Scoutmaster conference with one of the Scoutmasters
- 4. Request and participate in a Board of Review

If you see that your Scout is getting close to advancing in rank, have him speak to their Patrol Leader if they are unsure of what to do.

## **Merit Badges**

Merit badges are both a way for Scouts to engage in enjoyable hobbies and activities as well as developmental life skills. Some are required for the senior rank advancement up through Eagle, and some are geared to the Scout's interest. The troop will organize a number of badge activities throughout the year during troop meetings and/or on weekend trips. With the help of the troop leadership, your son will identify a Merit Badge Counselor to work with and obtain a "Blue Card". From there the Counselor will guide the Scouts through all the appropriate activities.

<u>Please note</u>: Once accomplished, The Blue Card will be the official document that indicates the badge has been completed. Make sure your Scout <u>keeps</u> all their blue cards in a safe place. The following is a link to the list of merit badges:

http://www.Scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx

## **Troop Finances**

#### **Dues**

Yearly dues are \$200 and covers insurance, registration, advancement material, monthly meetings, troop management tools and supplies and training classes for adult leaders. New Scouts will also receive a Scout Handbook, Troop neckerchief and class B uniform shirt. This amount is due for any Scout who is under 18 during the year and is assessed at the beginning of each September. Families that have more than one Scout in the troop would be assessed \$200 for the first Scout and \$180 for each additional Scout. Dues for new Scouts joining the Troop after October 1st will be assessed on a prorated basis.

Dues are expected to be received no later than October 31st. If dues are not paid by the end of October, the Scout is considered "inactive." If dues are not paid by the end of November, as we recharter our Troop, a Scout's membership is dropped from the BSA and Troop roster.

It's important to note that Troop 15 desires that all Scouts be able to participate in the Scouting program regardless of their personal financial situation. Finances are never a reason that a youth cannot be a Scout. If the cost of Scouting will place a financial hardship on a family, financial assistance or a camporship can be obtained by speaking confidentially with the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman.

#### **Camping/Troop Activity Fees**

The troop collects fees for most camping events or activities that have additional expenses associated with the specific event, such as food costs and transportation. Fees will vary depending on the duration of the campout or activity, the distance traveled, whether or not registration fees or park permits are required and any special equipment for the activity. Most activities will have an activity description that will be provided through TeamSnap. Registration is an online process through TeamSnap. Failure to register and/or pay on time as indicated in the activity flyer could result in exclusion from the event.

#### **Fundraising**

As with many organizations our troop holds a few fundraisers throughout the year. Monies raised help defray the cost of meetings, outings etc. We try to focus on fundraisers that bring value to our supporters. Historically we have two fundraisers each year. A firewood sale in the Fall and a flower sale in the Spring.

### **Communications**

The Troop has two means of communicating; Scoutbook and TeamSnap.

Scoutbook is a mobile enabled website that facilitates record keeping and provides transparency to advancement, attendance, service hours and camping hours. The system links in to BSA national systems for advancement and chartering thereby greatly reducing the amount of time spent on administrative activities.

All parents will be granted an account on Scoutbook that will enable you to view your Scout's contact information, advancement and other records. Parents have the ability to grant access to Scoutbook for their child. Scouts with access to Scoutbook can update their records and advancement for review and approval by an authorized leader.

We also use TeamSnap as a way to communicate via mobile devices. It allows everyone in the troop to easily communicate with each other. It also allows for more accessible information and to timely confirm participation for events and process fees more easily. If there are any last minute changes, TeamSnap becomes a great tool to alert participants quickly. System invites for both will be sent at time of initial registration. Users should follow the prompts to complete the process. We ask that you download TeamSnap to your phone.

## **Community Service**

Scouting places an emphasis on giving back to the community and at Troop 15 we are no different. Volunteer opportunities will abound throughout the year. Our focus is to develop relationships with the various organizations throughout Glen Rock for example; the Arboretum, Library, Jaycees, VFW and junior sports programs. We participate in other activities like collecting for food drives to placing flags at the cemetery and much more. Your Scout will need volunteer hours for rank advancement as part of the Scouting program. Those hours need to be recorded and signed off in the Scout handbook.

### **Youth Protection**

All activities that include adult leadership strictly follow the Youth Protection and Safe Scouting guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America in the BSA publication The Guide to Safe Scouting. Adult leadership is always two deep, which means two leaders must be with the Scouts at all times. No Scout should ever be in the company of an adult without being in sight of others, or without having another adult or Scout in attendance. Adults may transport a Scout from one location to another without another adult in the vehicle as long as there are at least two Scouts in the vehicle. Other policies as spelled out in the Youth Protection and Guide to Safe Scouting guidelines may apply.

BSA policy requires adult volunteers to take Youth Protection Training before they can become a registered leader. All registered adult leaders involved with the Troop must take Youth

Protection training at least every two years and review these policies before attending a Troop event. Youth Protection training is offered at most Boy Scout adult training and is also available online. Other adults are also encouraged to take this training course. Youth Protection guidelines are for the protection of both the Scout and the adult leader and should be strictly adhered to. If two adults cannot accompany the Scouts on a trip, the trip will be cancelled.

## **Behavioral expectations**

Troop 15 Scouts are expected to exhibit "Scout Spirit", which is defined as the daily living of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouting should be fun and challenging, while at the same time providing a safe and supportive environment. Behavior that jeopardizes the safety and wellbeing of other Scouts will not be tolerated. Scouts with major or repetitive discipline problems may be placed on suspension with loss of privileges by the Troop Committee. For extreme infractions, the Troop Committee will meet with the Scoutmaster and make a decision to ask the Scout to leave Troop 15.

# **ADDENDUM**

# **Troop Leadership Contacts**

### **Direct Youth Contact Leaders**

Direct-contact leaders, as the name implies, are adult volunteers who have direct contact with youth.

**Scoutmaster**: Responsible for working directly with the Scouts to help them create the program for the troop. The Scoutmaster trains Scout leaders to run the troop by providing direction, coaching and support.

• Tim Stansel - timstansel@gmail.com (H) 201.612.0797 (M) 201.615.8535

<u>Assistant Scoutmaster</u>: Adult leader(s) age 18 or over who assist the Scoutmaster in delivering the troop program.

• Rob Dill - professorlorax@gmail.com (H) 201.493.9229 (M) 201.660.4145

**Troop Chaplain**: Provides spiritual tone, gives spiritual counseling, and promotes the regular religious participation of each member.

• Open position

#### **Committee Positions**

The Boy Scout Troop Committee's primary responsibility is supporting troop leaders in delivering quality programs and handling troop administration. The troop committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the <u>Scoutmaster</u> and Scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities. The committee also has the responsibility to provide adults for <u>boards of review</u>. This is an important responsibility and is one area where help is always needed and appreciated. The committee consists of parent volunteers or other adults who fulfill various roles on the committee. More information regarding the various positions within a Troop committee can be found at the link below:

https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Troop committee

<u>Chartered Organization Representative</u>: The direct contact between the unit and the Chartered Organization. This individual is also the organization's contact with the district committee and the local council. This individual appoints the Committee Chair.

• Victor Harte - victor.harte@milliman.com (M) 516.695.8458

**Troop Committee Chair**: Appoints and supervises the unit committee and unit leaders.

• Alex Thurber - thurberalex@gmail.com (M) (201) 357-0072

**Troop Treasurer**: Handles unit funds, pays bills, maintains accounts, registers Scouts and adults with Council, updates the yearly charter.

• Clemens Bertram - clemens.bertram@gmail.com (M) 201.888.7142

**Troop Committee Secretary**: Keeps minutes of meetings and publishes committee meeting notices Prepares parent/leader information and makes it available to support the program.

• Megan Findley - meganfindley14@gmail.com (M) 201.709.5631

**Troop Advancement Chair**: Ensures that the unit has at least monthly boards of review, three courts of honor and that the unit has goals of helping each Scout advance a rank each year. Also responsible for record keeping and submitting advancement reports.

• Liz Calvez <elizabeth calvez@yahoo.com (M) 973.216.2147

<u>Troop Outdoor/Activities Chair</u>: Secures tour permits and permission to use camping sites, serve as transportation coordinator and ensure a monthly outdoor program.

• Mark Sapienza - doctorsap@gmail.com (M) (201) 248-1509

<u>Troop Membership Chair</u>: Ensures a smooth transition of new Scouts into the unit and orientation for new parents.

• Deirdre Tarrant - dmxtarrant@gmail.com (M) 201.625.2973

<u>Troop Training & Service Chair</u>: Ensures service opportunities are available for the Scouts. Maintains training records and materials and is responsible for BSA Youth Protection training for parents and other volunteers.

• Sue Carletta - suecarletta@gmail.com (M) 201.983.2006

**Hospitality Co-chairs**: Coordinates events including Court of Honors that may require food and/or refreshments.

- Kat McGinley katamcg@gmail.com (M) 201.398.3086
- Olga Pylypovych <u>olga.pylypovych@gmail.com</u> (M) 201.301.5045

<u>Troop Fundraising Chair</u>: Supervises fundraising and ensures that every youth member has the opportunity to participate in fundraising events.

• Lisa Bryzek - <u>lisa.bryzek@gmail.com</u> (M) 917.733.1083

<u>Merit Badge Coordinator</u>: Develops and maintains a current list of qualified leaders to serve as merit badge counselors for the Troop. Ensures that proper registration paperwork is submitted to the district and council offices.

• Open

<u>Life-to-Eagle Scout Coordinator:</u> Meets on a-as-needed basis with Eagle Scout candidates prior to them initiating their Eagle Scout project. Reviews with Eagle Scout candidates their proposal for their project prior to them meeting with the troop committee and the district Eagle Scout board representative. Help Life Scouts plan their merit badge advancement to accomplish that portion of their advancement on time. Review the Eagle Scout candidate's final package including their application and project write-up prior to submission to the board of review.

• Rob Dill - professorlorax@gmail.com (H) 201.493.9229 (M) 201.660.4145

# **Troop 15 Merit Badge Counselors**

The table below lists out the 138 Merit Badges currently available through Scouting. Those badges required for Eagle are indicated with a . Scouts have a choice between some Eagle required Merit Badges (ie, Hiking, Swimming or Cycling). Where applicable, Troop 15 Merit Badge counselors are listed. We would welcome any parents wishing to volunteer as a Merit Badge counselor. If interested, please speak with the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters or the Committee.

	Merit Badge	Counselor(s)
1	American Business	Tim Stansel
2	American Cultures	
3	American Heritage	Mike Tuttle
4	American Labor	
5	Animal Science	
6	Animation	
7	Archaeology	
8	Archery	
9	Architecture	
10	Art	
11	Astronomy	
12	Athletics	
13	Automotive Maintenance	
14	Aviation	
15	Backpacking	Harvey Blake
16	Basketry	
17	Bird Study	
18	Bugling	Mike Tuttle

19	Camping	Tim Stansel
20	Canoeing	
21	Chemistry	
22	Chess	James Litvany
23	Citizenship in the Community	Mike Tuttle, Rob Dill
24	Citizenship in the Nation	Mike Tuttle
25	Citizenship in the World	Mike Tuttle
26	Climbing	
27	Coin Collecting	
28	Collections	
29	Communication	
30	Composite Materials	
31	Computers	Tim Stansel
32	Cooking	Michelle Thurber
33	Crime Prevention	
34	Cycling	Tim Stansel
35	Dentistry	
36	Digital Technology	Olga Pylypovych
37	Disabilities Awareness	
38	Dog Care	Kara Stansel
39	Drafting	
40	Electricity	
41	Electronics	
42	Emergency Preparedness	Frank Miller

43	Energy	
44	Engineering	
45	Entrepreneurship	
46	Environmental Science	Rob Dill
47	Exploration	
48	Family Life 🌑	Tim Stansel
49	Farm Mechanics	
50	Fingerprinting	
51	Fire Safety	Frank Miller
52	First Aid 🍑	Mark Sapienza
53	Fish and Wildlife Management	
54	Fishing	
55	Fly Fishing	Harvey Blake
56	Forestry	
57	Game Design	
58	Gardening	
59	Genealogy	
60	Geocaching	
61	Geology	
62	Golf	
63	Graphic Arts	
64	Hiking 🚇	
65	Home Repairs	
66	Horsemanship	

67	Indian Lore	
68	Insect Study	
69	Inventing	
70	Journalism	
71	Kayaking	
72	Landscape Architecture	
73	Law	
74	Leatherwork	
75	Lifesaving	
76	Mammal Study	Rob Dill
77	Medicine	Mark Sapienza
78	Metalwork	
79	Mining in Society	
80	Model Design and Building	
81	Motorboating	
82	Moviemaking	
83	Music	Mike Tuttle
84	Nature	Rob Dill
85	Nuclear Science	
86	Oceanography	
87	Orienteering	
88	Painting	
89	Personal Fitness	Harvey Blake
90	Personal Management	Harvey Blake

91	Pets	Kara Stansel
92	Photography	
93	Pioneering	
94	Plant Science	Rob Dill
95	Plumbing	
96	Pottery	
97	Programming	Olga Pylypovych
98	Public Health	Mark Sapienza
99	Public Speaking	
100	Pulp and Paper	
101	Radio	
102	Railroading	
103	Reading	
104	Reptile and Amphibian Study	Rob Dill
105	Rifle Shooting	
106	Robotics	Olga Pylypovych
107	Rowing	
108	Safety	
109	Salesmanship	
110	Scholarship	Mike Tuttle
111	Scouting Heritage	Tim Stansel
112	Scuba Diving	
113	Sculpture	
114	Search and Rescue	

115	Shotgun Shooting	
116	Signs, Signals, and Codes	
117	Skating	
118	Small-Boat Sailing	
119	Snow Sports	Mary Hutchins
120	Soil and Water Conservation	
121	Space Exploration	
122	Sports	
123	Stamp Collecting	
124	Surveying	
125	Sustainability 🔮	Rob Dill
126	Swimming	
127	Textile	
128	Theater	
129	Traffic Safety	
130	Truck Transportation	
131	Veterinary Medicine	
132	Water Sports	
133	Weather	
134	Welding	
135	Whitewater	
136	Wilderness Survival	
137	Wood Carving	
138	Woodwork	

# **Useful resources**

The links below represent a number of online resources available to Scouts and parents. When it comes to Scouting, you'll find there is no shortage of material and people ready and willing to help!

Scouting.org	Boy Scouts of America National Organization Home Page
nnjbsa.org	Northern NJ Council's website containing calendars and other useful information for the local council
meritbadge.org	Resources for <u>Scout</u> through <u>Eagle</u> , <u>Scout Awards</u> , and <u>Merit Badges</u> including <u>Worksheets</u> and cross-references for related <u>Merit Badges</u> and <u>Scout Awards</u>
Scouting Wire	Learn more about what's Happening in Scouting Across the Country
Be-A-Scout.org	Unit Location & General Information about Joining Scouting
Boy's Life Magazine	Official youth magazine of the Boy Scouts of America
NESA.org	National Eagle Scout Association
Bryan on Scouting	Scouting Magazine Blog for Adult Leaders
Scouting Newsroom	Official Newsroom of the Boy Scouts of America
My.Scouting.org	Online Training & Volunteer Resources Portal
WOSM_	World Organization of the Scout Movement