



# Troop 457 FAQs

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## How many scouts will Troop 457 accept in 2014?

- Our bylaws dictate that the troop maintain a size of approximately 50 registered scouts and to add the equivalent of a single patrol (6 to 8 scouts) each March to offset the older scouts who have aged out. This year we can probably extend this to approximately 10 or 11 scouts.

## What patrol will my scout go into when joining Troop 457?

- All new scouts are placed in a "Tenderfoot" patrol upon the bridging into the troop. This allows them to work together on portions of the first 3 rank badges commonly referred to as the Trail To First Class. After summer camp (in early July), the scout are divided up among the existing 3 patrols (and scouts who are turning 16 yrs old move to the Senior Patrol).

## How many times does the troop meet each month?

- The troop meets every Thurs (except Thanksgiving, Xmas and during summer camp) @ the Ortega Park building. We also have a monthly "trek" which usually consists of camping and sometimes includes backpacking, canoeing, or some other additional activity.

## How is Troop 457 different from other troops ?

- Each troop is unique in terms of the scouts and the parents. In addition, some troops are very focused on a particular outdoor activity (e.g., water sports). Troop 457 doesn't focus on a particular outdoor activity beyond camping out at most treks.

## What is the commitment required to join Troop 457 ?

- While we don't expect scouts to exclude all other activities for Boy Scouting, we do expect a scout to be active. Sometimes that means he'll miss a meeting or two and maybe a campout due to a sport's season, but we'll expect him to be particularly active during the off season.

## What equipment do scouts have to provide ?

- Troop 457 provides troop t-shirt, tents, ground cloths, a patrol box w/ cooking utensils, stoves, etc. So scouts are only required to provide their own: sleeping bags, hiking boots, eating utensils and clothing. They must also provide uniforms.

## How much does it cost to join Troop 457 ?

- Yearly registration cost is \$65 w/ weekly dues of \$1. In addition, the troop performs one fund raising activity a year (selling popcorn) and each scout is required to sell at least \$300. This funds the troop for the entire year for camp reservation, courts of honor and new equipment.

## How does my scout join Troop 457?

- Scouts should attend at least 2 troop meetings and we'd prefer him to also attend a troop outdoor activity. He should also schedule a Scoutmaster Conference with Mike Klein, our scoutmaster. If after getting to know Troop 457 he is interested in joining Troop 457, an email to Scott Davidson indicating a desire to join troop is required and he will be reviewed by the committee.