



Integrated Financial Strategies AND Troop 1214

New Scout/Parent Orientation

- Goals of Troop 1214:
 1. Improve Citizenship
 2. Teach Life Skills
 3. Develop Leadership
 4. Have Fun
 5. Service to Others
 6. Duty to God
- Our Promise:
 - Scouts: we will get you to First Class and help you earn Eagle.
 - Parents: we will keep your children safe (they may get injured, they are boys)
- Parental participation: parent volunteer/committee jobs, Assistant Scoutmaster, driver to activities/campouts. It is not necessary to stay with your son the entire time if you do not want to.
- Weekly Emails (usually on Sunday at 5:00pm)
- Troop 1214 website: www.troop1214.org Lots of information – it is a new page but will continue to grow.
- Leader Contact List
- Troop Activity Calendar – current calendar is attached with this packet. A new calendar is issued at the September Court of Honor for the following year. With few exceptions, dates will not change on the calendar but the locations may change based on external factors.
- Paperwork to be completed;
 - BSA Application (needs to be completed to transfer to our Troop)
 - Troop Bylaws- parents and Scout must read. Please sign and return the last page
 - Photo release form. Allows us to post pictures (without names) to our website and Troop Facebook page. Please sign and return.
 - Email completed forms to johnbenedict2@hotmail.com
- Parent interview with SM John Benedict sometime during the next few months.
- Troop Costs (Checks payable to “BSA Troop 1214”)
 - Scout Fair Share is \$175.00 for 2022. Your fair share is **\$131.25** (prorated for 2022).
 - Troop Equipment Fee is \$75.00 (one time).
 - Class B uniforms (information below).
 - Money priority is; (1) summer camp, (2) class B uniforms, (3) fair share, and (4) equipment fee.

- Troop does some fundraising to help offset the fair share if the Scout wishes to participate. We can sell camp/coupon cards now to help offset the cost of summer camp.
- No boy in this Troop will EVER miss the opportunity to participate in an activity for financial reasons. If you need help, please let Mark Youngs (Troop Treasurer) or John Benedict (Scoutmaster) know.
- Scout Handbook-bring it to every meeting and campout. Purchase at the Scout store near BWI airport on Dorsey Road.
- Uniforms:
 - Class A: Full uniform (Scout shirt, neckerchief/slide, green, brown, or khaki pants or shorts, Scout belt), worn to most formal meetings, to campouts, and from campouts, Court of Honor.
 - Class B: Green, brown or khaki pants or shorts, Scout belt, Troop, Scouting, or blank t-shirt.
- Troop class B t-shirts, new design this year – still in process (price TBD). We recommend purchasing three. Accepting orders soon. We only order once a year in the Spring in order to have the shirts prior to summer camp. We are also redesigning our Troop jacket – this year it will be a softshell fleece jacket (price TBD). We recommend purchasing one. Information coming soon via email and google order form.
- Campouts: typically Friday evening thru Sunday mid day. Cost for food is \$20.00 (cash). Due to the increase in food costs, we had to raise the money owed for camping trips; we will reassess if we find out we are consistently overpaying. Require a permission slip to attend (will be emailed prior to the event). If you need to take medication during the campout, there is a form to complete and a designated adult to keep the medication.
- Summer Camp-July 17-23. If you have any questions about summer camp, please see us. This is truly the best week of the year in Scouting.
- Cell phones: Okay to have during meetings but should not be used. Cell phones are prohibited during campouts. In case of an emergency, contact the adult in charge at the campout.
- Equipment:
 - Personal**-see list.
 - Patrol**-all patrol equipment will be furnished by the Troop, including: tents, tarps, cooking equipment, plates and cups
- Patrol Method
- Advancement-we will work with your son mostly during campouts to advance in rank.
- Merit Badges-not a priority for the first year. You will earn 2-3 at summer camp.
- Questions/Comments