



Scouting America Troop 420 Info Sheet

Information for New Scouts and Their Families



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Dues ~\$20/month

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Scoutmaster Message

Troop 420 has been chartered for more than 50 years and is part of the Driftless District in the Glacier's Edge Council. Our Troop emphasizes a wide range of activities that appeal to both younger and older Scouts. Scout Camp in the summer is one of the highlights of the year and is an opportunity for Scouts to learn many new skills and have fun with friends in the outdoors. Feel free to join us as we help to develop skills in our Scouts that will benefit them throughout their lives. We welcome parents of Scouts to participate in Troop 420 activities as well.

Crossover Scouts

We encourage Arrow of Light scouts to start attending troop meetings and activities as soon as they are able, even prior to crossing over. Please see our website for the most up to date schedule. Once the Scouts have crossed over with a Pack, they should:

- Fill out the Troop registration / information form
- Purchase a Scout book, which should be brought to every meeting
- Begin attending Monday meetings and outings immediately!
- Update the Scout's uniform with the Troop number, the shoulder loops (green), and the Troop 420 neckerchief and neckerchief slide (provided)

Adult Scouting

Adults are welcome to stay involved with their Scouts and Troop. After registering as an adult leader, Troop 420 welcomes parents to all weekly meetings and monthly overnights.

Weekly Meetings

Our regular Troop meetings are normally on Monday evenings, 7:15-8:20 p.m. in the cafeteria at Hamilton Middle School. The Troop meets every Monday that school is open except for about 3-4 times a year after monthly outings which is reserved for a Patrol Leaders Council (PLC), at which the youth leadership of the Troop meets to plan activities for the following months.

Monthly Outings (Campouts)

An outing is scheduled each month! Outings are mostly within the State of Wisconsin and involve a wide variety of activities including learning outdoor skills, preparing food, climbing, shooting sports, knife safety, Leave No Trace camping, and many more. In July the scouts are encouraged to attend a week-long Scout camp. Registration to Scouting America and current health forms are the only things required to attend. Attendance at part of an outing is acceptable, especially with the very busy schedules of the scouts in our troop.



Advancement

We work on rank requirements during the Troop meetings and outings, as well as at summer camp. The key to advancement is participation. Scouts who regularly attend meetings and outings will advance more quickly than those who do not. There is enough variation among Scouts in interests, skills, and motivation that there will be quite a bit of variation in how quickly they move through the ranks. It is important to understand that the advancement program is not a race. There is no premium placed on achieving a rank or the Eagle rank in the least time possible. The idea is to make regular, planned progress toward goals. The Troop 420 programming is designed to help Scouts advance from Scout to First Class rank during 30 months (2.5 years) for the typical Scout.

Summer Camp

All new Scouts are eligible to go to Camp Phillips this summer, and we strongly hope that all will go! Going to summer camp is one of the biggest events of our entire Scout year and new Scouts are able to complete over half of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks as well as earn a merit badge! Camp Phillips is located near Haugen, WI, about 10 miles north of Rice Lake.

Finances

Troop 420 combines revenue from dues, popcorn and wreath sales, plus private donations, to support the extensive activity calendar as well as equipment needs for camping overnights. Popcorn and wreath sales revenue goes into the individual scouts' accounts. Dues are approximately \$20/month and outings are ~\$35 each.

2025 Troop 420 Scouts and Leaders!

