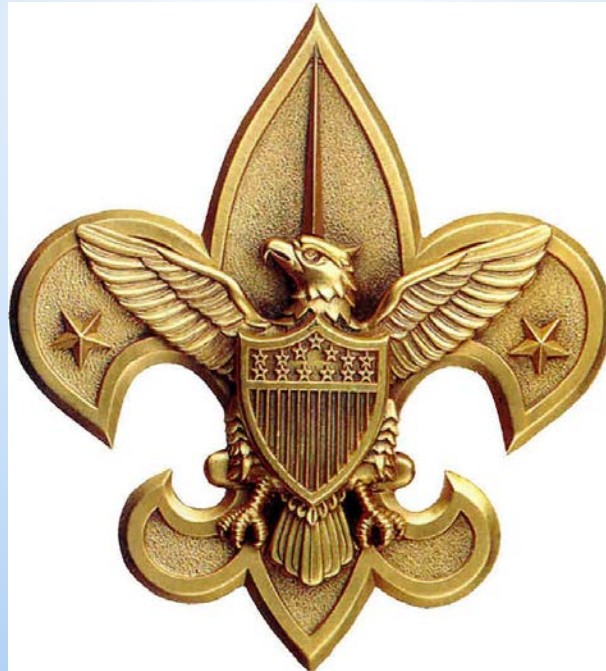


# BSA Troop 1911

## Adult Scouter Orientation



# Welcome to Troop 1911

- ▣ We meet at First Christian Church, 2701 South Russell Street, Tuesday's @ 7pm (year round)
- ▣ [www.bsatroop1911.org](http://www.bsatroop1911.org) is our website.
  - A detailed calendar of events and much more information may be found here, including downloadable forms.
- ▣ Key contacts:
  - Chris Servheen, Scoutmaster, [scoutmaster@bsatroop1911.org](mailto:scoutmaster@bsatroop1911.org)
  - Brendan Campbell, Senior Patrol Leader,
  - Travis Deaton, Troop Committee Chair,
  - Bill Ruediger, Webmaster,

# You will receive from the Troop:

- The Boy Scout Handbook
- Neckerchief and slide
- Shoulder loops
- Troop numbers
- Advancement binder
- Troop manual
- Email account (scout and parent)
- Troop and Patrol rosters

# Who are the Boy Scouts?

- First and foremost, we are a BOY-LED TROOP
  - Unlike Cub Scouts, where parents lead the meetings and make arrangements, the Scouts in a Boy Scout Troop accept these responsibilities, with adult supervision.
- Mission: 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.
- The Boy Scout Handbook is our primary guide for all aspects of membership and responsibility.
- First things to learn: the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan, Outdoor Code, Sign, Salute and Handshake.

# Structure of the Boy Scouts of America (broad to narrow)

- Scouting is World Wide - Found in Every Nation
- Boy Scouts of America ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org))
- Councils
  - Montana Council ([www.montanabsa.org](http://www.montanabsa.org))
- Districts
  - Mullan Trail District ([www.mullantrail.montanabsa.org](http://www.mullantrail.montanabsa.org))
- Units (cub scouts, boy scouts, crews)
  - Pack 4911 (as an example..many Packs in Missoula)
  - Troop 1911 ([www.bsatroop1911.org](http://www.bsatroop1911.org))
  - Crew 2911 ([www.crew2911.org](http://www.crew2911.org))
- Patrols – 8 to 10 boys from within a Troop



# Troop Structure

- ▣ Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
- ▣ Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPL's)
- ▣ Patrol Leaders (PL's)
- ▣ Assistant Patrol Leaders (APL's)
- ▣ Other Troop positions:
  - Quartermaster, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Chaplain Aide, Bugler, Games Director, Webmaster
- ▣ Other Patrol positions:
  - Quartermaster, Scribe



# Adult Opportunities

- Direct Contact Unit Leader Positions (requires registration and Youth Protection training)
  - Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster
  - Troop Chaplin
  - Merit Badge Counselor (based on skills/interests)
- Troop Committee (requires registration and Youth Protection training)
  - Committee Chair
  - Charter Organization Representative
  - Subcommittee Chairs
  - Subcommittee Members
- Scout Parent (registration is part of Scout Application, Youth Protection training is encouraged and highly recommended)

# Adult Training

- You Are NOT Alone -

- BSA Online Training ([www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org))
- Council Training ([www.montanabsa.org/training.aspx](http://www.montanabsa.org/training.aspx))
  - Wood Badge
  - National Youth Leadership Training
  - College of Commissioner Science
- District Training
  - Monthly Roundtable Meetings (third Thursday)
  - Scoutmaster Specific Training
  - Outdoor Essentials
- Unit Training
  - Hands on training with other Unit Scouters





# Adult Leadership Structure

- Troop Committee: Travis Deaton, Chairman  
[committeechair@bsatroop1911.org](mailto:committeechair@bsatroop1911.org)
  - Acts as “Adult Board of Directors”.
  - Meets final Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm.
  - **ALL** parents of scouts welcome to attend.
  - Committee heads for Finance, Fundraising, Programs & Activities, Recruitment, Advancement, High Adventure, and Equipment/Facilities, Training.
- Scoutmaster (SM): Chris Servheen  
[scoutmaster@bsatroop1911.org](mailto:scoutmaster@bsatroop1911.org)
  - Handles all aspects of what the Scouts do.
- Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM’s) help work with the Scouts
- A complete listing appears on the Troop roster, which is available from the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair.

# Troop Activities

- The annual calendar ([www.bsatroop1911.org](http://www.bsatroop1911.org)) lists planned activities.
- Monthly campouts scheduled year round.
- Service projects (cannot be done for compensation).
- Fundraising efforts (more on the horizon!).
  - Annual POPCORN sales!
  - Pancake breakfast
  - Rummage sale
  - Parking (Forestry Days, 4<sup>th</sup> of July)
  - Western Montana Fair parking

# Troop Meetings

- ▣ Regular Weekly Meeting will include:
  - Pre-opening activity
  - Opening/flag ceremony and agenda discussion
  - Skills instruction (merit badge or other advancement)
  - Game/other activity
  - Patrol meetings
  - Closing ceremony/"Scoutmaster's minute"
- ▣ Monthly Activity Meeting (last Tuesday of month):
  - Patrol Leaders Council (6:30 PM)
  - Special Activity Planned for entire meeting (7:00 PM)
  - Troop Committee Meeting (usually 7:00 PM)
- ▣ Special Meetings on regular meeting nights
  - Court of Honor, Open House, Summer Off-Site Activity
  - Eagle Court of Honor

# Troop Resources

- The Boy Scout Handbook (primary source)
- Troop 1911 Handbook and Web Site
  - [www.bsatroop1911.org](http://www.bsatroop1911.org)
- Boy Scouts of America
  - [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org)
- Montana Council of Boy Scouts
  - Trading Post for purchases
  - [www.montanabsa.org](http://www.montanabsa.org)
- Scout Stuff (scout specific purchases)
  - [www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)
- Merit badge Information and worksheets
  - [www.meritbadge.org](http://www.meritbadge.org)

# Troop Finances

- Jim Ramsey, Finance Chairman
- Scout accounts: each scout will have a “Scout Account” on file with the Troop
  - Dues, summer camp fees, campout expenses, etc. are **charged** to a Scout Account.
  - Fundraising proceeds and other payments from the scout (or his family) are **credited** to a Scout Account.
  - Scouts should always have enough “credits” in their account to offset any charges being applied.



# Administrative Requirements



- In addition to the application for membership:
  - Troop code of conduct (annual).
  - Personal Health form (annual) – Youth AND Adults.
  - MT Council re-charter payment (annual in October).
    - \$30 for scout (includes Boys Life subscription)
    - \$20 for registered adults
  - Troop 1911 dues payment (\$5/month or \$60/year due in January).
  - Personal information/Troop Resource Survey (adults).
  - Personal Health & Medical record (for extended trips).
  - Certified copy of birth certificate (only required for international event participation).

# Uniform

- ▣ A uniform shirt and Troop neckerchief (neckerchief available free from the troop) is required and should be worn to ALL meetings.
  - A Class B red T-shirt is available from the troop and may be worn to meetings and outings at the direction of the SPL.
    - The Troop may have used shirts available at times.
- ▣ See the Boy Scout handbook for illustrations of other patches with their proper placements.
- ▣ Montana Council's "trading post" ([www.montanabsa.org](http://www.montanabsa.org)) or
- ▣ Scout Stuff ([www.scoutstuff.org](http://www.scoutstuff.org)) or
- ▣ eBay is a great resource to make purchases.

# Gear

- Due to the frequent campouts available, the following items are necessities:
  - Sleeping bag and pad.
  - Cup, plate and utensils.
  - Good hiking shoes.
  - Internal or External Frame Pack (for hikes or car camping).
- The Troop Handbook and web site downloads contain more detailed information on the types and needs of personal equipment.
- We are a Backpack Ready Troop: our goal is to have each scout supplied and trained to be quickly ready for an event.

# Advancing in Boy Scouts

- The Boy Scout handbook (page 14) contains detailed information on the various ranks and requirements for attaining Scout ranks. The process involves these steps:
  - Learn and be tested on required material.
  - Have a registered adult leader or a Scout above First Class sign off on the requirements until they are all completed. See note below regarding merit badge requirements.
  - Hold a Scoutmaster's conference (publicly viewed, one on one discussion of your progress and goals).
  - Hold a Board of Review (3 Troop Committee Members verify requirements are met).
  - Court of Honor: formal, public recognition of your advancement!
- Merit Badge Counselors are needed to instruct and/or monitor the progress of merit badges. These may be from the adult ranks within the Troop, or a recognized individual from the broader community who demonstrates the specific knowledge required.



# Questions WELCOME

You WILL have good questions that others are probably also thinking about.

PLEASE ask them!

Scouting is FUN with a Purpose.  
Scouts decide the form of the fun,  
Adults provide the purpose.

WELCOME TO **Scouting** IN TROOP 1911