

# BSA Troop #36 Information Sheet

## General Information

- Troop #36 is in the Cornhusker Council (#324) of Boy Scouts of America (BSA) and in the Salt Valley District (Lancaster County) of the Council. Each unit has a Charter Organization that sponsors them. Our Charter Organization is the Belmont Community Center.
- Troop #36 has been operating for 60 years. The Council celebrated 85 years in 2000 and National BSA celebrated 90 years.
- Scouting is primarily a volunteer run organization. Everyone within the Troop are volunteers.
- Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, and other adult volunteers assist in a variety of areas. Some are on-going and others are for specific tasks. Training is available in several formats (videos, classes, special events) and is offered throughout the year. Books, magazines, and other volunteers are also available for assistance.

## Organization

- A Troop is “run” by the Scouts. The Senior Patrol Leader runs the meetings and the Youth Scout Leaders (through the Patrol Leaders Council) plan the program and activities. Adults are involved to assist in making the Scout’s desired program happen, serve as advisors and merit badge counselors, and to ensure a safe environment.
- The Troop is led by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is elected as the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) by the Scouts and moves into the SPL position at the next election.
- The Scouts are grouped into Patrols. Each Patrol elects their Patrol Leader (PL) and the Patrol Leader appoints the Assistant Patrol Leader (APL).
- Other positions within the Troop are: Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Guide, Instructor, OA Troop Representative, Chaplain Aid, Den Chief, and Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.
- Scouts typically serve six (6) months in a position.
- The Ranks within Boy Scouts are: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. Each Rank has specific requirements that must be fulfilled to advance. A Scout should reach First Class within the first year and advance each of the remaining ranks every 6-12 months.
- Adult positions include Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Chair, and Committee Members.

## Finances

- Each Scout pays an annual fee each Fall set by the Troop Committee. This currently is \$28.00. Each Scout will pay their registration and Boys Life fee (\$10.00 and \$10.80) at recharter (March). New Scouts pay a one-time startup fee of \$19.00.
- Dues are \$7.00/month. This covers the advancements, merit badges, costs associated in providing and maintaining materials and equipment.
- Each Scout has an account with the Troop to deposit money and pay for expenses.
- The costs for campouts, summer camp and other activities are “pay-as-you-go”. This would include registration fees, food, etc. for each event attended.
- Fund raising:
  - This consists of the annual Boy Scout Popcorn Sale in the Fall and Spring. Product profit goes to individual Scouts accounts. The Fall Popcorn sale is the only required participation.
  - One or two other fundraisers may be available such as a candy sale, a car wash, etc.

## Equipment Requirements

- General:
  - Scout handbook, notebook & paper, pencil or pen.
  - Merit badge books (if not in Troop library), compass, pocket knife, etc.
- Outings:
  - The Troop has a 1999 trailer and provides cooking equipment, tents, woods tools, awnings, etc. necessary for campouts. Patrol boxes and tents were purchased in 2003 and 2004.
  - Each Scout provides their own sleeping bag and pad, mess kit, water bottles/canteen, etc. along with other personal gear (clothing, toiletries, first aid kit, raingear, etc.).
  - A backpack is not required for basic outings but some means of storing and transporting gear is needed. A daypack is useful for hikes or summer camp.

## Uniform Requirements

- *Dress/Class A* uniform:
  - Official BSA shirt with appropriate markings and patches: American flag, Cornhusker Council patch, Troop #36 numerals, Patrol patch, current rank and position.
  - BSA or Troop Neckerchief and slide or bolo tie (Star rank and above).
  - Pants (long or short): BSA pants, dark color slacks or blue jeans which are hemmed, solid color, clean and neat (without holes, patches, and special fading). Jogging- or sweat-pant type of material is not accepted.
  - Belt: Official BSA belt.
  - Socks which are clean and a solid color (e.g., dark, gray, white).
  - Shoes which are clean and in good repair; either dress or “tennis” type of shoe or hiking boots. No open-toed shoes (no sandals).
  - Note: Other official BSA items (cap, pants, socks, shoes, etc.) are optional.
- *Casual/Class B* uniform
  - Shirt (T-shirt or sweat-shirt) which is Troop, Council (Cornhusker or other), or official BSA.
  - Other clothing as outlined above.
- *Note:* Troop provides: Troop Neckerchief; patrol, position and rank patches; merit badge patches; quality unit and year bar patches. Scout is responsible for other uniform items.

## Meetings

- The troop meets each Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Savior Lutheran Church, 10<sup>th</sup> & Superior Street, for approximately 1 ½ hours. During the school year, the Troop generally does not meet on a Monday when there is no secondary school for the LPS.
- The Patrol Leaders Council meets 1-2 times a month; generally before weekly meetings.
- Patrol meetings are scheduled by the Patrols.
- Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review are scheduled as needed with individual Scouts.
- Troop Committee meetings are generally the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- District Roundtable meetings are generally the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.
- District Committee meetings are generally the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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