



Welcome to Troop 53

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Welcome to Boy Scouting in Troop 53! We offer a wide variety of events and activities in our year-round program. The Troop has developed this folder to help you get organized and to answer some of the questions we know you will have. Enclosed are the following:

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For your first year of Scouting (or until you become a First Class Scout) you will be in a "New Scout Patrol." Here, you will select your Patrol name, elect your Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader, and develop basic Scouting skills with the help of an Assistant Scoutmaster and an older Scout known as a Troop Guide. At the end of your tenure in the New Scout Patrol you will be placed in a regular patrol.

Those transferring from another Troop will be placed in a regular or New Scout Patrol based upon their current rank.

If you have any questions before you join please contact me by clicking the link below.

We look forward to having you in Troop 53!

[Kevin Mahoney](#), Scoutmaster

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Parents' Information

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This document is intended to provide an overview of Troop 53 responsibilities, operations, and activities. We welcome recommendations from Scouts and parents on new programs/activities.

Scout Responsibilities: Each Scout should participate in planned Troop and Patrol meetings, campouts, hikes, civic events, money-making projects, and conservation & service projects. Scouts are expected to wear the uniform correctly to all events requiring it, be faithful in paying dues (currently \$1.00 per week), and live the Scout Oath and Law in daily life, particularly at all Troop and patrol activities. Additionally, we expect all boys active with this Troop to behave appropriately at all functions. (For a more detailed explanation of Scout responsibilities see next section.)

Troop Responsibilities: The Troop will provide a planned program with emphasis on character development, citizenship growth, and physical fitness. The program is planned and run by boy leaders who are trained and guided by the Scoutmaster and his assistants. Emphasis during Troop meetings will include preparation for outdoor activities, maintaining the "outing" in Scouting through regularly scheduled hikes/campouts, with the major event each year being a long-term camping experience.

Parents' Responsibilities: Parents should support their Scout son(s) in all Troop endeavors, provide transportation to/from Troop scheduled events on an equitable basis with all other parents, and actively participate in Courts of Honor (held approximately 4 times per year) and money-making projects. When asked, they should provide assistance as needed by either the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee. While we try to handle most behavior problems within the Troop structure, parents will be advised if/when their son(s) may demonstrate improper attitude or behavior. If any Scout becomes too unmanageable at a Troop function/activity, his parents may be called to get him. A disciplinary Board of Review may also be held to discuss a Scout's discipline/attitude and to counsel him on his future behaviour.

While we highly encourage parents to be involved in the Troop we also ask that they let the Troop do its job. Since one of the Troop's responsibilities is character development, we ask that parents not interfere in areas where their son should be working to develop his character/leadership/responsibility. Parents should encourage their son(s) to take responsibility and initiative and **speak for themselves** when in need of advancement, Boards of Review, information of all kinds, etc. While it may be easier or quicker for you to get /give information to/from the leadership of the Troop, it does not help your son for you to "step over" him.

(SPECIAL NOTE: A parent of every Boy Scout is requested and needed to participate in at least one outdoor activity per year — this will assure that sufficient adult supervision will be available at each of the Troop's outdoor activities.)

Meeting Place: Regular Troop meetings will be held at the Union United Methodist Church, 721 East Main Street, Belleville, on Tuesday nights, 7:30 to 9:00. Promptness is expected on each end of the meeting on the part of those providing transportation.

Troop Uniform: Please see the [Scout Responsibilities](#) section for uniform requirements in Troop 53. A used uniform closet is maintained by the Troop. Contact the [Scoutmaster](#) or Troop [Committee Chairman](#) for more information. We encourage parents to donate uniform items that no longer fit their sons.

Leadership: The elected Senior Patrol Leader, in conjunction with the appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and the elected Patrol Leaders will run the Troop. Scouts will be expected to cooperate when working/playing under their leadership. The Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster(s), and other boy leaders will also provide training, leadership, and guidance to all younger Scouts.

Troop Warrant Positions: These positions are appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader. They are: Quartermaster, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Bugler, and Chaplain Aide.

Patrol/Troop Structure: All Scouts will be assigned to a Patrol, under a Patrol Leader and Assistant. Each Scout will be expected to participate in Patrol meetings and/or Patrol events as scheduled. We expect all Scouts to cooperate with these leaders. Elections for Troop positions normally occur twice a year, and all registered/active Scouts in the Troop may be eligible to compete for Troop and Patrol positions.

Joining Fee: All prospective Troop 53 Scouts will be required to pay a (one time) joining fee of \$25.00 at the time of initial registration. This fee will be used for registration, subscription to *Boys' Life* magazine, selected Troop insignia (Council strip, Troop numerals, Patrol patch, badge of office [when needed], and badge of rank [when earned]), and a custom Troop 53 neckerchief. Future registration costs will be paid by the Troop for all active Scouts whose dues are current, as well as the cost of all earned rank badges, merit badges, mother's pins, cards, and other selected awards.

Money-making Projects: Appropriate projects will be selected by the Troop's adult leadership, boy leaders, and Troop Committee. *EVERY SCOUT* is expected to participate in equal amounts, since the benefits (new/replacement Troop equipment badges and awards, and registration costs) are for all Scouts.

One of the ways we use this money is to offset the cost of Summer Camp or another major event (canoe trip, Philmont, etc.) to you. In 1998, the Troop Committee approved the below method of offsetting these fees. It is based on how active your son has been in the period of March 1 through February 28/29 of the current year. Your son earns points based on the activities he has participated in. First year Scouts are not eligible for this plan. The details are below:

EVENT	WEIGHT	x	# OF EVENTS/YEAR	=	POINTS
Campouts	5		10		50
Troop meetings (In <i>full</i> uniform)	1		48		48
Fund raisers	4		3		12
Courts of Honor	3		3		9
Service Projects	2		4		8
Total points available (estimated)					127

The last several years, each point was worth \$0.50. That could change up or down for next year depending on how healthy the treasury is. In other words, if your son participates in everything offered he will earn \$63.50 towards the cost of summer camp next year, making your cost \$51.50 (based on this year's camp fee of \$115.00).

Outdoor Activities: Troop 53 has an active outdoor program consisting of camping, hiking, canoeing, skiing, and other special activities. There is at least one of these activities every month all year-round. The Troop provides tents, tarps, cooking stoves, lanterns, Patrol cooking/clean-up equipment, and other items needed for a fun and safe camping environment. Each Scout needs to provide his own eating utensils (plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon, etc.). In addition, parents must ensure their son(s) have clothing and sleeping bags appropriate to the season. Every Scout should acquire a backpack during his first year in Scouting. (For a more detailed list of camping equipment see pages 203–204, 208–210 and 224–225 in the *Boy Scout Handbook*.) Every activity outside of Troop/Patrol meetings will have an information sheet/permission form detailing dates, times, place, cost, emergency phone numbers, etc.

Troop Equipment: The Troop maintains an extensive inventory of common camping gear, including tents, tarps, lanterns, patrol boxes, cooking gear, etc. After each campout, we may require each Scout who attends to take home various items of Troop equipment to be cleaned and/or dried. We ask parents to ensure that their son(s) take these responsibilities seriously, and to return all assigned equipment promptly. Some of this equipment is very expensive to replace so we need everyone's cooperation.

Advancement: Advancement in Boy Scouts is not automatic. It is absolutely essential for each boy to use his personal initiative if he intends to advance in rank. Troop 53 provides ample opportunity for each boy who joins to advance all the way to Eagle Scout if he so chooses. However, we do not "pencil-whip" or force any Scout to advance. Each Scout must set his own goals. Advancement can be broken down into two categories:

Rank Advancement:

Each rank (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) has a specific set of requirements which must be met before the Scout can earn that rank. The last two requirements for every rank except Scout are: "participate in a Scoutmaster Conference" and "meet with a Board of Review." To have a Scoutmaster Conference, a Scout must have completed all but the last two requirements for the rank he is working on. A Board of Review consists of adults from the Troop Committee who review a Scout's record and performance, and the board members decide whether he has learned/retained enough knowledge to justify earning that rank. If a Scout passes a Board of Review he will be awarded his new rank immediately. If he does not pass he will be told exactly what is expected of him to pass the next time he meets the board. Boards of Review are held at the last Troop meeting of each month and other times when deemed necessary. To meet a Board of Review a Scout must have had a Scoutmaster Conference, be in full "Class A" uniform (see Scout Responsibilities handout), have his *Boy Scout Handbook* with him, and be current in paying his dues (item 1 above).

Merit Badges:

Earning merit badges is required for Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. A Scout wishing to earn a merit badge must secure a Merit Badge Request Form from the Scoutmaster, obtain the name of and contact a merit badge counselor, acquire a merit badge pamphlet and comply with the requirements for that badge. A merit badge is not complete until the requested form is returned to the Scoutmaster, signed by the counselor. Counselors will only work with a group of at least two Scouts to comply with the BSA Child Protection Policy. Merit badges are awarded only at Courts of Honor. The Troop maintains a merit badge pamphlet library and our Scouts can check out any of the pamphlets they may need to work on merit badges. These pamphlets must be shared with all Scouts in the Troop and should be returned on a timely basis. Parents may choose to purchase merit badge pamphlets for their son(s) at the Lewis & Clark Council Scout Shop. The Troop welcomes donations of any pamphlets to expand our library.

Safety: The safety of all Scouts in the Troop is of primary concern to the Troop leadership. Because of this, non-folding sheath knives, fireworks, and martial arts weapons (throwing stars, nun-chucks, etc.) will not be permitted at any Troop or patrol functions. Firearms and archery equipment are allowed only at those events specifically scheduled for the use of such items, even then, only under qualified adult supervision. For more information see the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

Troop Committee: The Troop Committee works for the chartering organization and is primarily responsible for supporting the Scoutmaster in delivering a quality Troop program and handling Troop administration. Some of these responsibilities include: providing adequate meeting facilities, carrying out policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, providing adequate funding and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan, obtain/maintain and properly care for Troop property, and recruit & train quality adult leadership. While only registered adults are official, voting members of the Troop Committee, all parents are welcome to attend the monthly Committee meeting which are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. All parents of Scouts registered with the Troop are encouraged to become registered leaders. All parents of Scouts registered with the Troop are considered members of the Troop Committee, and we encourage any and all to become registered with the Lewis & Clark Council. All parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Committee meeting which are held on the 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 PM. There are a variety of jobs that need to be accomplished to make the Troop function efficiently, and it takes more than just a few parents to do this. All positions are held by volunteers — there are no paid positions. Vacant positions may be filled at any time by interested volunteers.

Merit Badge Counselors: Troop 53 provides Merit Badge Counselors for a wide variety of merit badges. The Counselors are parents and other adult leaders within the Troop who have an expertise within one or more subjects. Counselors provide instruction at meetings, campouts, other special events, or on an as-needed basis. Counselors must be registered separately through Lewis & Clark Council. Since counseling can be a long-term (one to three month) commitment, Troop 53 requires that adults wishing to become Counselors must be registered with the Troop for at least one year before they can be included on our Counselor listing or do any formal in-meeting instruction sessions. Counselors running instruction sessions must make a commitment to attend all Troop meetings for a 3 month period (even though the actual instruction sessions may only last 2, 3, or 4 weeks). If the Counselor finds that s/he cannot complete this commitment, it is his/her responsibility to find another approved, registered Counselor to take over for the meeting(s) s/he cannot attend. This allows Scouts to finish requirements and have them signed off by the Counselor.

Web Site and e-mail: Troop 53 maintains a website, <http://troop53.net>, that contains the latest information about events, equipment lists for camping and hiking, event permission forms, and much more. Our website is the

primary means of communications within the Troop. All information about upcoming events, changes in program, calendars, etc. will be on the website first. In addition, there is a password-protected, "Members Only" area which contains rosters, forms, and other information that is best not left open to the rest of the world. To access this area you **must** e-mail a password you want to use to [the webmaster](#). You will receive access credentials within 24 hours. Upon leaving Troop 53 for any reason (drop, transfer, move) you will no longer have access to this area.

Troop 53 also maintains a list of e-mail addresses which is used solely to provide information to troop members in a timely fashion. The e-mail address you provide on the Registration Form will be added to this list. Troop 53 respects your privacy and will not provide any personal information to anyone outside the troop. Upon leaving Troop 53 for any reason (drop, transfer, move), or upon request, your e-mail address will be removed from this list. About once a month you will receive an e-mail about news within the Troop. If there are any late-breaking announcements a special update e-mail may be sent out to all or part of the list.

If you do not have internet access or an e-mail address it is **your** responsibility to contact the Scoutmaster in a timely fashion about receiving printed copies of permission forms, calendars, and other information available on the website. The meeting that the permission form is due is *not* timely. It will not be there for you.

Contacts: Have a question? Need information? Please contact either one of the following:

JEFF COMREY
Committee Chairman

KEVIN MAHONEY
Scoutmaster

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Scout Responsibilities

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INTRODUCTION: In this section are a number of items that discuss what Troop 53 expects of a Scout in terms of his behavior, uniform, and participation. In addition, the boy leaders of the Troop made a set of Troop 53 rules which gave a little more detail. The Troop Committee decided that these two should be combined to produce a set of clear expectations for each Scout.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Each Scout is responsible to any, or all, of the following – his Patrol, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, other boy leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Scoutmaster, and all members of the Troop Committee.

BEHAVIOR: Every Scout is expected to behave appropriately at all Scout functions.

GENERAL: Behavior problems can be either discipline or attitude related. We try to handle most behavior problems within the Troop structure, but there are times when we will contact parents about a problem. These times may include incidents that we feel are too serious to deal with on a Troop level, or repeated occurrences of the same problem. At those times we will contact the Scout's parents to have them discuss the problem with us. On campouts or other non-meeting events the parents will be called and told to come and take their son home. At Troop meetings the Scout will be given a [letter](#) requesting that he not attend any more meetings unless he brings at least one of his parents to discuss the problem with the Scoutmaster. This letter will be followed up by a phone call to the parents. If the problem is deemed serious enough (a fight, for example), the parents will be called immediately to come and get their son. In the most extreme instances, actions will be taken to remove a Scout from Troop 53. The general rules of the Troop are the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. The Scout Oath is: "On my honor, I will do my best: to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight." The Scout Law is: "A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent." (For full explanations of the parts of the Scout Oath and Law, see pages 45–54 in the *Boy Scout Handbook*.) Beyond that, we also have some behavior guidelines for both meetings and campouts.

AT TROOP MEETINGS: The leadership of Troop 53 tries to provide safe, fun, and educational Troop meetings every week. Every Scout is asked to observe the following for the good of all members:

1. Be on time: Troop meetings start promptly at 7:30 PM which means that you are in your patrol line, quiet, and ready to start at that time.
2. Participate in every activity offered to you. If you don't like an activity, you need to contact your Patrol Leader (PL) and let him know so your voice will be heard in the Patrol Leader Council (PLC).
3. Be attentive, which means pay attention to the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), your Patrol Leader, program instructors, and adult leaders.
4. Be cooperative. If asked to do something (within reason), do it. If asked not to do something, don't do it.
5. Don't harass or hassle other Scouts, adult leaders, or instructors.
6. Unless you have specific permission, do not touch, use, or take anything that does not belong to you (other people's stuff).
7. Bring only Scout or meeting program related items with you to Troop meetings. Trading cards, toys, games, radios, and other non-Scout items are not allowed and if they are brought to Troop meetings you will be removed from them for the duration of the meeting.

We also must remember that we are guests in the church building and are only permitted in, and allowed to use, certain parts of it. Troop 53 is responsible for the building and any damage to that building and its contents while we are using it/them. All Scouts are expected to adhere to the following rules concerning the church building:

1. If you arrive when no adult leaders are present and the building happens to be unlocked, **DO NOT ENTER!**
2. At no time will you be allowed to go around the outside of the building.
3. No Scouts are allowed on any floors higher than the basement unless an adult leader is with them.
4. No food or drinks are allowed, they will be taken from you and thrown away.
5. You may *not* use the elevator at any time.

6. It is difficult at times, but try not to track mud and snow inside.
7. Horseplay will not be tolerated.
8. After each meeting or event make sure to clean/straighten up the room(s) that we used, picking up all trash (ours or not ours) and putting furniture back in its place.

ON CAMPING EVENTS: All of the above rules and guidelines apply on camping events with some changes and additions that are camping specific. These include:

1. Arrive on time. We need your help selecting and loading equipment. Also, we don't wait for anyone; if you are late and we are loaded up, we're gone – and you're not!
2. You *WILL* wear a seat belt at all times while traveling no matter what seat you are in.
3. No one is allowed to ride in the back of pickup trucks at any time, in any place, under any circumstances, whatsoever. (Is that clear enough?)
4. The driver of the vehicle you are riding in is the dictator of that vehicle. You will obey him/her at *ALL* times or risk being left by the side of the road with a quarter for a phone call in your pocket ... if you are lucky.
5. You *WILL* be in full uniform (see **UNIFORM** below) while traveling. If you don't have one on you will be asked to do so. If you don't have it with you, you will be asked to go home and get it. If you don't get back in time see #1. When we are coming home the same procedure applies except that you may get left behind at wherever we are camping, and that may be a l-o-n-g way from home.
6. You will do as you are told by your PL, SPL, other youth leaders, and all adult leaders.
7. Each Patrol has a duty roster for campouts. You will do your assigned duties promptly; not at the next meal, or the next day, but at the time that you are assigned. You will not do anything else until your duties are completed.
8. Along with #7, you will not get in the way of someone else doing their assigned duty. Therefore, if you are not a cook for a meal, stay out of the cooking area.
9. No cots in Troop tents.
10. **NO FLAMES OF ANY KIND, IN ANY TENT, AT ANY TIME, IN ANY PLACE, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, WHATSOEVER!!!!!!!** (Again, clear enough? Unless, of course, you have a death wish *and* pay the Troop for a replacement tent ahead of time, that is, ahead of your fiery, very gory, horrific, and extremely painful, death.....get it?) This includes matches, cigarette lighters, open candles, candle lanterns, gas lanterns, stoves of any kind, heaters, campfires, etc.
11. Do NOT play in, or with, any fire of any kind, at any time.....(Apply all of the above, except insert "replacement equipment" where "a replacement tent" appears, since you may burn more than just a tent and, I almost forgot, yourself.)
12. Quiet times are enforced, usually from 10:00 or 11:00 PM until 6:00 or 7:00 AM. Usually they are enforced by the Troop leadership, but when we are in state or federal parks the rangers may also enforce this. Quiet time means that you are in your tent, asleep. If you are not, you will be warned once, then sent home. The Troop cannot afford to be kicked out of a camping area because of one boy's foolishness.
13. A Scout's tent is his home on a campout. Just as you wouldn't go into someone's home without knocking or ringing the bell, you don't enter someone else's tent without their permission.

UNIFORM: All Scouts are expected to wear correct uniforms to all Troop and Patrol events. Correct uniforms, and guidelines for wearing them, are:

- "Class A": Consists of a Scout long or short-sleeved shirt, long or short Scout pants (shorts to be worn with the BSA socks), Scout-type belt, and all other appropriate/earned insignia.
- "Class B": Consists of the above uniform parts except that a Scout T-shirt, Scout sweatshirt, or other Scout related shirt may be worn instead of the Class A shirt.
- Scouts *must* wear the Class A uniform to all Courts of Honor, Boards of Review ([see below](#)), all Troop meetings between October 1 and March 31, while traveling to and from campouts and other events, and to all other events requiring it. Exception – Scouts may wear the Class B uniform to the first Troop meeting after each camping event to allow for cleaning.
- Scouts must wear either the Class A or the Class B uniform to all Troop meetings between April 1 and September 30, and to all other Scouting events where the Class A uniform is not required.
- No hats or jackets are to be worn during Troop meetings.
- There will be quarterly surprise uniform inspections.

PARTICIPATION: Each Scout should participate in as many Troop and Patrol functions as possible. This includes Troop meetings, Patrol meetings, campouts, hikes, civic events, money-making projects, and

conservation & service projects. We realize that there are sometimes conflicts with other family, school, church, and sports events but it is to your advantage to be as active as you can be in Scouts. Make it a top priority instead of a secondary one. When you are at a Troop or Patrol event we ask that you be there not only in body, but in mind and spirit as well. We also ask that you do your best at all times to be a team player, thinking of what is best for your Patrol and Troop not just for you. There will be a cold, rainy morning on a campout (we guarantee it) where you are your Patrol's cook for breakfast. You won't even want to get out of bed, but no one will eat unless you do. This is where being a team player really counts, doing your part even when you don't feel like it. (When that morning comes – and it will – please remember to put a smile on your face ... no one likes a grumpy cook!)

Everyone likes the fun events – campouts, hikes, swimming, canoeing, high adventure, etc. – but you really show your stuff on the things that aren't as much fun – money-making projects, service projects and the like. But a Scout is Helpful, therefore EVERY SCOUT is expected to participate in money-making projects in equal amounts, since the benefits (new/replacement Troop equipment, badges and awards, and registration costs) are for all Scouts. You should also participate in service and conservation projects because we help others outside the Troop at those times. Every Scout should be faithful in paying dues since that money comes back to him in the form of better program. Any Scout more than \$5.00 behind in dues at registration time (March) will not be registered for the following year. If he wants to renew his registration with Troop 53 he will have to pay the New Scout Joining Fee (see [Parents' Information](#) section). In addition any Scout who is not sufficiently active may not be registered for the following year unless he shows intent to become more active. He may also be asked to pay his own registration fees.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Troop 53 strives to provide a quality Scouting program at all meetings and events. Personal electronic devices disrupt that program. The following policies cover these devices:

- **Electronic games, radios, CD/MP3 players:** The best place for these devices is at home. But Scouts may use them while enroute to/from an event *at the discretion of the driver of the vehicle in which they are traveling*. Once at our event destination these items must be turned off and put away for the duration of the event.
- **Cellphones:** Scouts may bring cellphones on camping and other outdoor events but may not use them or have them turned on between the time of arrival at our event destination and the time of departure for home. Use of cellphones while enroute to or from our destination is at the discretion of the driver of the vehicle in which the Scout is riding. Emergency numbers for adults are always published and available for non-camping parents to use.

SAFETY: The safety of all Scouts in Troop 53 is of primary concern to the Troop leadership. Some safety items have already been mentioned, but there are a couple more: Non-folding sheath knives, fireworks, and martial arts weapons (throwing stars, butterfly knives, nun-chucks, etc.) will not be permitted at any Troop or Patrol functions. In addition, firearms and archery equipment are allowed only at those events specifically scheduled for the use of such items, and even then only under qualified adult supervision. For more information see the [Guide to Safe Scouting](#).

INFORMATION: This section is for items that don't fit neatly into the categories already listed.

- **Scoutmaster Conferences:** To have a Scoutmaster Conference, a Scout must have completed all but the last two requirements for the rank he is working on. He must then make a request to the Scoutmaster. Conferences are generally conducted at Troop meetings, but may be held at any other Troop function when there is time.
- **Boards of Review:** Advancement Boards of Review are held at the last Troop meeting of each month and other occasions when deemed necessary. To meet an advancement Board a Scout must have had a Scoutmaster Conference, be in full "Class A" uniform ([see above](#)), and be current in paying his dues. The Troop Committee may also conduct a Board of Review for Scouts who are not advancing in rank or who exhibit conduct unbecoming a Scout. These Boards may be convened at any time.
- **Lost & Found:** The lost and found area is the top drawer of the gray file cabinet. Look there first for any item you may have lost. We don't search for people to match the lost items, so if you can't keep track of your stuff, we can't keep track of it for you. Any items left in the drawer for more than two months are subject to being thrown away, given away, or used as Troop equipment.

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BOY SCOUT TROOP 53
BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS
Lewis & Clark Council, BSA

(Date)

TO: _____

Notice: Because of your behavior at tonight's Scout meeting, you will not be able to attend future troop meetings/activities until one of your parents accompanies you to discuss your behavior with the Scoutmaster.

If you'll recall, we discussed the subject of attitude and behavior at our troop meeting on _____. At that time we informed our Scouts that our meetings were designed for learning and also for fun. When we have specific programs planned that may include a merit badge instructor or other classroom-type activity, we expect our Scouts to be attentive, not disruptive. You are expected to be attentive to whatever is being presented for your benefit. This means you are courteous to the designated instructors whether they are adults or other Scouts. In the future, we won't tolerate any more horseplay. There is a time to work (pay attention) and a time to play (at the designated game time). If you don't like the games that are planned then you need to attend the patrol leaders' council (PLC) and give us your input.

We have a responsibility to teach you about Scouting and you have a responsibility to listen. If you're not interested in what is being taught, then you should get out of that class/activity and let those boys who are interested in the subject learn what they can. If your only aim is to be disruptive and disrespectful, then don't bother coming to future troop meetings until you are ready, willing and able to be attentive and cooperative. If, on the other hand, you want other subjects presented, you need to take the initiative to talk to your patrol leader or other Scout leaders or attend the PLC and give us your input. But, the bottom line is: Don't be a nuisance, especially during class time.

Have you forgotten the Scout Law? "A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent."

Kevin Mahoney
Scoutmaster

Calendars

The latest calendars are available online on the [Troop 53 website](#).

Registration Forms

Registration forms are available from the Scoutmaster or you may download them from the [National BSA website](#).

Notes

Some notes about this file:

- The hyperlinks work just like they do on web pages. If you are offline while reading this document and click on a hyperlink that points to a page outside this document, your web browser will open and, depending on your settings and ISP, the connection dialogue may start. Once connected, you will be taken to the target page or you may have to click the link again.
- Navigating is pretty easy. There is a Table of Contents in the left frame that you just click on to go to the heading indicated. There is also a page of contents that has hyperlinks to the headings.
- This file used to be printed and handed out to all new Scouts in Troop 53. Now they are just pointed to our website. The printed version was put in a "clamp" folder that has the 3 clamps that crimp down on the paper. Therefore, this file is set up to be printed on both sides of the paper. The left margin is a little larger than the right on odd numbered pages and vice versa on even numbered pages. If you decide to print this document you can punch it and put it in a 3-ring binder without punching out the text. The sections (Parents' Information, Scout Responsibilities, etc.) can be printed and used as-is by selecting the pages in the print dialogue. Adobe Reader keeps track of the page numbers at the bottom of the window.
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