



Troop 133 Guidelines/FAQs

Why Scouting?

TO BUILD CHARACTER: Scouting focuses on developing self-reliance, self-discipline, self-confidence, and self-respect. As a boy develops these qualities, he begins to develop positive values of character. That is, he develops a sense of morality and ethical behavior which is valued by society.

TO FOSTER CITIZENSHIP is to encourage behavior in terms of duties, obligations, privileges and functions of a citizen. Scouting endeavors not only to instill a love of Country, but knowledge of its heritage and history; and an appreciation for the democracy that knits together the many cultures of this nation.

TO DEVELOP FITNESS is in four areas: physical, mental, emotional, and moral. This is a broad task. It ranges from good health and eating habits; abstinence from tobacco, alcohol, and drugs; development of his mental capabilities, emotional balance and stability; and the courage to make moral judgments.



Who can join?

Boy Scouting is for boys 11 to 17 years of age.

When do we meet?

Tuesday nights
7:00pm to 8:30pm

Where do we meet?

Scout Hut
6100 Sardis Road
Charlotte, NC 28270
(across from Sardis Presbyterian Church)

Do I have to go?

Participation in meetings and monthly outings is an integral part of Scouting and a necessity for ALL rank advancement. Troop 133 has defined **MINIMUM** participation as:

- Attendance at **75% of the meetings**
AND
- Participation in **75% of monthly outings**

The Scoutmaster has discretion to excuse absences.

What do I wear?

	Articles of Uniform (BSA issued / approved)	When/Where Worn
“Full” Class A	Pants and Shirt Belt Socks Neckerchief & Slide Merit Badge Sash or Order of the Arrow Sash <i>(sashes are not necessary for non-Eagle Boards of Review)</i>	Court of Honor Board of Review Church Services Scout Sunday OA Ordeals Special Events
Class A	Pants and Shirt Belt Socks	Meetings Travel to / from outings
Class B	Pants/Shorts Scout T-shirt Belt Socks (optional)	Summer Meetings (Memorial Day to Labor Day) Troop Activities, as announced

Note: Effective Oct. 1, 2013, the official Boy Scouts of America uniform policy is that **shirts are to be worn tucked in.**

- Footwear (closed-toed shoes) should be appropriate for the occasion. Our Scoutmaster recommends hiking boots or brown shoes for meetings and all Full Class A events.



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How do I Rank Advance?

1. Complete the requirements (get them signed-off in your book) as covered in the Scout Handbook.

Note: Be sure you are aware of the new rank requirements. **Beginning Jan. 1, 2017, all Scouts MUST use the current requirements regardless of rank.**

2. Request, schedule, and participate in a Scoutmaster Conference.
3. Request, schedule, and participate in a Board of Review.



How do I earn a Merit Badge?

1. Request a "blue card" (merit badge application) from the Advancement Chairman.
2. Talk with the Scoutmaster about the merit badge you want to earn and ask him to sign your blue card.
3. Find an authorized merit badge counselor – the Troop maintains a list of registered counselors.
4. When you have met all of the requirements, your counselor will sign your blue card.
5. Return the signed blue card to the Advancement Chairman for processing/recording with the Council Office.
6. Once recorded with the Council Office, your stamped blue card will be returned to you with a patch for your sash (usually at the next Court of Honor).

What do I take on a camping trip?

Equipment needs vary depending on the type of camping and activities for a given trip. Below is a list of the minimum necessary items to pack:

The Essentials

- Backpack with padded hip strap.*
- Backpack cover*
- Sleeping Bag with stuff sack (<50°F)*
- Sleeping pad*
- Plastic water bottles (2)*
- Plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon (plastic)*
- Headlamp*
- Personal first aid kit (homemade)*
- Poncho/ Rain suit*
- Compass & Whistle*
- Pocket Knife*
- Hiking Boots*
- Bandanna*
- Appropriate Clothing*
- Personal hygiene items*
- Matches (in a waterproof container)*
- Sunscreen*
- Bug Spray*

Notes:
