

New Scout Orientation

The most basic human desire is to feel like you belong. Fitting in is important. – Simon Sinek

Vision Statement

Troop 742 will provide young women the opportunity to develop competencies in a wide range of areas with a focus on leadership and outdoor skills, to enjoy a sense of fellowship and belonging, and to live the values of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Abbreviations

CC:	Committee Chair	PL:	Patrol Leader
SM:	Scoutmaster	SMC:	Scoutmaster Conference
ASM:	Assistant Scoutmaster	BOR:	Board of Review
PLC:	Patrol Leaders Council	COH:	Court of Honor
SPL:	Senior Patrol Leader	MB:	Merit Badge
ASPL:	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	MBC:	Merit Badge Counselor

Ranks

Scout

Tenderfoot

Second Class

First Class

Star

Life

Eagle

General Information

- Troop 742's mission is to develop future leaders according to the principles and values learned and lived in the Scout Oath and Scout Law combined with outdoor activities, community service, and leadership training and opportunities.
- A Scout-Led Troop is one where all meetings and campouts are run by the scouts for the benefit of the scouts, under the broad oversight of adult leaders.

- The four stages of leadership are: 1) Self-leadership, 2) Follow cooperatively, 3) complete duties as assigned, and 4) manage others.
- The three tools of leadership are: 1) planning, 2) communication, and 3) the EDGE method.

Advancement Notes

- Scouts learn, senior Scouts and Scoutmasters test, the Committee reviews, and then the Scout is recognized.
- The standard for testing a skill is “no more and no less.”
- Parents/guardians/relatives may not sign off on their own child’s advancement in most instances, even if they are part of the SM team. Scouts have signing permission based on rank.
- Scouts are responsible for requesting their own SMCs and BORs when appropriate.
- “Outings” for rank cannot take place during regular meeting hours, even if the meeting is held off-site. An outing must be additional to regular meeting times.
- Make sure your camping log, hiking log, and service log in your BSA Handbook is up to date.
- You may not have a BOR on the same day as a SMC. You may not have a BOR the same day you request the BOR. In most instances, you will be asked to wait until the next meeting or later.
- After you achieve a rank, your service hours reset to zero. You must complete an appropriate service project for each rank.
- All service projects must be approved by the Scoutmaster before the project is initiated.
- Youth leadership needs to attend at least 60% of meetings and campouts to fulfill their leadership roles.

Merit Badge Notes

- You may ask for merit badge blue cards at any time, ideally you should obtain it before work is initiated.
- Your parents/guardians/relatives cannot be your MBC unless they are working with at least one other scout in addition to their own child(ren).
- Always use the buddy system when meeting with a merit badge counselor.
- You can do a maximum of 7 Eagle-required and a total of 15 merit badges with a single MBC.

Youth Protection

- Minimum of two-deep leadership on all outings is required.
- One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.
- Separate accommodations for adults and scouts are required.
- Privacy of the youth will be respected.

- The inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited.
- No secret organizations are allowed.
- No hazing.
- No bullying.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Youth leadership is monitored by adult leaders.
- Discipline must be constructive.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.
- Members are responsible to act according to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Units are responsible to enforce Youth Protection Policies.
- Leaders are mandatory reporters of child abuse.

Treasury

- Dues are \$220 a year or four payments of \$55 each quarter.
- Dues can be paid quarterly: January 1st, April 1st, July 1st, October 1st.
- Notices will be sent 30 days before payment is due.
- You may pay via Zelle to troop742sc@gmail.com or by check or cash.
- The treasurer maintains individual records and will send reports periodically.
- Negative balances are due within 30 days of notification.
- Scouts have the option of fundraising to cover the costs of rechartering, dues, and camping trips.

Links

- **Email:** troop742sc@gmail.com (monitored by the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and Treasurer)
- **Website:** <https://www.troop742sc.org>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/troop742sc/>
- **Band:** Scouts BSA Troop 742 <https://band.us/>
- **Zelle:** <https://www.zellepay.com/>

Parents Camping with the Troop

- YPT requires that 2 adults over the age of 21 are on every activity, with one adult being a female.

- Parents/guardians are welcome in most instances.
- All parents/guardians must be YPT trained and provide medical forms to attend campouts.
- Adults camp and cook with other adults in the adult patrol.
- Adults are responsible for all youth, not only their children.
- Adults are there in a supervisory capacity, not a leadership capacity.
- In the event of a safety risk, adults should jump in immediately and mitigate the risk.
- Pre-trip requirements apply to adults and scouts.
- Troop rules apply, not home rules.
- Follow the campout plan.
- Avoid speeding.
- No firearms.
- No alcohol or mind-altering substances.
- Avoid smoking in front of Scouts.
- You are not your child's buddy.
- Assume your Scout will not be riding with you.
- At no point do you take your Scout to go somewhere.
- You may not sleep in a tent with your Scout.
- In general, you will not eat with your Scout.
- Avoid the youth camping area.
- Do not help your Scout set up her tent or carry her gear.
- Pack separately.
- Do not clean for Scouts.
- Avoid disciplining your own Scout (or any scout – please leave that to the Scout Leadership).

Gear List

For a weekend campout, bring the gear on the list below and please be ready for rain. A full rain suit consisting of a rain jacket with hood and pants is really necessary. This suit plus waterproof boots and wool or poly socks will keep a Scout dry. Cotton t-shirts and socks will make Scouts cold, wet and miserable. Please do not bring them if at all avoidable. Make sure you remember to bring sleeping clothes, and always change into clothes that are only for sleeping each night. Try to keep the weight of everything in the duffel bag/pack to the lesser of twenty pounds or 20% of the Scouts weight, because she will need to carry it independently. On this list is a tent; however, Scouts are urged to “buddy up” with another Scout for sleeping. We buddy up for two reasons 1) they will be warmer and 2) by reducing the number of tents, we also reduce the impact of our camping on the environment. Place your sleeping bag in a waterproof sack or trash bag. Seal clothes in zip-lock bags or waterproof compression sacks. An extra zip-lock bag for the Scout handbook and medical forms is also a good idea.

Packing List

Medical Forms	Matches/fire starter (with Firem'n Chit)
Tent	2 wide-mouth Nalgene bottles or 3L bladder hydration system
Ground cloth	Scout Handbook
Sleeping bag	Scout uniform pants, skort, or shorts
Sleeping pad	Scout uniform shirt
Flashlight or headlamp	Neckerchief
Mess kit: bowl, cup, spoon	2 poly t-shirts
Duffel bag or backpack	2 changes of underwear
Small daypack	3 pairs of wool or poly socks
Small first aid kit	Poly sleep clothes
Toothbrush	Rain gear
Toothpaste	Waterproof hiking shoes
Soap	Extra closed toed shoes (optional)
Camp towel	Bathroom shoes (crocs are ideal)
Compass	Knit cap (seasonal)
Folding Knife (with Totin' Chip)	Gloves (seasonal)
Sunscreen	Fleece pullover (seasonal)
Bug spray	