

Troop 125's Scouting Glossary

Advancement

The Scouts BSA advancement program is designed to provide both basic skills that a young person will need to live in the world and to introduce special career oriented skills. Scouts BSA Handbook is a key part of their advancement program. It provides the current requirements that they will need to meet in order to advance in rank. It also provides a place (near the back of the book) for recording the leader's signature and date of completion for each requirement. It is the Scout's personal record of their advancement, and should be brought to each meeting and retained for the duration of their Scout career. The Assistant Scoutmasters maintain a detailed computer record of each Scout's advancement using Scoutbook. In Troop 125 parents/guardians DO NOT mark advancement for their own Scout.

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

The Assistant Scoutmasters are selected by the Scoutmaster to assist with the troop program, based upon their experience and potential for active participation in the activities of the troop.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)

Appointed youth leader who helps the Senior Patrol Leader and leads the Troop when the SPL is away.

Board of Review

After completing the Scoutmaster Conference, the Scout is reviewed by a panel of 3-4 Committee Members (**not** the Scoutmaster or ASMs) in a Board of Review to discuss the requirements and their involvement with the Troop. The Board of Review is not a retest and it is not a pass/fail exam - it is an opportunity for a Scout to reflect on their Scouting experience and set goals and is a way for the Troop Committee to monitor how the Troop is functioning.

Scouting America (formerly the Boy Scouts of America (BSA))

The parent organization, which encompasses Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, Sea Scouts, and Venturing. BSA is headquartered in Irving, Texas and is responsible for providing insurance for Scouting units and a standardized training and advancement curriculum.

Bugler

Appointed youth leader who wakes up the Troop and calls Scouts to assemble.

Chaplain Aide

Appointed youth leader who organizes Scouts Own services and leads the Troop in Grace.

Chartered Organization

The legal entity that partners with Scouting America to charter a Troop. Our Chartered Organization is Meizon Church.

Chartered Organization Representative

This person oversees the activities of the Troop and acts as the liaison between the Troop and the Church. The CoR is a member of the Key 3.

Cracker Barrel

A late night snack (often cookies) eaten after dinner as a Patrol, while in camp.

Courts of Honor

Courts of Honor are scheduled three times per year in-lieu of a regular Troop meeting. All rank advancements (except Eagle Scout), merit badges earned, and outing participation are recognized.

Den Chief

A Den Chief is a youth leader who assists a Cub Scout den and serves as a role model for younger Scouts. The position strengthens the Pack-Troop connection by promoting the Troop and helping Webelos transition into Scouts BSA.

Eagle Scout

Eagle Scout is the highest rank in Scouting and is achieved by fewer than one in twenty Scouts. The requirements for the rank of Eagle Scout must be completed before the Scout reaches their eighteenth birthday. It is the responsibility of the Scout to fulfill the requirements for this rank. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters provide assistance to any Life Scout who wishes to make the journey to Eagle.

Grubmaster

The grubmaster is a Scout or Scouter who procures food for their patrol. The Grubmaster works with their Patrol to develop a meal plan, a menu, and a shopping list, bearing in mind the roster, the budget, and any dietary restrictions for the trip. On backpacking or boating trips, the Grubmaster supervises the division and packing of the food. The Grubmaster should submit receipts to the Program Lead for the trip ASAP.

High Adventure

Our Troop goes on a High Adventure trip every Summer, visiting one of the BSA High Adventure Bases (Sea Base, Philmont, Northern Tier). These High Adventure trips are reserved for the older Scouts.

Historian

Appointed youth leader who records the Troop's activities.

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST)

ILST is a Troop level leadership course for Scouts. We conduct an ILST training once or twice a year. The training is run by the PLC.

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills (IOLS)

IOLS is an outdoors skills training course for Adults. It goes through all of the requirements for First Class rank, with an emphasis on teaching and guiding those skills. It is required for a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster to be fully trained.

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM)

A Scout who has shown outstanding leadership skills may be appointed by the Scoutmaster to serve as a junior assistant Scoutmaster (JASM). The junior assistant Scoutmaster functions just like an assistant Scoutmaster (except for leadership responsibilities reserved for adults 18 years of age or older). In this capacity, junior assistant Scoutmasters (a troop may have more than one) follow the guidance of the Scoutmaster in providing support and supervision to other youth leaders in the troop. Generally, an Eagle Scout will hold the position of JASM.

Key 3

These are the three top adult individuals within each segment of Scouting.

- Unit leader (Scoutmaster)
- Unit committee chair
- Chartered organization representative

Lights Out

Bedtime in camp. All youth are expected to be in their tents, quiet, with their lights turned off. The time of Lights Out is set by the PLC in the schedule for the event and it is set to make sure that Scouts have enough time to sleep before Reveille. Unless there are extenuating circumstances, Lights Out will be AT LEAST 8 hours before Reveille.

Merit Badge

Merit badges give scouts the opportunity to investigate 140

(<https://www.scouting.org/skills/merit-badges/all/>) different areas of knowledge and skills. The merit badge program plays a major role in the scouting advancement program and participation can begin as soon as a scout registers with a troop. Scouts earn merit badges by working through the curriculum under the supervision of a Merit Badge Counselor. The Merit Badge must be completed as written - all requirements must be completed and requirements cannot be added. To earn a merit badge, the Scout should first pick a subject and talk to the Scoutmaster about finding a counselor for that particular merit badge. The Scout should read the requirements (see <http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges.aspx>) plus Background information for the merit badge. Please note, it is at the discretion of the merit badge counselor to accept work done prior to meeting the counselor. For each rank advancement and merit badge earned, the Scout is given a patch and a certificate card at the next Court of Honor.

Merit Badge Counselor (MBC)

An adult who has registered as a MBC with the BSA and had a background check. MBCs register to teach specific merit badges that they have some degree of subject matter expertise in.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

NYLT is the youth leadership development training offered by the at the council level over six days for Scouts who are at least 13 and have attained First Class rank. Completion of NYLT is a requirement for serving as SPL.

North Florida Council

Our local Council, which is responsible for overseeing and supporting Scouting units from Cedar Key to Jacksonville and from the border with Georgia to Ocala. The Council is divided into Districts - our District is Five Rivers 1.

Outdoor Code

The Outdoor Code captures the essence of the Scouting's Outdoor Ethics and establishes our aspirations and commitment.

As an American, I will do my best to –

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.

Outdoor Ethics Guide

Appointed youth leader who leads the Troop in reciting the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace Principles. The primary trainer of Leave No Trace.

Outdoor Program

The Scouting program is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Most scout advancement takes place outdoors, whether during a campout, or at Summer Camp. Campouts occur monthly.

Patrol

A team of Scouts that typically consists of six to ten Scouts. The Patrol is the fundamental unit of Scouting. The Patrol plans together, eats together, camps together, has chores together, and generally operates as a self-governing entity.

Patrol Leader

Elected Leader of a Patrol, responsible for making sure that the Patrol works as a team.

Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)

The youth leadership group for the Troop. The Senior Patrol Leader leads the PLC. All Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Troop Guides, and Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are members of the PLC. The PLC customarily meets twice a month.

Planning Conference (or Planning Campout)

A weekend long planning campout held in the Spring where the Scouts choose their activities for the following year.

Quartermaster

Appointed youth leader who is responsible for taking care of the Troop's gear.

Reveille

The time we get up in camp. The time of Reveille is set by the PLC in the schedule for the event and it is set to make sure that Scouts have enough time to get ready for the day's activities. The Bugler is responsible for waking the Troop.

Scholarship Fund

The Troop maintains a Scholarship Fund. Please apply for a Scholarship if finances are a barrier to participating in Scouting.

Scout

A youth member of Scouting America, between age 10 and age 17.

Scout Account

Each Scouting family maintains a Scout Account with the Troop Treasurers. The Treasurers bill each Scout account for outings based on the roster submitted by the program lead for that activity. The Treasurers require each family to bring their Scout Account to a positive value quarterly. If a Scout Account is negative, the Scout will not be able to attend Summer Camp or be included in our annual Recharter.

Scoutbook

An online management and planning tool located at <https://scoutbook.scouting.org/>. This is where the Troop tracks advancement and where Scouts RSVP to upcoming trips.

Scouter

An adult member of Scouting America. Scouters serve in some leadership capacity, either serving on the Troop Committee or the Scoutmaster Corps.

Scout Law

The 12 points of the Scout Law represent a Scout's purpose and guiding principles. Every Scout must memorize the Scout Law.

A Scout is:

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind

- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent

Scoutmaster

The Scoutmaster provides the key guidance that makes the Scouting program successful. The Scoutmaster is appointed by the Chartered Organization Representative, with the approval of the Troop Committee. The Scoutmaster is a member of the Key 3.

Scoutmaster Corps

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters, when referred to collectively.

Scout Motto

The Scout Motto of the Scout movement is, in English, "Be Prepared", with most international branches of the group using a close translation of that phrase. These mottoes have been used by millions of Scouts around the world since 1907.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Skills

Practical outdoor skills, including the safe use of knives, axes, and saws; fire building; rope use and knot tying; compass and map use; hiking; and camping.

Scout Slogan

The Scout slogan is "Do a Good Turn Daily." That means doing something to help others each day without expecting anything in return. It means that Scouts do their part to care for the community and the environment.

Scribe

Appointed youth leader who is responsible for taking notes and compiling duty rosters and camp programs.

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

The elected youth leader of the Troop. The Senior Patrol Leader customarily serves a six month term.

Strong in Spirit

Troop 125's motto. Often yelled after someone says "Troop 125!"

Summer Camp

Summer camp is a week-long event in either June or July, at either a Florida camp or an out-of-state camp.

Ten Essentials

Ten essential items every scout should have when heading out on any adventure.

1. Pocket Knife
2. First Aid Kit
3. Extra Clothing
4. Rain Gear
5. Water Bottle
6. Flashlight
7. Trail Food
8. Fire
9. Sun Protection
10. Navigation

Tot'n Chip

The Tot'n Chip certifies that the Scout has been trained in the safe use of knives and axes. Scouts must have a Tot'n Chip card to carry a knife or use an axe or saw.

Troop Committee

This is the administrative body of the Troop. The committee oversees the activities and the program of the troop, ensures that proper leadership is provided for the Scouts in the program, and that the troop has adequate equipment, meeting facilities, funds, etc. The Troop Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month and all adults are encouraged to attend and take part in the discussion.

Troop Committee Chair

Convenes Troop Committee Meetings and appoints individuals to fill various committee positions. The Committee Chair is appointed by the Chartered Organization Representative, with the approval of the Scoutmaster. The Committee Chair is a member of the Key 3.

Troop Guide

Appointed youth leader who is responsible for teaching Scout Skills to the younger Scouts.

Troop Meeting

Our regular Monday night meeting. The Troop meets every Monday except for school holidays. Unless otherwise noted, we meet from 7:30 to 9 PM at Meizon Church (3411 NW 83 St, Gainesville, FL 32606). Troop Meetings start with gathering and announcements, then moves to advancement and planning, then a game or activity, and ends with a closing.

Uniform

The official uniform is an important part of our program. All youth members and all program staff (Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters) wear complete BSA Uniforms. Troop Committee Members can also wear the uniform if they wish.

The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world fellowship of youth who believe in the same ideals and creates a positive youth image in the community. Wearing the uniform shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform is practical attire for Scout activities and provides a way for Scouts to wear the patches that show what they have accomplished.

Each Scout should have at least one Class-A Uniform. The Class-A Uniform (the "Dress Uniform") is worn to all Troop meetings, Scoutmaster's Conferences, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, en route to and from all Troop outings, most Troop functions, and is required for summer camp.

Each Scout should also have at least one Class-B Uniform (the "Work Uniform"). The Class-B Uniform substitutes a Troop 125 T-shirt for the Scout Shirt. The Class-B Uniform is worn at work days, on campouts, at summer camp, and at some Troop functions in lieu of the Class-A Uniform.

Vespers

Recited at the end of Troop meetings:

(sung to the tune of Oh Tanenbaum)

*Softly falls the light of day,
As our campfire fades away,
Silently each Scout should ask:*

*Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright,
Can I guiltless, sleep tonight,
Have I done and have I dared,
Everything to be prepared?*

(spoken)

And now may the great Scoutmaster of us all be with us until we meet again,
and may we follow the path that leads to him.
Goodnight Scouts!

Webmaster

Appointed youth leader who updates the Troop website.

Woodbadge

Adult leadership training over two weekends. Woodbadge students take on several 'tickets' or large projects to execute over the following year. They earn the right to special insignia (neckerchiefs, beads, patches, shoulder loops) upon completion of the course.