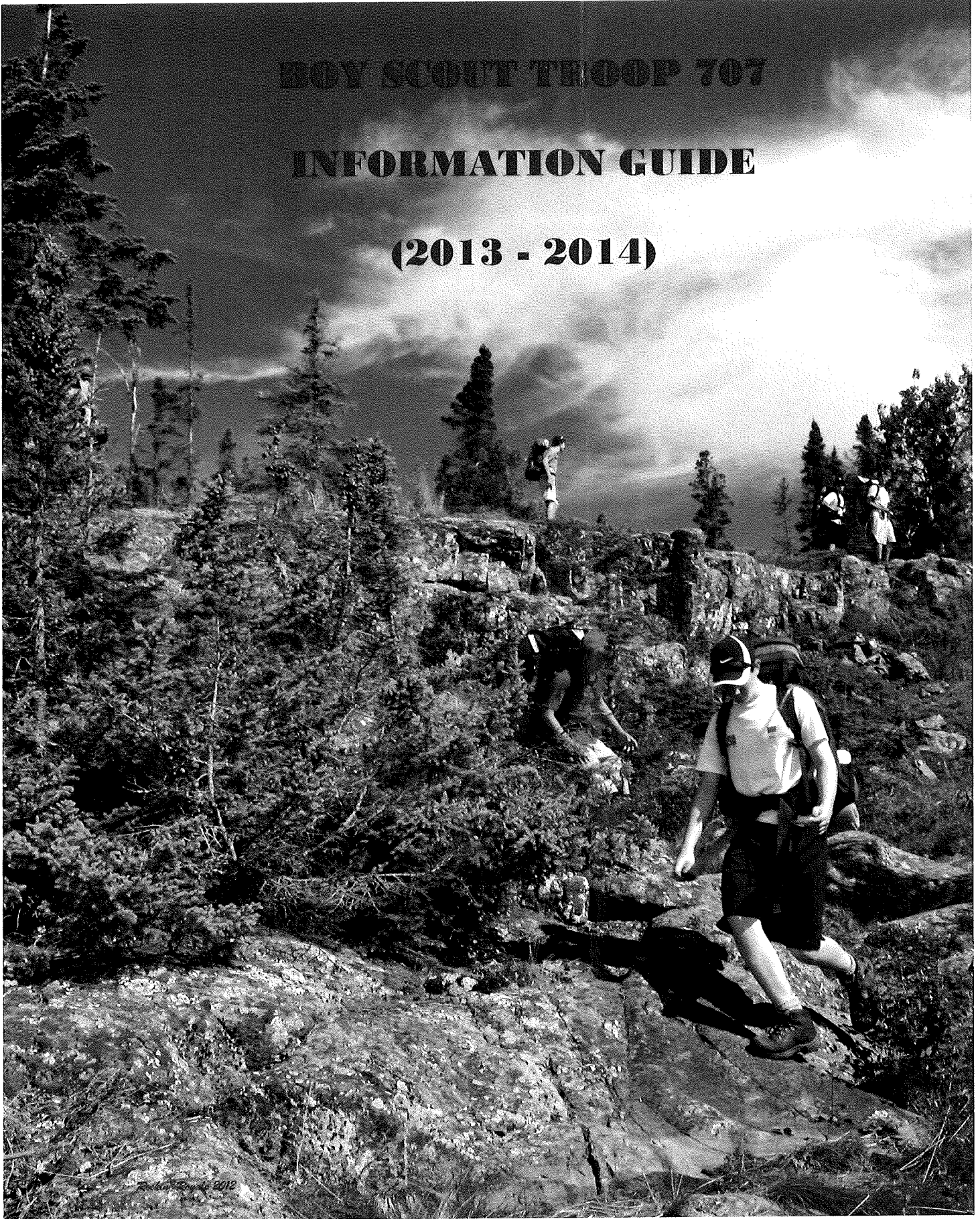
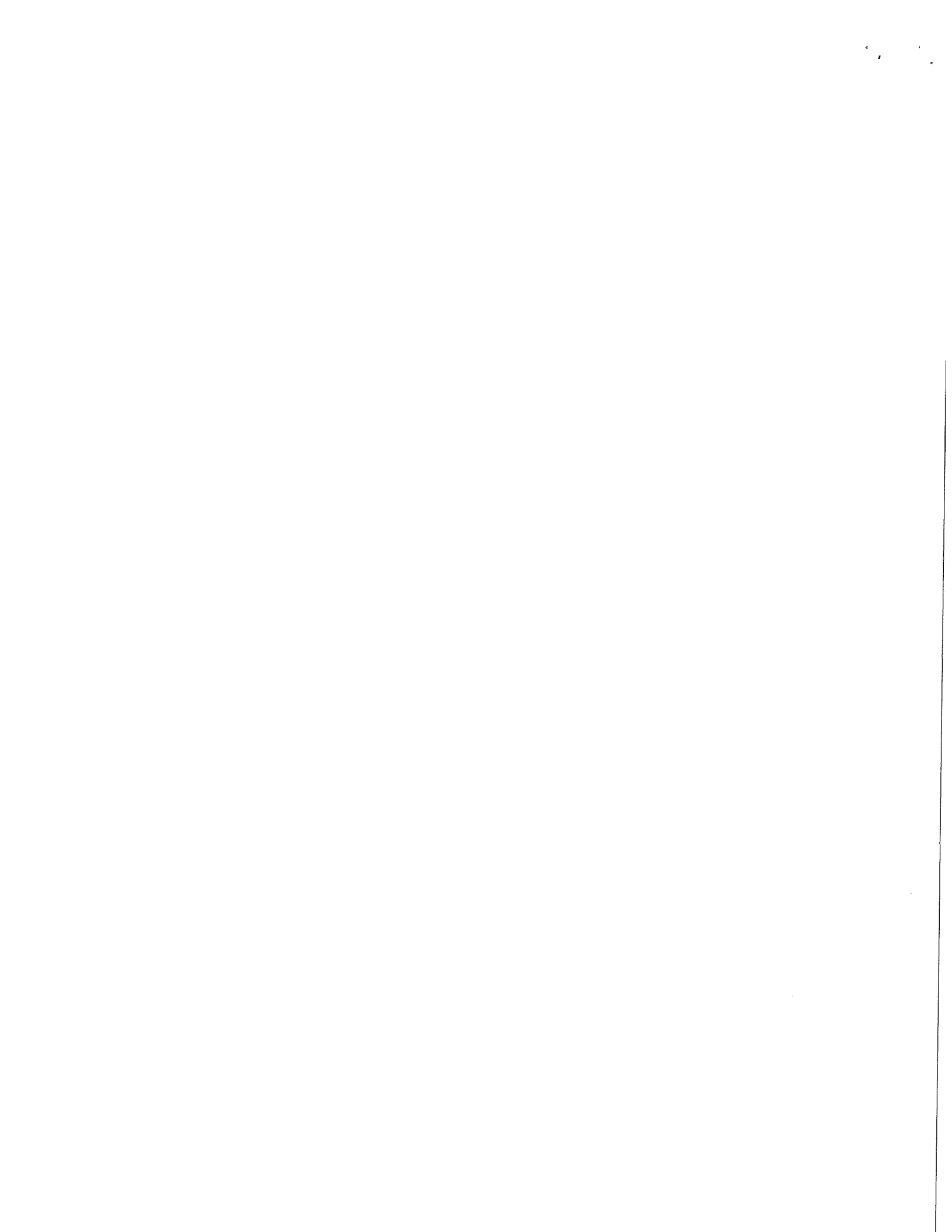


**BOY SCOUT TROOP 707**

**INFORMATION GUIDE**

**(2013 - 2014)**





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Boy Scout Troop 707 is over 45 years old with its original charter issued in May of 1966. The troop is sponsored and supported by Calvary Episcopal Church, located in downtown Columbia. The primary goals of the troop are threefold: to develop Leadership, instill Citizenship, and build Character. These goals are achieved through an active outdoor program combined with a leadership structure that places the scouts, (subject to Scoutmaster and Troop Committee review and supervision), in charge of all activities, meetings, and campouts. Leadership positions are listed below. Consult our most recent troop roster to determine who is filling those positions.

## **Scout Leadership**

Troop elections for Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader are held twice a year (usually in September and February). A Scout must be at least First Class rank to run for Patrol Leader and at least Star rank to run for Senior Patrol Leader. Troop officers such as Quartermaster, Scribe, etc., are appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader and have no rank requirement. The Scout leadership positions are:

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

Assistant SPL (ASPL)

Patrol Leaders

Officers:

Quartermaster

Scribe

Librarian

Bugler

Chaplain

Historian

Instructor

## **Patrols**

Patrols are subdivisions of the troop of approximately 6 to 8 Scouts led by a Patrol Leader. Patrol Leaders are experienced Scouts who have attained at least the First Class rank. In Troop 707, patrols are dissolved and reformed twice each year (at the same time as troop elections). This semiannual reforming of patrols permits other First Class Scouts to take a swing at being Patrol Leader and also allows the boys to try out other patrols.

A new Scout is permitted to join any patrol he chooses unless that patrol is already at full strength. The Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader will discuss the available patrols with each new Scout. Rarely, but with Scoutmaster approval, an entire entering Webelos group may form its own new patrol rather than separating into existing patrols. In such a case, either the First Class requirement for Patrol Leader will be waived, or a First Class Scout will be assigned to the new patrol to serve as Patrol Leader.

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## **Meetings**

Troop 707 holds its meetings every Tuesday night (except holidays or days when school has been cancelled) of every month except August. All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. and are over between 8:30 and 8:40 p.m. The troop has no regularly scheduled meetings in August except for the annual planning meeting.

Some Tuesdays may be designated as a Troop Leaders' Council (TLC) meeting during which the Scout leaders plan the activities for the upcoming months. Only those Scouts who are members of the TLC are required to attend this meeting. TLC members are the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Patrol Leaders (PL), Troop Officers, and members of the Senior Patrol. Other Scouts may attend if they desire, but are not expected to attend.

Some Tuesdays will have time before the regular meeting designated as "advancement". Any scout that is working on requirements for rank advancement or for a particular merit badge can attend during this time for assistance from a Scoutmaster or member of the Senior Patrol.

## **Meeting Location**

Most meetings are held at the parish hall of Calvary Episcopal Church, Ninth and Locust Streets. During fair weather months, May(ish) through September(ish), the troop meets outside at various parks and recreational areas in Columbia. During months which are not so fair, and for TLC meetings, (or anytime there is inclement weather), the troop usually meets inside at "the Church."

## **Troop Leaders' Council**

The Troop Leaders' Council, or "TLC", consists of the Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders, Troop Officers, and all members of the Senior Patrol. The TLC is responsible for the vast majority of the day-to-day leadership and planning within the troop. This leadership and planning includes such specific activities as deciding what scout skills will be taught at meetings (and which Scouts will teach the skills), what games and activities will be conducted, and when and where campouts will be held. The TLC is also responsible for broader questions involving troop policy, discipline and advancement. The TLC meetings will be scheduled and marked on the Troop 707 calendar.

## **Advancement**

Scouts advance in rank (from Scout to Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life & Eagle) by having requirements checked off in their Scout books. These requirements may be checked off by the Scoutmaster, any of the Assistant Scoutmasters, or any Scout who has,

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himself, already achieved the next higher rank. For example, a First Class Scout may check off any requirements for the ranks of Scout, Tenderfoot, or Second Class. He may not, however, check off any requirements of a fellow First Class Scout, even if he himself has already had that requirement checked off. With a few notable exceptions, parents usually should not check off requirements for their own son. An example of when a parent may check off a requirement, is when the Scout is required to discuss certain matters with his parents (i.e., drug and child abuse), or when the Scout is required to engage in a joint activity with his parents (i.e., home fire inspection). The "no parental check-off rule" does not mean that parents may not assist their son in advancement! Parents are strongly encouraged to work with their son to master the skills necessary to advance. It is a truism that no Scout attains Eagle without strong parental support!

Once a Scout has everything in his book checked off for the next rank, he must arrange for a Scoutmaster conference and must appear before a board of review. The Scoutmaster conference is usually a 10 to 15 minute meeting with one of the Scoutmasters to discuss the Scout's status and goals. The board of review is a bit more formal and entails a panel of Troop Committee Members inquiring into the Scout's substantive scouting skills, leadership and citizenship. Unless special arrangements to the contrary are made with either the Senior Patrol Leader or the Advancement Chairman, all boards of review will be held during the regularly scheduled Troop Committee meetings.

### Campouts

Most of Troop 707's campouts are 2-day activities with the Scouts leaving on Saturday morning and returning around before noon on Sunday morning. We rely on parent volunteers to drive the Scouts to and from most campouts. Drivers are coordinated by the Troop Transportation Chairperson. Most of our campouts take place within 20 miles of Columbia in Federal designated wilderness areas or state forest.

Troop 707 is an all-weather troop and usually will not cancel or postpone a campout on account of adverse weather. Rain, sleet, snow, or sunshine, Troop 707 will generally camp unless the weather makes travel to or from the campsite too hazardous for driving. An exception to the "No Rain-Out" policy is when the planned theme requires a particular weather condition. For example, it may be necessary to postpone a swimming campout if it snows, or postpone a misery campout if it does not snow! If we postpone a campout we will try to give as much notice as possible.

Each of Troop 707's monthly campouts has a theme. The themes are selected by the TLC at the troop planning meeting in August. More detailed planning and development of the theme is done during the weeks preceding the campout. The themes of the campouts are varied and only limited by the imagination and desires of the Scouts. Some common campout themes and descriptions include:

**Parent & Son Float Trip:** We usually float rivers in southern Missouri or northern Arkansas. We have floated the Eleven Point, North Fork of the White, Jack's Fork, Current, and other wild rivers.

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**Rappelling & Zip-line:** The Scouts rappel from 20 to 75 foot high cliffs. The zip-line is a hair parting ride hanging from a trolley running on a 200 foot length of steel cable.

**Primitive:** No utensils, flashlights, tents, or matches on this campout! Scouts will build primitive shelters; start fires with flint and steel or bow and drill; cook chickens, biscuits, potatoes, gingerbread, bacon, eggs, and more with absolutely no utensils, pots, pans, foil, cups, plates, etc., allowed. The Scouts often build an obstacle course and slide-for-life.

**Misery:** This is usually a guaranteed snow campout, held in January or February. The Scouts pack their packs and wait for the first big snowfall or biting cold. They may receive only two hours notice prior to the campout. The troop official record is minus 12 degrees Fahrenheit set in February, 2004.

**Map & Compass:** The Scouts are blind-folded and dropped off by patrol in wilderness locations approximately five miles from the central campsite. Each patrol uses map and compass skills to make its way to the campsite.

**Competition:** Each patrol competes for points and prizes toward the "Honor Patrol" award and patch. Events vary from year to year but may include: relays, obstacle course, tree climbing, .22 rifle marksmanship, trailing and stalking, reflector oven baking, tug-o-war, and capture-the-flag.

**Cooking:** This campout focuses on refining our outdoor cooking and camping skills. Expect Chicken Kiev, Shish Kabobs, Twice-Baked potatoes, French-Apple pie and more! Hotdogs have no place on this campout!

Other campout themes over the past years have included Survival, Biking, Shooting, Caving, Capture-The-Flag, Swimming, Raft Building, Hiking, and Sports.

### **Summer Camp and Special adventures**

Troop 707 attends summer camp every year. Our camp of choice is in-council Camp Hohn at the Lake of the Ozarks. This six night camping experience gives the Scouts an opportunity to earn merit badges from camp provided counselors and enjoy special functions with hundreds of other Boy Scouts.

In addition to our other activities, the Scouts will decide to have some special adventures. When the weather becomes warmer we may take a day and go to the Columbia Alpine Tower for climbing. Perhaps a one day trip to a theme park such as Oceans of Fun or Six Flags. We could go snow skiing in Colorado or go to one of the artificial snow slopes in Missouri for a special midnight ski trip.

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## Camping Gear

All BSA programs incorporate camping as one of the fundamental ways to train Scouts and build confidence. Some camping gear is necessary for the safety and comfort of each Scout.

**Backpack:** Troop 707 incorporates backpacking into every campout. As a result, each scout needs to obtain or have access to a backpack. This does not mean that every scout should rush out and spend \$200--plus on a state-of-the-art backpack. Instead, we recommend digging into the attic and finding Dad's old backpack or borrowing a backpack from a neighbor or from Troop 707 (the troop has several backpacks that new scouts may borrow) for the first few campouts. Alternatively, consider doing a little garage sale shopping or even purchasing a modestly priced pack from a discount store.

**Hiking Boots:** Our scouts will be traversing all kinds of terrain — in dust, mud and snow — so for good foot care, a reasonable quality hiking boot is essential. Whether backpacking or not, a good pair of boots is much safer than a pair of sneakers on a campout.

**Sleeping Bag:** Troop 707 camps year-round, so a warm but light-weight sleeping bag is important. Look for a bag that can be rolled or "stuffed" tightly for easy packing and that is rated at or below zero degrees.

**Note:** If anyone anticipates financial difficulty in obtaining a backpack, sleeping bag or any other necessary gear, please contact the Scoutmaster or any Committee Officer. It has always been the policy of this troop that we will not let the lack of finances prevent a boy from participating in scouting.

## Scout Uniform

In Troop 707, each Scout is required to wear a full-Scout uniform (as defined below) at all troop functions. A partial uniform is not acceptable! The full uniform requirement applies to meetings and campouts. At meetings the uniform is worn at all times. On campouts, the uniform is worn on the hike in and on the hike out.

Except for Courts of Honor and other formal occasions, full-scout uniform does not necessarily mean a Class A uniform. At all non-formal occasions, including most meetings and campouts, a Class B uniform is permissible. (Of course, a Class A uniform is always appropriate, but on non-formal occasions the Scout may choose to wear the Class B uniform).

**Class A Uniform:** Formal collared button down Scout shirt with all appropriate patches; official Scout pants or official Scout shorts; socks (any color if with long pants; official green Scout socks if with Scout shorts); shoes or boots (no open toed shoes or sandals); official Scout belt; campout belt totem (issued to each Scout after his first campout with the troop).

**Class B Uniform:** Collared Scout polo shirt or Supertrip T-shirt or other official Scout T-shirt with emblem (i.e., Philmont shirt, Summer camp shirt, Jamboree shirt, etc.); Official Scout

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The primary difference in Class A and Class B uniforms is that, in the Class B uniform, a Scout T-shirt is substituted for the formal Scout shirt.

### **Annual Fund-Raisers**

Troop 707 usually has three annual fund-raisers. The program idea behind each fundraiser varies, but supports the troop financially and is supported by the ideals of Scouting. Dues that are paid by the Scout does not cover the cost of the high-adventure Troop 707 trips. Fundraisers for the general operation of the Troop are needed. In these cases, the Scouts and families, work for the greater good of the Troop.

The first is a wood-cutting, traditionally held in early December. We try to cut and sell about 20 pick-up loads of firewood each year. Parents run the chainsaws and provide and drive the delivery trucks. We generally combine the wood-cutting with a CAMP OUT at the woodcutting site. Parents are encouraged to keep an eye out for possible cutting locations. Profits go to the troops operating budget.

The second fund-raiser is our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, held in February or March. The Pancake Supper gives the boys the opportunity to sell tickets and earn their annual dues (\$80), credit toward summer camp fees or the cost of a high adventure trip. Each Scout is credited with 75% and the troop 25% of what they sell.

An additional fund raising opportunity is the sale of Boy Scout popcorn. This is an optional way for our scouts to raise funds. Popcorn is sold in November and then delivered in December. Profits that would usually be the troop's are escrowed into the Scout's individual account with the troop. Popcorn profits are then used for scouting activities with Troop 707. Sales also benefit our council.

The troop has also an additional money earner that is renewed yearly and normally benefits the troop high adventure program. We have operated for 7 years one of the food concessions tents at the Memorial Day Air show. We provide service to the event but also receive 10% of the tents gross for our effort.

### **High Adventure**

High Adventure is an integral part of the regular Troop 707 program. Winter canoe floats, cliff rappels, caving and midnight Capture-the-Flag outings are just a few examples of the kind of adventure that a 707 Scout can expect. Of course the adventure program is tailored to the skill level of the participating boys. For example, members of the Senior Patrol, (a special patrol of older and more experienced scouts), plan on receiving even greater challenges.

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Another High Adventure feature of Troop 707 is our biennial (every two years) Supertrip. A Supertrip is a 10-day high-adventure trip held around the last week of July, every other year. To be eligible to attend a Supertrip, a Scout must be 14 years old or older, have attained the Star rank, and been with the troop at least one full year. Scoutmaster approval is also required. A Supertrip is planned and run entirely by the boy participants. A previous Supertrip, "Oot 'n Aboot" 2004, was a canoeing trip in pristine Canadian wilderness. When we literally ran out of road, we put in for 6 days on the Albany river. Since we were at the end of the roads, and paddling away from 'civilization', find out from a trip participant how we returned from the awesome Canadian wilderness.

Above the level of our standard Supertrip, is the 'Mega Trip'. Our past summers mega trip, 'Wading to Alaska', was 7 days of glacial hiking, white water rafting, and coastal biking in Alaska. One scout came home with a moose antler. All the scouts came home with great stories to tell!

Our first mega trip was 'Kickin in the Keys' 2000 where we went to Key West, Florida. It was 2 years of planning and preparing that culminated in 2 weeks of snorkeling, sailing, and scuba diving. With the aid of motion sickness medicine even the land lubbers in the group had a great time. This trip set the standard for all future 'Mega Trips'.

In 2010 we went back to Key West. One week of sailing the ocean blue, and time spent exploring Key West.

We just completed Rockin' Royale 2012, a trip to Isle Royale where two crews backpacked the island for 30 miles over six days. The guys planned and prepared all the necessary backcountry gear and food required to thrive on this week-long adventure in the wilderness. The island is home to wolves & moose and those adventurous enough to seek them out.

### Troop Committee

The Troop Committee is responsible for general operations of the Troop, including funding, finances, recruitment of quality leaders, and training of adult leadership.

All parents of Troop 707 registered Scouts are voting members of the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee normally meets on the Tuesday before a scheduled campout. The committee meeting is held at the same time and location as the regular troop meeting. All Parents are encouraged to attend the committee meetings. This is an excellent way to keep track of what is going on in the troop and to help us with the adult level planning of the troop. Troop committee meetings will be on a regular meeting night, allowing parents to attend the committee meeting while their son attends the scout meeting. Troop Committee positions are:

- Committee Chair
- Advancement
- Treasurer
- Transportation
- Church Liaison

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## Adult Leadership

Boy Scout Scoutmasters provide direct adult supervision of the Scouts. Scoutmasters respond to the requests of the Scouts and help develop Scout leadership within the Troop. Current Scoutmasters are:

"Chip" Sandstedt, SM	239-3586
Dennis Trout, ASM	256-6086
Hal Johnson, ASM	446-8314
Curtis Flatt	808-2376
Todd Trabue, ASM	489-3720
Kim Potzmann, ASM	449-3778
Don Harter, ASM	445-3258

Please call the Scoutmaster or any Assistant Scoutmaster if you have questions about our troop.

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### September

Tue	3	Scout meeting	
Tue	10	Scout meeting	at Hill Creek Lake
Sun	15	Adopt-a-Spot clean-up afternoon (Conservation Project)	at Hill Creek Lake
Tue	17	Scout meeting – Parent meeting – troop elections	[Chip/Don] at Calvary Episcopal Church
Sa-Su	21-22	CAMPOUT – Tree House	[Scout/Scout/SM]
Tue	24	Junior Leader Training (JLT) and TLC	at Pizza Hut – Clark Lane
Fr-Su	27-29	OA Ordeal Conclave	Hohn
Sat	28	Callaway Merit Badge U	Callaway Nuc Plant

### October Popcorn Sales month (starts 12<sup>th</sup>)

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Sa-Su	5-6	CAMPOUT – Primitive	[Scout/Scout/CSM]
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### November Popcorn Sales month

Tue	5	Scout meeting – Parents meeting	at Calvary Episcopal Church
Sa-Su	9-10	CAMPOUT – Climbing & Rappelling	[Scout/Scout/SM]
Tue	12	TLC	at Calvary Episcopal Church
Tue	19	Scout meeting	at Calvary Episcopal Church
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		Scouting for Food (food pickup on ???)	
Tue	4	Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper	at Calvary Episcopal Church
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**TROOP 707 CLIMBING/RAPPELLING/ZIP LINE WEEKEND  
NOVEMBER 9, 2013 AT PINNACLES YOUTH PARK**

For 48 years Troop 707 has been providing a high adventure outdoor program. You are invited to attend our climbing/rappelling/zip line weekend. Find out if what you are looking for in a Boy Scout Troop is the 707 program. We are a backpacking program and the forest of Boone and Callaway counties are our playground. We cook on wood fires and sleep under canvas.

You can spend part or all of the weekend with us. Activities should start by 10:00 AM Saturday. RSVP is not required, but if you call us ahead of time we'll know you're coming. Call Scoutmaster Chip Sandstedt at 239-3586 if you have any questions or just want to talk scouting. Directions to Pinnacles Youth Park is on the back.

Troop 707 has been chartered by Calvary Episcopal Church since 1966. We meet on Tuesday's from 7 – 8:30 PM. You are invited to attend any meeting as we do no recruiting meetings. Call Chip at the above # just to make sure we will be have a regular Troop meeting and not a planning meeting. We hope to meet you soon!

Directions: From the intersection of Highways 63 and I-70 in Columbia, go 13.9 miles north on Highway 63. Turn right on Pinnacles Road and the Park entrance is just 0.6 miles down the road. As you are driving North on 63 highway, start looking for Pinnacles Road on your right shortly after you cross state highway 124.

<http://www.mapquest.com/maps?city=Sturgeon&state=MO&address=899+E.+Pinnacles+Park+Road&zipcode=65284>

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