

Troop 708 - Columbia, MO

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

WEBELOS SCOUT OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & CAMPOUT

HOSTED BY TROOP 708

Saturday, November 9 – Sunday, November 10, 2013



Bradford Research and Extension Center
College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources

Webelos Scouts, and their parents, are invited to join Troop 708 for some Outdoor Adventure and Camping at MU's Bradford Research and Extension Center (<http://aes.missouri.edu/bradford/>). Webelos Scouts will participate in the following activities:

- Complete Webelos Scout Readyman and/or Outdoorsman Activity Badge
- Fish from the banks of a well stocked lake
- Canoeing (if water levels permit)
- Learn rope and knot tying skills necessary to build pioneering projects
- Join a Scout Patrol in preparing and eating meals (dinner & breakfast)
- Watch a presentation on "A Year in the Life of Troop 708"
- Participate in a campfire, complete with skits, songs, stories, and U.S. Flag retirement ceremony
- Participate in a *Scouts Own Service* Sunday morning

Troop 708 will provide food, drinks, and cooking equipment. **Webelos Scouts and their parents are invited and encouraged to camp overnight** and should bring camping (tent, sleeping bag, camping chair, etc.) and fishing gear.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, November 9th

- 1:00 pm..... Webelos Scouts arrive
- 1:00 – 5:00 pm..... Outdoor Adventures (Webelos Scouts & parents camping overnight set-up tents)
- 5:00 – 7:00 pm..... Prepare and eat dinner with a Scout Patrol...then there's cleanup
- 7:00 pm..... Taste the many wonderful desserts prepared by Troop 708 Patrols
- 8:00 pm Presentation of *A Year in the Life of Troop 708*
- 8:15 pm..... Campfire, including U.S. Flag retirement ceremony
- 9:00 pm..... Cracker Barrel provided by the Buffalos
- 10:00 pm..... Taps – **Webelos Scouts, with a parent, are invited & encouraged to camp overnight**

Sunday, November 10th

- 7:00 am..... Rise and shine
- 7:30 – 9:30 am..... Prepare breakfast with a Scout Patrol...don't forget the cleanup
- 10:00 am..... *Scouts Own Service*
- 10:30 am..... Break camp and pack and depart for home

Please RSVP to Brian Richardson, Scoutmaster, by e-mail bdrichardson@mchsi.com or phone 573-999-3198.

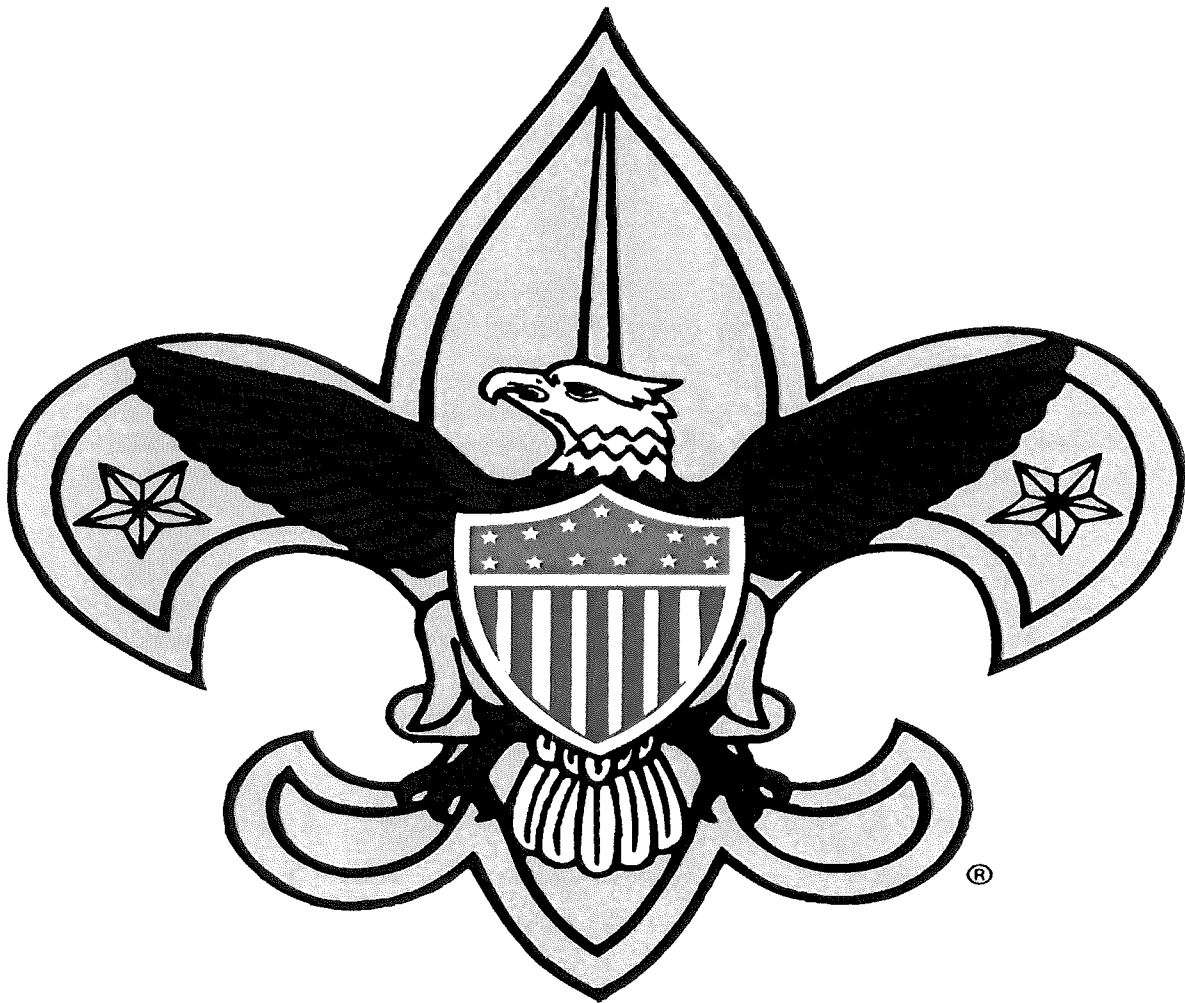
Directions: From the Hwy 63 and AC/Grindstone intersection proceed east on New Haven Road for 6 miles. New Haven Road ends at Rangeline Road. Turn right (south) on Rangeline Road for 1 mile (watch for the sign). Entrance is on the right. Follow the rock road west past the building for approximately ½ mile to the campsite and lake. <http://aes.missouri.edu/bradford/contact.php>

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Leadership - Unity – Service

Troop 708 was founded to promote Leadership, Unity, & Service by enabling boys to develop their character, their citizenship and their mental, moral, and physical fitness in a nurturing, spiritually fulfilling atmosphere. Guidance is provided by well trained, motivated Scouters who share these ideals.

Our mission is to provide a scouting experience for boys that is boy lead, is outdoor oriented, and is skill and value based.

What Scouting Is All About

In Boy Scouting, youth take responsibility for the activities of the troop. By planning and organizing activities, they develop teamwork and learn to lead as well as follow. Through the support of parents and religious and neighborhood organizations, Scouts develop an awareness and appreciation of their role in their community.

Most people associate Boy Scouting with outdoor adventure and with good reason. Scouting is an outdoor program designed to develop character, citizenship, and fitness. With the Scout Oath and Law as a guide, Scouting helps a boy develop into a well-rounded young man.

Through the advancement program, a Scout can progress in rank through achievements, gaining additional knowledge and responsibilities. Earning merit badges provides opportunities for Scouts to be introduced to a lifetime hobby or a rewarding career.

One of the strengths of the Scouting program is the unique relationship between religious and community organizations, parents, and leaders. Working together, they are able to focus the necessary resources and leadership on the single task of serving youth. The result is children, families, and communities that are stronger and better prepared for the future.

Be Prepared - It's more than a motto; it's a way of life. Being prepared means having the ability to deal with the many tough challenges life presents that's what Scouting is all about. Through its time-tested program, Scouting provides young people with opportunities to mentor their peers, build character, and enrich their faith. These activities build stronger family bonds and help youth reach their full potential by instilling values that last a lifetime.

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Q. What makes Boy Scouts different from other youth organizations?

A. The Scouting program has many unique features; the most unique is that Scout troops are boy-led and boy-run. Adults train youth members to assume leadership positions, and boys are allowed to plan the program and carry it out.

Q. Can a boy be a Scout and still be active in sports and other activities?

A. Yes! Scouts are encouraged to be active in their community, and many are. Athletic programs are seasonal, but Scouting is year-round. The values youth learn in Scouting may help them excel in other activities.

Q. Why would a parent want their son in Boy Scouts?

A. Most parents want their son to be in an organization that teaches values. The Boy Scouts of America is a values-based organization that has its own code of conduct: the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan.

Q. Isn't Scouting just about tying knots and camping?

A. Scouting was chartered by Congress as an educational organization. Every year, Scouts earn more than 1 million merit badges on over 100 subjects as varied as space exploration, computers, animal science, canoeing, rifle shooting, and journalism, dentistry, backpacking, salesmanship, and theater.

Troop 708 Organization

One major difference between Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts is that the Scouts take the increased responsibility for program decisions in Boy Scouting. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters guide and assist the boy leaders in developing and running the program.

The Scouts elect their Senior Patrol Leader who appoints the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, plus various other leadership troop positions. The Senior Patrol Leader conducts meetings and sets event agendas under the guidance of the Scoutmaster

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Troop 708 Scouts are assigned to Patrols. A patrol camps, eats, cooks, learns and plays as a group. Each patrol elects a Patrol Leader who is responsible for coordinating patrol activities. Assistant Scoutmasters serve as consultants to the Scouts on program matters.

The Scouts with leadership positions make up the Patrol Leaders Council and meet monthly to set and plan program activities. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters serve as advisors and consultants to the Patrol Leaders Council.

The Scoutmasters also support the program by managing trip permits and permissions, event transportation, and skill instruction and testing.

Our Troop Committee handles the troop business and monitors the program to make sure Troop 708 is achieving its goals. Committee members serve various functions in support of the troop such as fundraising, record keeping, advancement, awards, and other roles.

708 Activities

Troop 708 maintains a troop calendar and updates it every six months when the Scouts elect a new scout leadership team. That way those Scouts take ownership of the program during their term.

We meet every Monday that school is held and during the summer, except for August.

We have at least one campout a month, except August. We camp in a variety of places and do a variety of activities. Some campouts include backpacking experiences. Other events services projects, high adventure, summer camp, and Order of the Arrow and/or Silver Tomahawk events.

Scouts are required to perform service to advance. In addition to community service opportunities, Scouts can also help work at another Scout's Eagle project to achieve service hours.

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Summer Camp

Summer camp is an important Scout experience. We attend Camp Eastman on the Mississippi River near Keokuk Iowa in July. The camp has a great program, excellent facilities, and a mature staff. These are keys to Scout retention as is the Silver Tomahawk Honor Society. Summer Camp is a great place to earn Merit Badges and other advancements

High Adventure

High Adventure is the 'frosting on the cake'. High Adventure is a chance to try an extraordinary scouting experience. Scouts must meet rank and fitness requirements to attend and experienced Scouters help plan and attend the adventures. 708 Scouts have done the following adventures:

- Chisholm Trail – 2003
- Jamboree - 2005
- Philmont – 2005
- Sea Base – 2006
- Northern Tier - 2007
- Philmont - 2008
- Sea Base – 2009
- Northern Tier – 2010
- Philmont - 2011
- Sea Base – 2012
- Northern Tier – 2013

Advancement

Education is the chief function of the Scouting movement and is the basis of the advancement program. Advancement is the natural outcome of a Scouts activity in his unit. Recognition is gained through leadership in the troop, attending and participating in its activities, living the ideals of Scouting, and proficiency in activities related to outdoor life, useful skills, and career exploration. The four steps of advancement are: learning, testing, reviewing, and recognition.

The basic ranks are: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. A First Class Scout displays all the basic Scout skills and knowledge and lives by the Scout Oath and Law.

Troop 708 provides each Scout the opportunity to achieve the rank of First Class by the end of their first year. Most troop activities tie into advancement. Scouts advance by learning skills, and through participation, service, and leadership.

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The ranks of Star, Life and Eagle are gained through earning Merit Badges, and displaying further Leadership and Service. Through Merit Badges a Scout learns career skills, develops socially and physically and develops hobbies that give a lifetime of healthful recreation. Several 708 adults are registered to be Merit Badge Counselors, including most Eagle required Merit Badges not offered at Summer Camp.

Lastly, Troop 708 recognizes rank advancement and other accomplishments quickly. We also hold a Court of Honor three times a year to formally celebrate a Scouts success.

The Scout Uniform

The Uniform Motto for Troop 708 is "Dress Like a Scout, Act Like a Scout." The Scouts and Scoutmasters wear the following items to troop meetings and when traveling from Scouting activities and other official functions:

- Official field shirt
- Scout green pants: official BSA pants not required
- Official socks
- BSA belt
- Camping bead fob
- Knotmaster rope
- OA and Silver Tomahawk Coups & chains

At other functions we add a BSA scarf and slide, a merit badge sash, and an OA Sash if a member of the Order of the Arrow.

During campouts and some other events we will wear a 'class b" uniform: a BSA shirt and pants or shorts.

The Knotmaster program

This program teaches important Scouting skills that are associated with advancement and allows for new boys to earn early recognition in their Scouting experience. As new knots are learned and demonstrated, a different color rope is awarded and is worn with the uniform.

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Costs

Troop and BSA dues are collected annually. Boys are encouraged to subscribe to Boys Life, but it is not required. The troop supplies patrol gear including a chuck box with cooking gear, a pop-up awning, and a table.

Uniform and personal equipment are provided by the Scout. Campouts can include a camping fee and will always include 'grub money' [\$5-10]. Other personal gear includes a sleeping bag, a backpack, toiletries, mess kit, sleep pad, footwear, cold weather clothing, and a tent [7x7].

At Summer Camp, Scouts are encouraged to bring money for merit badge kits and trading post shopping while the camp fee includes meals.

How is 708 Funded

Troop 708 is funded through annual dues, Scout popcorn sales, and other supplemental fundraisers. Fund raisers, including Scout Popcorn, allow the Scout to earn a portion of their sales which goes to their personal Scout Account maintained by 708. These funds can be applied to camping fees including Summer Camp.

Scoutmasters & Committee Members

A key to our success is our team of dedicated Scoutmasters and committee members. We encourage your involvement and pursuit of BSA training. We currently have more than 20 adults that are Wood Badge trained, which is the highest level of BSA Scouter training. We hope that every family will be represented with a Scouter or Committee Member.

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Troop 708 Facts:

We currently have registered 61 Adults and 50 Scouts.

The annual dues in the following amounts due in September of each year:

- Scouts \$74 (\$50 Troop Dues and \$24 BSA Membership Fee) – New scouts that join in February will pay a prorated amount of \$50 through September.
- Adults \$24
- Boys Life Magazine \$12 (optional)
- Order of Arrow \$10 (for Order of the Arrow Members only)

The summer camp fee last year was \$225 for Scouts and \$110 for adults

Next 708 High Adventures:

- Summit – 2014
- Philmont – 2015 (if accepted)
- Sea Base – 2016 (if accepted)
- Northern Tier – 2017 (if accepted)

708 Calendar for the year:

- Regular Meetings every Monday when school is in session from 7:00-8:30pm at E-Free Church.
- September 20-22, 2013 – Boonslick Fall Camporee at Bass Pro Shop, Columbia, Mo.
- October 5-6, 2013 – Bike Campout on the Katy Trail.
- November 8-10, 2013 – Recruitment Campout at Bradford Farms, Columbia, Mo.
- December 14-15, 2013 – JLT Campout, location TBD.
- January 18-19, 2014 – Boonslick Winter Camporee Campout, location TBD.
- February 15-16, 2014 – Ski Campout at Snow Creek in Weston, Missouri.
- March 14-16, 2014 – Backpacking Campout, location TBD.
- April 25-27, 2014 – Shotgun Campout at Prairie Grove Shotgun Sports, Columbia, Mo.
- May 16-18, 2014 – Climbing Campout at BSR Beaumont Scout Reservation in High Ridge, Mo.
- June 6-8, 2014 – Canoe Campout, location TBD.
- July 20-26, 2014 – Summer Camp at Camp Eastman in Nauvoo, IL.