

Boy Scout Troop 90 New Scout FAQs

1. Question: **When can my son join Troop 90?**

Answer: A boy can become a Boy Scout when he:

a. Is 11 years old;

or

b. Has completed the fifth grade;

or

c. Has earned the Arrow of Light Award as a Cub Scout and is at least 10 years old.

2. Question: **When does "membership" in Troop 90 begin?**

Answer: **Membership in Troop 90 begins when:**

a. **A completed application or transfer form is submitted to the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairperson, or the Committee's Membership Representative** (currently Scott Kruse, Scoutmaster, Hugh Rote, Committee Chairperson, or Anne Shanks, Committee Membership Representative);

and

b. **All fees are paid (including registration fee and troop dues).**

c. **Although highly recommended, a subscription to *Boy's Life* is optional.** If the Scout has a sibling who already receives *Boy's Life*, the new Scout need not subscribe. Our goal is for each Scout family to receive one issue.

Note: A current (within 12 months) Health and Medical Record, parts A & C, must be submitted with the application. Before any strenuous activities or long-term camps (exceeding 72 hours), a completed Part B (Physical) must be submitted. Maintaining currency for medical records is the responsibility of the Scout or Scouter (adult leaders).

3. Question: **If my son is crossing over from a Cub Scout Pack, what will he receive from Troop 90 at the Crossover Ceremony?**

Answer: Representatives from Troop 90 will present him with a troop scarf, green loops, a troop number patch, and a patrol patch. Parents will receive a New Scout Packet containing a troop welcome letter, Scout and Adult Application Forms, and a New Scout Checklist. He will also receive a troop t-shirt at a later date.

Boy Scout Troop 90 New Scout FAQs

4. Question: **What does it mean to "transfer" into Troop 90?**

Answer: In order to "transfer" into Troop 90, a Scout must have re-chartered for 2015 with his Cub Scout Pack. This includes paying the BSA Scout registration fee for 2015 as well as paying for *Boy's Life*. If your Scout re-chartered with his Cub Scout Pack for 2015, there is no fee to transfer to Troop 90. **If you did not pay the 2015 registration fees to your son's Cub Scout Pack, your son will join Troop 90 as a completely new Scout.** The registration fee is \$24 annually, prorated by month. The Boy's Life fee is \$12 annually, prorated by month. The same applies to Committee Members and Assistant Scout Masters (ASMs). If you re-chartered in 2015 with the Cub Scout Pack, transfer is free. If not, you join Troop 90 as a completely new Committee Member or ASM. The BSA Registration Fee for Committee Members and/or ASMs is \$24, prorated monthly.

5. Question: **What does Troop 90 provide each new Scout who joins the troop?**

Answer: Troop 90 provides each new Scout with a unit scarf/neckerchief, epaulets, unit patch, patrol patch, and a troop t-shirt. Scouts are responsible for buying replacement items as needed. Adults are responsible for buying their own items as well. See Hugh Rote to buy these items.

6. Question: **Are parents or guardians required to join Troop 90?**

Answer: Troop 90 expects for one parent or guardian per family to join either the Troop Committee or become an Assistant Scout Master (ASM). The more the merrier --we have many families who have both parents serving either as Committee Members or ASMs. We do expect regular participation from at least one parent or guardian.

7. Question: **What are the troop dues? When do they have to be paid?**

Answer: Troop dues are \$55 per Scout annually. Troop dues are not prorated at joining. Payment is due when the Scout joins Troop 90 and again annually during re-charter.

8. Question: **Who will provide my Scout's *Boy Scout Handbook*?**

Answer: It is the Scout's responsibility to acquire from the Scout Shop. The boys should bring the handbook with them for every Scouting event until they earn First Class.

9. Question: **Who will provide my Scout's uniform items?**

Answer: The Scout is responsible for acquiring the BSA uniform items (shirt, pants/shorts, socks, belt) from the Scout Shop. Troop 90 has a limited amount of used BSA uniform items that you may sort through to look for items that fit your son.

Boy Scout Troop 90 New Scout FAQs

10. Question: **Is financial assistance available to cover the cost of Scouting and troop activities?**

Answer: Troop 90's philosophy is that financial hardship should never be a reason for a boy not to be a Scout or participate in troop activities. See the Committee Chairperson if you have concerns.

11. Question: **When can my son begin participating in Troop 90's activities?**

Answer: Any Scout who is a member of Troop 90 (as defined in the answer to question 2 above) may participate in troop activities. If your son is a Cub Scout, he may start attending Troop 90 meetings prior to Crossover. You and your Scout may camp with Troop 90 prior to Crossover, if the parent has attended Youth Protection Training. In this situation, you will share a tent with your Scout and be directly responsible for him. You will also need to bring a copy of your current Scout's Physical.

12. Question: **Should my son attend Boy Scout Camp this summer?**

Answer: Yes, absolutely! Scouts who attend summer camp in their first year have a huge advantage towards making rank advancements and continuing in Scouting to reach First Class Rank.

13. Question: **How and when do I register my son for Boy Scout Camp this summer?**

Answer: _____ is handling Summer Camp Registration for Troop 90 this year. Register your Scout for Summer Camp as soon as he becomes a member of Troop 90.

14. Question: **Who from Troop 90 will accept my son's Physical documents?**

Answer: Our Troop medical representative is _____. He will accept all medical documents. If he is not available, please give them to Anne Shanks, the Membership Representative or Hugh Rote, the Committee Chairperson.

15. Question: **Does the troop provide an orientation program for new parents?**

Answer: **Yes, the troop provides at least one New Parent Orientation Meeting per year.** This year we are planning one for **mid-April, exact date TBD.** **Please plan to attend this meeting.** It is very helpful and will answer many of your questions regarding troop activities, advancement, Summer Camp, etc.

Boy Scout Troop 90 New Scout FAQs

16. Question: **How does my son register for a Troop Camping Activity? When is payment due?**

Answer: Sign-up sheets for campouts are posted at Troop Meetings. You or your member son may sign himself up initially. The Scout's parent or guardian must then complete and sign a registration/release form for the campout, which must be submitted to the ASM in charge of the camp out. The registration/release form and payment for the campout are due at the Troop Meeting immediately preceding the camp out.

17. Question: **How will my son know what to pack for camping activities?**

Answer: Troop 90 has packing list for regularly scheduled camping activities as well as Summer Camp. The standard packing list is available on the Troop website.

18. Question: **Does Troop 90 offer fundraising activities to defer the cost of Scout activities?**

Answer: **Yes, Troop 90 conducts an annual dinner and silent auction fundraiser each spring. This year's Barbeque Dinner and Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 11. Parent and Scout participation are required.** This event raises funds for various aspects of the Scouting program, including maintaining and/or replacing camping gear. It also allows each Scout the opportunity to "bank" a portion of his ticket sales proceeds into his Individual Scout account. Troop 90 may also offer several other fundraising activities through out the year, including but not limited to Boy Scout Popcorn sales, pancake breakfasts, etc.

19. Question: **What is an Individual Scout Account?**

Answer: Although all money earned under the BSA Troop 90 name belongs to Troop 90, Scouts may contribute or raise money that is reserved in an Individual Scout Account. All money reserved in an Individual Scout Account **MUST** be used for BSA activities. Money reserved in Individual Scout Accounts may be used for dues, registration fees, camping activities, purchases made through the troop (i.e., troop t-shirt, neckerchiefs, etc.), deposits/payments for summer camp, troop high adventure activities, or any other Troop 90 activity deemed appropriate by the Troop Committee.

20. Question: **Is there a document that outlines Troop 90's policies and procedures?**

Answer: Troop 90 has a *Troop Guidelines* document that is currently under revision. Many of the FAQ answers are taken directly from this document.