



Dear New Boy Scout Family:

Welcome to Troop 392! We are so glad you and your boy has chosen to become a part of our troop. Whether your son is bridging into Boy Scouts from Webelos, or is joining us from another troop, or has no scouting experience at all, you will probably have some questions about our program and organization.

If I heard it one time my son's first year in Boy Scouts I heard it 100 times that Boy Scouts is boy led. But it took me a while to figure out what that really meant (and how to make it work for our family). The essential difference from cub scouts is that the meetings, campouts and other outings are planned and run by the boys. But that does not mean that we don't need parents too. Studies have shown that Scouts whose *parents are actively involved attend more than twice the number of activities and attained more than twice the rank advancement than Scouts with less-involved parents.*

The Troop Committee is open to all parents. We meet about once per month and help plan (and fund) activities that the boys want to participate in. This is also where we make sure we have the two deep (at least) leadership mandated by BSA as well as drivers and other leaders in place for camping trips and outings. Parents are also needed to serve as assistant scout masters, merit badge counselors and sometimes on boards of review.

I have included in this packet some more information about how a troop is run as well as what some things (like a patrol) are. I hope it serves as an overview for you and your son. Please don't hesitate to ask with any questions you have. We want the scouting experience to be successful for your son.

Yours in Scouting,

Paula Gray, Troop 392 Committee Chair