

# Troop 924

## Handbook



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# Troop 924

## Who We Are

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Boy Scout Troop 924 is one of the oldest, largest, and most respected troops in Evanston. The Troop was chartered in 1926 and has been meeting at Northminster Presbyterian Church ever since. Through the years, many of the Troop's members and leaders have also been members of Northminster. This has helped to create a strong relationship between the Church and the Troop.

By maintaining a high level of training and participation, Troop 924 has consistently had outstanding boy and adult leadership; its Scouts and Scouters have risen to become leaders in our schools and our community. We are proud that during nearly 80 years of operation, over 90 boys have earned Scouting's highest rank, Eagle Scout.

The ideals of Boy Scouting are expressed through the Scout oath, motto, slogan, and law. These statements and other important information about Scouting are found in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Our current Scoutmaster, Helga Bush, has served in that capacity since 2004. The Scoutmaster is supported by a Troop Committee structure, in which all parents are expected to participate. Only through participation by parents in a variety of roles – Treasurer, event planners, fundraising organizers, and other functional roles – can the Troop effectively provide the Scouts a full experience of Scouting.

While advancement is an important part of the Troop program, it is not over-emphasized. Our Troop is a camping Troop, with monthly campouts and a two-week summer camp experience. Scouting in Troop 924 offers a boy the opportunity to be a leader. Scouting must be FUN. In Troop 924, every effort is made to make it so.

# Troop 924

## Membership

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Membership in Troop 924 is open to all boys between the ages of 11 and 18, or to those boys who are 10½ years old and have completed their fifth grade of school. Weelos completing the Arrow of Light may join the Troop immediately, regardless of age or grade in school.

Boys who meet these requirements should visit a maximum of three Troop meetings. During this time, each boy may participate in the Troop's activities only if an application to join Troop 924, which has been properly signed by a parent or guardian, is on file with the Troop. (The BSA accident insurance covers only registered Scouts.) This application will not be forwarded to the local Council office for processing to become officially registered until the boy has indicated he will join Troop 924. Dues should be submitted at that time. (See [Dues and Finances](#) for fees.) At that time, the scout will be issued a neckerchief and Scout Handbook.

As soon as a boy becomes a member, so do his parents or guardians. Personal involvement of a boy's parents in Troop activities is expected. We've noticed over the years that there is a significant correlation between the degree of interest and involvement by the parents and his or her son's success in Scouting. (See [Troop Committee](#) for more on adult involvement in the Troop.)

New members are placed in a patrol with older Scouts, who serve as Troop guides. This is designed to advance them to First Class during their first year of membership.

The Scoutmaster or his representative will meet with the parents of new Scouts to discuss how the Troop operates and how the parents commitment is important to the success of each Scout.

# Troop 924

## Proper Scout Behavior

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**Scouts are expected to act in manner becoming of Scouts, especially when attending Scout meetings and activities.** Scouts are expected to live by the Scout Oath and to demonstrate the Scout Law. This includes being helpful to other Scouts and adults, being courteous at all times, carrying out requests in a cheerful manner, and showing up for all meetings and activities clean, appropriately dressed, and ready to participate fully. Inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

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# Troop 924

## Uniforms and Insignia

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**All Scouts are expected to wear, depending on the meeting or activity, a BSA field uniform or the Troop work uniform.** Which uniform is expected will be announced in advance in the Troop Newsletter and at Troop meetings.

The full **BSA field uniform** consists of the official BSA shirt with correct insignia, official BSA pants (shorts or long pants), official BSA belt, Scout socks, the official Troop 924 neckerchief (provided by the Troop), and a neckerchief slide (purchased or handmade). This uniform is required for a Board of Review, Court of Honor, Eagle Ceremonies and when otherwise designated, including flag ceremonies at summer camp.

**Scouts are expected to wear the correct insignia on their uniforms**, including their current rank, their current leadership position, and other appropriate patches. The Boy Scout Handbook provides detailed information regarding the correct placement of all patches.

Periodic uniform inspections will be held at Troop meetings to ensure that each Scout has a BSA field uniform shirt with correct insignia. A Scout will be asked to change and update his uniform if it does not meet all of the Scouting requirements.

A **modified version of the BSA field uniform** may be worn to all Troop meetings. The BSA field shirt may be worn with any short or long pants. The neckerchief, socks, and belt are optional at Troop meetings. The BSA field shirt is required while traveling to and from campouts.

The **Troop work uniform** consists of the Troop 924 tee-shirt, official BSA pants (shorts or long pants) or jeans, and Scout socks or white crew socks. The scout's first tee-shirt is provided by the Troop. Additional tee-shirts may be purchased (contact the Treasurer or Adult Quartermaster). The **Troop work uniform** is worn at Troop activities, on camp outs, during the day at summer camp, and when otherwise designated.

Troop 924 seeks donations of old or outgrown uniforms, which are reconditioned and offered free to any Scout needing a uniform part (contact the Treasurer or Adult Quartermaster).

Questions regarding uniforms and insignia should be directed to the Scoutmaster.

# Troop 924

## Dues and Finances

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**Dues are \$200 per Scout per year.** This covers the cost of registering each Scout, mailings, awards, and a subscription to Boy's Life.

**Dues are paid annually in January** upon receipt of a statement sent by the Troop, to cover a period from January through December. For Cub Scouts joining in the spring, and for new Scouts joining in the Fall, the cost is \$50 through December.

**Scouts will be charged for camp outs.** The usual fee typically varies from \$25-\$60. This goes toward the cost of the meals, transportation, and camp fees. Meals are budgeted at \$2.50 per Scout per meal, and the remaining charges cover camp reservations, supplies, and other incidental expenses. Higher amounts are charged for camp outs with higher than usual expenses, e.g., canoe trips and skiing.

The dues do not completely cover the cost of running the Troop, which is now about \$900 per Scout per year, exclusive of summer camp (approx. \$225/week). The difference is made up by having a fundraiser each year and charging fees for events. This keeps the dues low and gives the Scout a major responsibility for funding their own activities.

**The fundraiser is typically a Popcorn and Wreath sale held in October and November.** Each Scout is expected to sell a minimum of 20 wreaths and/or 20 cans of popcorn to gross at least \$300 to assist in funding the operation of the Troop. Scouts are offered a commission based on their sales which is deposited into a Scout Account. This is an excellent way for Scouts to earn money for Scouting events, including summer camp.

The scout may use the funds in his **Scout Account** for any troop or BSA related event. The Treasurer will regularly send out statements to the families to let them know what funds are in the Scout's Account. Any funds which remain after the scout leaves the troop will be donated to the Troop, unless the Scout leaves to join another Troop or Crew.

**Special Fundraisers** such as Auctions, Dinners, candy and gift sales are added in the years when we plan to attend a Jamboree in England or the USA, and for long-term or High Adventure trips such as Philmont, the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, and Dogsledding.

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# Troop 924

# Newsletter

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**Troop 924 has a newsletter which is issued periodically.** It normally is sent to Scouts and their parents via e-mail. It provides specific information on upcoming activities, any changes to the Troop annual calendar, and many other interesting and important bits of information regarding the Troop. It is very important that each Scout and his parents read each issue so as to keep current with the activities of the Troop. In addition, there are periodic mailings regarding special events, including camp outs, picnics, and summer camp opportunities.

For the latest copy of the newsletter/email go to "**Weekly News and What's Coming Up**" on the web site Home Page menu bar.

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# Troop 924

## Attendance Requirements

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**After a Scout is registered with the Troop, he is expected to attend most Troop activities.** A Scout must notify his Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader in advance when he is planning to be absent from a Troop activity, including Troop meetings.

To remain active in the Troop, a Scout must attend at least 50% of the scheduled weekly Troop meetings and at least 50% of the scheduled Troop special events, including camp outs and service projects, over a six-month period. If a Scout fails to maintain this level of attendance, the Scout is placed on inactive status as long as his dues are paid and he maintains interest in showing Scout Spirit.

**Active Scouts may advance in rank as they fulfill requirements.** Inactive Scouts do not enjoy this privilege. Being reinstated as an active member of the Troop requires meeting the attendance requirements and having a personal conference with the Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster's representative. A Scout can be reinstated following as little as three months participation with the Troop.

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# Troop 924

## Meetings

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**Troop meetings are held every Monday from 7:00 to 8:15 pm** during the school year, except during winter holidays. Over the summer, the troop meetings are held at local parks or activity centers so that scouts can enjoy a group activity or sport event, except during August. Unless otherwise announced, Troop meetings are held in the basement of Northminster Presbyterian Church, at Central Park and Harrison Street. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 p.m. During the summer the Troop usually meets at Bent Park (Cowper and Central in Evanston).

**Scouts should arrive at 6:45 p.m.** to prepare themselves for the meeting (preparation of the meeting room, opening the Troop Storage Room, return of supplies to the Quartermaster, set up for the flag ceremony, or having a quick planning or review meeting) Scouts should enter through the side door of the Church. Scouts are not allowed in any other part of the Church without adult permission or supervision.

**Patrol meetings** are held in conjunction with Troop meetings. The purpose of the meetings include preparing for the patrol's part in Troop meetings, planning menus and activities for camp outs, and working on advancement. Each patrol may schedule additional meetings or campouts as needed.

**Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meetings** are usually held each month. PLC meetings are included on the Troop Calendar and all Scouts holding positions of responsibility in the Troop are expected to attend.

**Merit Badge sessions** are arranged by the Counselor. On occasion, a merit badge class may be held immediately prior to/or after the Troop Meeting.

**A Court of Honor** is held on three occasions during the year to recognize the Scout's achievements and recognize the adult leader's contributions and training. These are held in lieu of the usual Monday night Troop Meeting, and are held in Logan Hall or the Guild Room of Northminster Presbyterian Church. Friends and family are strongly encouraged to attend the celebration!

# Overnight Campouts

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Troop 924 is a camping Troop. In addition to two weeks at summer camp, there are usually 8 overnight campouts every year, in September, October, November, January, February, March, April, and May (and sometimes June).

**Scouts must sign up and pay for campouts no later than the Troop meeting two Mondays prior to the camp out.** A form will be provided with all pertinent information several weeks prior to the camp out, and reminders provided in the Troop Newsletter.

**For emergency purposes, permission slips and medical forms are required for Scouts** before they are allowed to attend a camp out. Every Scout must have an up-to-date medical form on file in the Troop's records. This information is required by the BSA insurance regulations and will provide the necessary medical and contact information in the event of an injury during a Troop event. A current copy of the insurance card is also very helpful. In compliance with BSA regulations, this information is in a "Travel Book" that is carried in each car used for a campout or event.

Campouts leave from Northminster Presbyterian Church on Friday evening or early Saturday morning. **Scouts must arrive on time** – so the vehicles can be packed with personal and Troop gear and so the Troop may leave in a timely fashion. Scouts are expected to return to the Church following the campout to help with the unloading of the vehicles and returning the Troop equipment to the Troop room. The Troop usually returns to the Church on Sundays between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. **Scouts will not be dismissed until all Troop equipment is returned to the Troop room.** Exceptions by the Scoutmaster require *prior* permission and Scouts will not be allowed more than one exception per year.

**Transportation to and from campouts will be provided by parents or adult leaders.** Drivers will be asked for details about their driver's license, license plate, car make/model, seatbelt usage, and car insurance prior to the campouts so that the Troop may complete the travel/tour permits as required by the Boy Scouts of America. Drivers are required to have insurance of \$50,000/\$100,000 public liability and \$50,000 property damage. Generally, drivers are not reimbursed for gas or mileage. They may submit all Boy Scouts-related mileage for "Volunteer Work" tax deductions on their annual IRS form. Extraordinary Troop expenses also will be considered for reimbursement, if requested.

**Adult Leaders actively involved in an event or campout will attend for free** (usually 2 or 3 per trip). **Parents are strongly encouraged to attend campouts as "guests."** The Troop needs an average of one adult from each family to attend one campout each year to ensure having necessary adult supervision. At least two adults are required on all camp outs, and a minimum of one adult per 10 scouts. The Troop will try to provide the necessary equipment for parents to attend camp outs.

# Troop 924

## Care of Troop Equipment

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**After every camp out, Scouts may be required to take home tents which need to be dried or cleaned and cooking equipment to be more thoroughly cleaned.** All the equipment must be returned the Monday after the campout.

Tents need to be completely dried which generally takes only a few hours. Tents need to be cleaned of dirt inside and out. The fabric should be cleaned of dirt, if necessary using warm water with mild soap. Tents cannot be placed in a washing machine or they will lose their water resistance. A tent must be folded based on instructions given at Troop meetings.

Cooking gear must be scrubbed clean such that they are shiny aluminum. Due to the way pots and pans nest, the outside as well as the inside must be totally cleaned as well. The nylon bags for the cook kits and utensils kits should be washed, as needed.

In addition, following each campout each Patrol box must be inspected to ensure that it is complete. If equipment is not returned in good shape, the Patrol boxes will not be complete, and the Scouts will not have everything they need for subsequent camp outs.

The Adult Quartermaster, Scoutmaster, and the Troop Quartermaster will inspect and monitor the condition of equipment. They will also repair equipment and make purchases as necessary.

Donations of functional, used or new equipment are greatly appreciated!

Any equipment which is abused or severely damaged by a Scout through mischief or failure to follow instructions, will need to be replaced by the family.

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# Troop 924 Summer Camp

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**Troop 924 attends a long term camp every summer at MaKaJaWan Scout Reservation near Antigo, Wisconsin.** (The camp is about a 6 hour drive from Evanston.) MaKaJaWan is owned and operated by the Northeast Illinois Council of the Boy Scouts. The Troop attends the camp the two weeks immediately after local district summer schools. The exact dates are given in the Troop Calendar. The approximate cost is \$225 per week plus transportation. A limited number of campships are available from the Northeast Illinois Council.

Camp provides an excellent opportunity for boys to learn outdoor skills, organization, time management and personal responsibility. They can earn Rank Requirements toward Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class in the Trailblazer program. Over 30 Merit Badges are offered also. Older Scouts can earn many of the Merit Badges necessary for the higher ranks. We use the Patrol system at camp, and have all of the usual leadership positions (SPL, ASPL, QM, Historian, etc.).

In some years, there is the opportunity to join the **Trail Boss** team during the first or second week of camp for scouts of age 13 and above, who have attended at least one full camp session, Boys can apply for this opportunity in the early spring. They will perform trail maintenance during the day and enjoy the regular evening programs of camp. This experience is free of charge -- and the scout receives an additional week of camp free of charge.

Scouts may attend either the first or second week of camp, or may attend both weeks. The first week runs from Sunday through the following Saturday, but are welcome to stay till Sunday morning.

Parents are invited to join their Scouts for a raft trip and BBQ dinner in camp on the Saturday at the end of the first week. Parents may stay at the family camp in MaKaJaWan on Friday and Saturday nights, or may find local accommodations. Scouts are required to stay in camp overnight though.

The second week runs from Sunday through Saturday. Scouts attending only the second week are welcome a day early on Saturday. They may join the Troop for the raft trip and dinner.

The Troop is required to provide its own adult leadership. Several parents must attend each year. This adult leadership makes it possible for the Troop to attend summer camp.

Fully completed medical forms with parent and doctor signatures are required by the BSA.

# Troop 924

## High Adventure

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**The Troop periodically makes available to Scouts a high adventure trek.**

In 2002 the Troop sent a contingent to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico. Other opportunities include: the International Scouting Jamboree in Essex England every four years (Scouts attended the jamboree during 2000 and 2004), going to the BWCA/Quetico for canoe trips (2003); dog sledding winter expedition (2004).

Ideas for any trek must be approved in advance by the Troop Committee. Two adults are required to participate in any trek. Scouts are expected to earn money for the trek. Treks are limited to the older, more experienced Scouts. Most treks will require fulfillment of certain courses, Merit Badges, or rank requirements (usually First Class). The Scout must demonstrate his sincere interest in the trek and his commitment to the purpose and safety of the trip.

Trip Leaders will approve the Scout's participation in the trek. In the event that the Scout is not compliant to trip rules and causes situations that may jeopardize the safety and well-being of the other trip participants, he will be sent home. This applies to the meetings and preparatory outings/trips also. A parent or guardian will be called and asked to pick him up immediately.

Fully completed medical exam forms including parent and doctor signatures are required for any high adventure. In some cases, the BSA will require a specific form other than the standard medical form.

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# Troop 924

## Other Troop Activities

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The Troop has a number of other activities during the year. These are included on the Troop Calendar on the web site and include the following:

- Each August or early September Troop 924 holds a **Planning and Kickoff Picnic**. Attendance by all Scouts and their parents ensures the Troop gets off to a good start.
- In early February Troop 924 participates in **Scout Sunday** at Northminster Church. The Scouts help with ushering, participate in the service, and display current Troop news and photos. It gives us the opportunity to appreciate the World of Scouting and everyone that makes it possible. Northminster Presbyterian Church supports our troop generously by giving us a very nice place to have our weekly meetings and store our equipment. All families are encouraged to come to the church service and the Fellowship Hour.
- Each February Troop 924 holds a **Scout's Appreciation Dinner**. Parents are the honored guests. A Court of Honor is held in conjunction with the banquet.
- Each June Troop 924 holds an end of year **Family Picnic and Court of Honor**. This is a social event which allows the Troop families to get together, review and celebrate the year just ending.
- Every year Troop 924 participates in one or more **service projects**. This includes at a minimum, the scout's participation in the Fall and Spring clean ups at Northminster Presbyterian Church. Each March, the Scouts participate in the BSA Scouting for Food campaign. Scouts also are encouraged to participate in other Scout's Eagle Projects and Order of the Arrow (OA) service events.
- **Parent Meetings or Orientation sessions** will be held periodically as a way to communicate with the Scout's family. These are informal, open sessions and we welcome your ideas for topics of discussion. We will plan a few key topics for the presentation at each meeting.
- Each year, the Northeast Illinois Council and our local Potawatomi District schedule events, such as: Fall Camporee, Merit Badge Day, Klondike Derby, First Aid Meet, Webelos Woods. Our Troop reviews these events and participates in them according to the Scout's needs and interests.

# Troop 924

## Advancement Requirements

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A Scout is expected to earn a minimum of one rank during each 12 month period, beginning from his date of joining until he reaches the rank of First Class Scout.

After attaining the rank of First Class, a Scout is expected to earn a minimum of two merit badges in each 12 month period in order to remain active.

If in the view of the Scoutmaster, these requirements are too difficult for a particular Scout to handle or there are some extenuating circumstances, he may waive or modify these requirements on a case-by-case basis.

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# Troop 924

## Board of Review

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**A Board of Review** is convened to confirm that the Scout has completed the requirements for the Rank and that he demonstrates Scout Spirit by living by the principles of the Scout Law and Oath.

The Board of Review can be arranged on an as-needed basis or can be planned in advance, at regularly scheduled intervals (see the Troop Calendar).

**The Scout is honored at the next Court of Honor**, along with all of the other scouts who have earned ranks and completed merit badges. But he has attained the Rank officially on the day that he passes his Board of Review.

Scouts are expected to present themselves in their field uniform (old term was “Class A” uniform) with up-to-date patches and to bring their Scout handbook. The field uniform consists of the khaki shirt, green pants, BSA socks and belt. For important events, the neckerchief and slide are appropriate.

The purpose of the Board of Review is

- to ensure the Scout has met the requirements for the rank;
- to verify the Scout is having a positive experience in the Troop; and
- to encourage the Scout to progress further.

Prior to the Board of Review, a Scout must have a Scoutmaster’s Conference. The purpose of the Scoutmaster’s conference is to motivate a Scout to accept the responsibility for his growth in Scouting. A Scout who needs a Scoutmaster’s Conference must request one at least one week in advance of a Board of Review. The Scout himself must make this request. After the Scoutmaster’s Conference, the Scout will ask the Advancement Chairman for a Board of Review.

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# Troop 924

## Court of Honor

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**Ranks and merit badges are awarded in a ceremony called a Court of Honor.**

A Scout should plan early to complete his requirements in a timely manner, so that his achievements can be recognized at the Court of Honor. All achievements must be submitted to the Council for approval (by the Advancement Chairman) before the patches can be purchased and before they can be presented to a Scout.

**A Court of Honor** is held on three occasions during the year to recognize the Scout's achievements and recognize the adult leader's contributions and training. These are held usually in September, February, and June in lieu of the usual Monday night Troop Meeting. These special events are held in Logan Hall or the Guild Room of Northminster Presbyterian Church. Friends and family are strongly encouraged to attend the celebration! Not only does a Scout get full recognition for his work, but a Court of Honor is also planned as a social event for the entire family.

Any Scout who has earned his Eagle rank is entitled to a special recognition at his own Eagle Court of Honor. This is a Troop activity. All Scouts and their families are invited to attend.

All scouts and leaders should wear the full uniform to these events. The uniform will include the neckerchief and any special award pins ( such as religious awards, heroism awards, etc.).

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# Troop 924

## Troop Committee

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**The Troop Committee is responsible for the coordination, management, and administration of the Troop.** The Troop Committee is run by the Troop Committee Chairman.

Troop committee meetings are usually held monthly. Meeting dates are announced in the Troop Newsletter or email messages. All parents are expected to attend. Additional meetings may be called if necessary.

The key duties of the Troop Committee are as follows:

- The Troop Committee is responsible for the **finances** of the Troop. The Troop **Treasurer** handles all Troop funds and provides the Committee with financial statements.
- The Troop Committee plays a key role with **advancement**. The **Advancement Chairman** sets up the Board of Review, helps to plan the Court of Honor, keeps all advancement records, and sends advancement records to the Boy Scout Council.
- The Troop Committee helps to **coordinate all events**, including campouts and summer camp. The **Event Chairman** is responsible for ensuring that a parent heads up each event. The Event Chairman works with that parent to ensure that necessary reservations are made, e.g., the campground chosen by the Troop, obtain camping and travel/tour permits, send out information about the event, collect any fees and reservations, find drivers, if necessary, and generally ensuring that the event is successful.
- The Troop Committee helps the Scoutmaster **maintain the Troop equipment**. An **Adult Quartermaster** works with the scout Troop Quartermaster to inventory all Troop equipment, to ensure appropriate storage and repair of Troop equipment, and to recommend purchases of new equipment as necessary.
- The Troop Committee helps the Scoutmaster with **membership**. The **Membership Chairman** makes sure all prospective families are informed about the Troop and Scouting, handles Troop recruiting plans, and coordinates activities with Cub Scout Packs.

- The Troop Committee also is responsible for planning **fundraising** for the Troop. The **Fund Raising Chairman** takes lead responsibility in planning the Troop's fund raisers. Currently the Troop has a single fundraiser each year – a wreath sale in October.

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# Troop 924 Calendar

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## Troop 924 General Calendar

*Please use the Troop Calendar and Weekly News and What's Coming Up  
on the web site menu bar for up-to-date information.*

Specific information regarding each event will be posted as the time draws closer.

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### **August**

Troop Committee Meeting - to plan the Year  
Kickoff Picnic  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

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### **September**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

OA Fall Conclave  
Fall Court of Honor  
Campout Trip

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### **October**

Troop Meetings - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Fundraising Work - Wreath and Popcorn Sales  
Clean-Up Day at Northminster Presbyterian Church  
Council Camporee OR Campout Trip  
2007 - Centennial Celebration of Scouting Camporee

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## **November**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Council Training Day ( 3rd Saturday of November)  
Webelos Open House ( Recruitment & Get to Know Us)  
Camp Out Trip  
Merit Badge Day at Great Lakes Naval Base

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## **December**

Troop Meeting - every week until Dec. 15  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Holiday Party  
Winter High Adventure - some years during Winter Break

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## **January**

Troop Meeting - every week - resumes at school start-up  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Winter Break Work Days ( prep for Klondike, clean & inventory gear, etc.)  
Webelos Open House ( Recruitment & Get to Know Us)  
Summer Camp Meeting  
District Klondike Derby

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## **February**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Scout Sunday - near Feb. 8th each year  
Scout's Appreciation Dinner and Court of Honor  
Webelos Open House ( Recruitment & Get to Know Us)  
Winter Event Camp Out ( Winter Sports and/or Cold-Weather Camping)  
Ski Trip ( with or without a Cabin Campout)

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## **March**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Scouting for Food ( 2 Saturdays to drop-ff bags and pick-up food)  
Webelos Open House ( Recruitment & Get to Know Us)  
Junior Leader Training  
OA Elections  
Museum Trip OR Camp Out Trip

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## **April**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Camp Out Trip  
OR

Lincoln's Pilgrimage OR Grant Pilgrimage ( Midwest Scout Camporees)

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## **May**

Troop Meeting - every week  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Clean-Up Day at Northminster Presbyterian Church  
Camp Out Trip

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## **June**

Troop Meeting - every week until school ends  
Troop Committee Meeting  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

Family Picnic and Court of Honor  
Camp Out Trip  
Summer Program - 3 Summer Meetings at a local park

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## **July**

4th of July - Evanston Parade  
MaKaJaWan Shakedown  
Late July & Early August - MaKaJaWan - for 1 or 2 weeks  
OA - New Member Callouts & Ordeal; also Brotherhood  
Family Visit to Camp - Raft Trip & BBQ at Camp

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## **August**

Troop Committee Meeting - to plan the Year  
Kickoff Picnic  
PLC (Patrol Leader's Council) Meeting

2008 - Essex International Jamboree  
2009 - Philmont Trek  
2010 - National Jamboree

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# Troop 924

## Personal Camping Gear

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**The items on this list are suggestions that should be brought on campouts.** Parents should remember to label all of the Scouts clothing and personal items with his name.

This list is available as a one-page form on the web site under the menu item "Personal Camping Equipment."

Scouts will be informed of the need for additional or special personal camping gear for particular outings in the flyers announcing those camp outs.

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Form is on the next page.

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## REMEMBER: BE PREPARED !!

The items on this list are *suggestions* of what should be brought on camp outs.  
 Not all items are needed on every trip. Discuss it during the planning phase of your trip.

<p><b>Use Baggies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ organize your stuff</li> <li>➤ protect it in wet conditions</li> <li>➤ to compress your stuff</li> </ul>	<p><b>Label It - Name and Troop number</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Scout clothing</li> <li>➤ Gear &amp; personal items</li> <li>➤ Outside of your pack or bag</li> </ul>
<p><b>Share items – “One per Patrol”</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ travel light (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, Camp Suds)</li> <li>➤ decide who brings what</li> <li>➤ camera</li> </ul>	<p><b>Reduce quantities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ think essentials</li> <li>➤ eliminate big containers, wrappers</li> <li>➤ travel “small” and compact</li> <li>➤ reduce weight – lighten up</li> </ul>

### PROHIBITED ITEMS

Fireworks   Firearms   Tobacco   Drugs   Lighters of Any Kind   Aerosol Spray Cans   Sheath Knives  
 Candy or Cookies   Cans/glass bottles of Soda   Radios/Media players   Electronic Games   Axes

#### Camping Gear:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Camping Back Pack or Duffle bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ Stuff Bag(s) for dirty laundry, wet gear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping Bag
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping bag liner (fleece or blanket)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sleeping Pad
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pillow (optional)

#### Mess Kit:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Water Bottle(s)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cup / Bowl / Plate
- \_\_\_\_\_ Knife / Fork / Spoon
- \_\_\_\_\_ Net bag for air-drying mess kit

#### Supplies:

- \_\_\_\_\_ First-Aid Kit ( personal size)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Scout Knife
- \_\_\_\_\_ Flashlight
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Batteries/Bulbs
- \_\_\_\_\_ Compass
- \_\_\_\_\_ Boy Scout Handbook
- \_\_\_\_\_ Notebook/Paper
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pencils/Pen
- \_\_\_\_\_ Book, Journal, Sketchpad, cards (optional)

#### Toiletries:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Soap in Container
- \_\_\_\_\_ Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- \_\_\_\_\_ Comb or Brush
- \_\_\_\_\_ Washcloth and Towel
- \_\_\_\_\_ Deodorant (not for light travel)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hand sanitizer lotion
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hand wipes

#### Clothing:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Shirts / T-shirts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sweaters / Vest / Coats
- \_\_\_\_\_ Rain Gear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hiking Boots
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sneakers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swim Trunks (summer)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pajamas
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Long Pants
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Shirts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Underwear
- \_\_\_\_\_ Winter hat, gloves, etc.

#### Scout Uniform:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Troop Class B T-shirt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pants or Shorts
- \_\_\_\_\_ Belt
- \_\_\_\_\_ Socks
- \_\_\_\_\_ Neckerchief
- \_\_\_\_\_ Slide
- \_\_\_\_\_ Cap (optional)

#### Medication:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Prescription meds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Meds Permission form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Non-Prescription meds
- \_\_\_\_\_ Foot powder