

BSA Troop 150 - West Salem

Our Program

Troop 150 offers a program where we focus on scouting basics to build your son's confidence & capability, while working towards rank advancement, leading up to Eagle. Our weekly program will be supplemented with monthly outings and activities. The program plan leverages our weekly program to teach (classroom & games) basic skills while working to prepare the scouts for their monthly outdoor activity.

General Organization:

Monday evening Troop meetings – 6:45PM - 8:45PM at Peace Lutheran Church

Monthly adventure – one weekend a month (occasional one day trips)

Yearly calendar located at: <http://bstroop150.home.comcast.net/>



Program Development Goals:

Skill Growth – all the outdoor basics: Camping/Cooking/Hiking & First Aid for the first year.

Boy Growth – independence, confidence, self reliance, responsibility and ownership.

Leadership Growth – planning, team building, coaching, character growth, and communication.

Community Service and Citizenship

Yearly activities – Community based service projects are required for each rank. These include: Scouting for Food, Goodwill-Good Turn, Memorial Day Service, and a cleanup in the Spring - as a “Thank You” to Peace Lutheran Church. Eagle Scout Projects offer additional community service opportunities.

Registration

Troop 150's 2010 membership fee is \$40. This fee can be pro-rated if you join in any other month than January. In addition, your son will need a Scout Handbook (\$12) and a uniform as described below.

Uniform

As a minimum, your son will need a scout shirt with correct patches, a neckerchief and a hat; about \$50. Closed toed walking or hiking shoes are also necessary. The Troop will provide green tabs for the uniform epaulets and the neckerchief. Uniforms, patches, and other supplies can be purchased at the Salem Scout Store on S. Liberty Rd (503-581-6601) or on the web (<http://www.scoutstuff.org>). Scout pants or shorts, socks, and belt are optional at the troop meetings but are needed at summer camp and most service projects.

Costs & Fund Raising

In addition to the uniform, camping trips may be approximately \$20 each month, and summer camp is approximately \$200 for a week. For fundraising, the Troop has two activities where scouts earn money for camp equipment and/or offset costs for summer camp. Those events include a Christmas Tree recycling day and a Spring “Berry Sale”. BSA National does a “Friends of Scouting” (FOS) campaign seeking support from each parent. This is an important element in funding the local BSA program.

Parental Involvement

It all starts with volunteers. We have a Troop Committee that sets policy, enforces BSA standards, and builds a safe program for your son. These are Moms and Dads with no special skills, except a desire to be a part of their son's life in the scouting program. Scouting can only prosper with a dedicated group of adults that share the load. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure we support our troop leaders. We need everyone's help in whatever capacity you can contribute. Please offer us your talents to enrich the program for all.