

Troop 386

What Parents Want & Need to Know

Last Frontier Council - Eagle District

www.troop386.org

Meeting structure

- ☑ Mondays, 7:00p - 8:30p, Peace Lutheran Church
 - Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meets at 6:30p
 - Planning meeting (for all leadership positions) the 1st Monday of the month at 5:30p
 - Boys should wear full uniform (shirt, pants, belt, socks) unless otherwise specified, and bring their Scout Handbook to every meeting
- ☑ All meetings begin and end with flag ceremony, adult announcements, and Scout announcements. All meetings also end with 'circling-up', new Rank announcements, and the Scoutmaster Minute. Parents are welcome to attend opening and closing.

Boy-led

- ☑ With the guidance of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and other involved adults, the boys in Troop 386 make decisions regarding programming, leadership positions, camping, and summer camp
- ☑ The troop is organized into patrols:
 - Our newest boys are placed in a patrol together, and are led by Troop Guides, older Scouts who have the experience required to assist new boys in being successful in Scouting
 - Other patrols are led by a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader, elected by the Patrol
 - Patrols meet regularly to make decisions regarding campout meals, activities, patrol flag, etc.

Rank Advancement

- ☑ First-year boys work with the Scoutmaster and Troop Guides to achieve the Scout rank. They should plan to attend the 'new boy' camp-out, usually at the end of February or beginning of March, to achieve this rank.
- ☑ The next two ranks, Tenderfoot and 2nd class, are typically completed through attending weekly meetings, campouts, and summer camp.
- ☑ To complete these and other ranks, boys should work with their Troop Guide and the Scoutmaster to check-off rank requirements
- ☑ When Scouts are ready to advance to the next rank, they will:
 - Sign-up with the Advancement Coordinator (front table in the church lobby), to ensure that the requirements of the next rank are met
 - Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference, to review requirements and discuss goals.
 - Participate in a Board of Review, led by 3 Assistant Scoutmasters, to ensure that the Scout is ready for the next rank. The Scout must wear his uniform and bring his Scout book for this.

Leadership positions

- ☑ Ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle require performing leadership positions in the troop. There are a wide range of positions, including Patrol Leader, Webmaster, Troop Guide, Librarian, and Project Coordinator.
- ☑ The Scoutmaster announces two times during the year that boys can sign-up for leadership positions, and are strongly encouraged to do this. Elections are held for Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. The other leadership positions are appointed by the SPL with guidance from the Scoutmaster.
- ☑ Leadership training is provided soon after the new group of leaders is selected

Merit Badges

- ☑ Boys can begin to earn merit badges as soon as they earn Scout Rank. Scouts are encouraged to consult with the Scoutmaster and other adult leaders regarding which badges to pursue and when.
- ☑ Information about badges required for each rank can be found in the Scout Handbook.
- ☑ Information on all badges and the requirements can be found at www.meritbadge.org. Additional information is at www.scouting.org.
- ☑ Merit badges must be completed with the guidance of a Merit Badge Counselor (MBC). MBC's are adults who have been qualified by Boy Scouts of America to guide Scouts through the badge requirements.
- ☑ Badges can be completed by:
 - Participating in a group through Troop 386; these occur throughout the year
 - Attending a Merit Badge College in the Eagle District or in another District
 - Contacting a MBC within Troop 386 to arrange guidance. Information on Troop 386 MBC's can be learned through the Advancement or Merit Badge Coordinators
- ☑ A listing of badges earned by your scout is available through the Advancement Coordinator
- ☑ Tip: Keep the badges and cards earned by your Scout. The badges can be sewn on a sash if desired.

Courts of Honor

- ☑ Courts of Honor are the ceremonies during which boys are honored for achieving rank advancement and for earning merit badges
- ☑ Courts of Honor are held three to four times each year during Monday meetings, and parents are encouraged to attend

Campouts

- ☑ Campouts are a monthly event in Troop 386. They are a great way for boys to build their skills, to experience the camaraderie of the troop, and to earn rank/badge requirements
- ☑ Boys camp by patrol, using troop tents, cooking supplies, and other equipment
- ☑ For each campout, a Grubmaster is assigned to purchase the patrol's food; reimbursement is provided
- ☑ A list of items to pack for campouts is on the troop's website
- ☑ Summer camp is scheduled during the summer, and is announced during troop meetings and through the parent emails

Communication

- ☑ Please join the Parent Yahoo Group (link on our website) to receive important emails from the Scoutmaster and others regarding upcoming events, deadlines, and other communications
- ☑ The Scoutmaster and other adult leaders can be contacted via email or phone, provided on the roster
- ☑ The troop calendar of events and meetings is published on the website www.troop386.org

Adult Involvement

- ☑ Parents are strongly encouraged to be active in the troop
- ☑ Options for involvement include attending campouts and summer camp, becoming a Merit Badge Counselor, and being trained as an Adult Leader

Troop 386

Scoutmaster:	Joe Davey
Assistant Scoutmasters:	Kevin Anderson, Kevin Anderson, Ken Carmichael, Bob Adkins
Committee Chair:	Clark Williams
Advancement Coordinator:	Ann Baumgarten
Merit Badge Coordinator:	John Ash
Adult Training Coordinator:	Vicky Nance
Membership Chair:	Sheldon Lackey