



# Troop 92



Chartered by Hazlet Fire Company No.1

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## Troop Handbook

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Welcome to Troop 92, Boy Scouts of America. This material has been written to assist new scouts and their families in learning the rules and procedures that have helped our troop remain successful and to enhance each scout's enjoyment of the program.

### Mission Statement

The mission of Troop 92 is to promote and foster an atmosphere that will provide a foundation for positive growth in the areas of moral strength and character, citizenship, and physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

We also recognize that a well-rounded boy is involved in numerous extracurricular activities such as church, band, sports, and time with family. Our program provides time for these other important commitments.

Troop 92 emphasizes the eight methods of scouting to achieve the goals in its mission statement. These are:

1. Scouting Ideals (Promise, Law, Motto, Slogan)
2. Patrol System
3. Advancement
4. Outdoor Program
5. Adult Role Models
6. Leadership Development
7. Personal Growth
8. Scout Uniform

### Dues

Our monthly dues are \$12.50 and are collected the first meeting of each month from September through June. The scout is responsible for paying his dues to the Troop Scribe and ensuring it is properly recorded. To properly control the flow of funds we request that all dues be paid via check. This money helps cover annual registration with the Boy Scouts of America, annual subscription to Boys Life Magazine, general operating expenses, equipment and awards. These fees do not cover all expenses for special events. Any requirement for additional event fees will be communicated to the scouts during the planning of these events.

The Troop reserves the right to withhold any advancement if his dues are not paid up to date.

There is also a one-time \$22.50 registration fee which is charged when joining the troop. This is to cover the cost of the scout's neckerchief as well as the initial registration fees paid by the troop for new scouts.

### Other Sources of Income

The Troop wants all boys to be able to participate in the scouting program regardless of their personal financial situation. To this end, various fundraising projects are a regular part of Troop activities. Scouts and their families are required to participate in various fundraisers in order to ensure that the financial requirements of the troop are

met. The Troop has devised a scout participation program that eases the financial burden of participating in events. For each fundraising activity in which the scout participates, half of the proceeds to the troop are tracked in an individual scout "account". The funds in the scout account can be used for summer camp or other troop committee approved event.

Fundraising activities during the year include popcorn sales, wreath sales, a troop carwash, and grocery bagging at a local supermarket.

## Troop Meetings

Meeting Day: Wednesday

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Place: Hazlet Fire Co. No 1

Holmdel Road, Hazlet NJ

Scouts should arrive 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting. Scouts who are unable to attend a weekly meeting are requested to call their Patrol Leader prior to the meeting.

It is important to adhere to this schedule to ensure a smooth running program. Our unit leaders all have full-time employment and have made this commitment to volunteer their time. The BSA has a requirement of two-deep leadership and we have made arrangements to have at least two adults in attendance at all times. Please make their "jobs" easier by adhering to the schedule.

## Advancement

Advancement is one of the eight methods of the scouting program and one of the most gratifying for the boys. Everything you need to know about the requirements for advancement is in the Scout Handbook. Please encourage your son to read through the handbook so that he will be familiar with the requirements for advancement. Though the primary responsibility for advancement lies with the scout, parents should encourage their son to achieve the next rank. In order to do that, it is

helpful for parents to also become familiar with the contents of the handbook.

If you have questions on the specifics, please speak with the Advancement Chairman. Requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks may be signed off by designated scouts who are either a Troop Guide or Instructor or by the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members. It is expected that any sign-offs will be completed in accordance with BSA advancement policy. Specifically, the Scout must demonstrate that he has acquired the skill or completed the task exactly as stated in the requirement. Note, that all advancement is contingent upon participation in troop meetings, troop events, and up to date dues.

Please start your son on his advancement trail by reading the parent's guide "How to Protect your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse", a supplement which can be found in the front of your son's Scout Handbook. This booklet tells you what you can do with your child to prevent drug and/or child abuse. The prevention of Drug Abuse and Child Abuse are topics that the Boy Scouts of America and the Committee of Troop 92 take very seriously. It is also one of his first requirements upon joining the troop.

After obtaining signatures for requirements, scouts must present their books to the Advancement Chairperson for verification and updating of the troop records. Once all requirements for a rank have been completed it is the scout's responsibility to request Scoutmaster Conference and then a Board of Review.

Scouts planning to pursue a merit badge must obtain a Merit Badge Application ("Blue Card") from the advancement chairman or merit badge counselor. Merit Badge Counselors are adults who have knowledge of the subject matter for the badge. For example, the Safety Merit Badge Counselors may be a Police Officer, Fireman, Etc.

The Troop maintains a list of counselors. The scout should contact the counselor to make arrangements for working on the badge. Many times merit badge councilors will be willing to meet the scout during regular Wednesday meetings. If a work on a merit badge is to be done at another location, scouts should arrange to meet the councilor with a buddy.

We always are in need of merit badge councilors. If your hobbies or employment experience fits the skills for one or more of the Merit Badge titles, please let our Advancement Chairperson know and complete the Merit Badge Counselor Application.

## Courts of Honor

Troop 92 schedules three Courts of Honor each year as follows:

1. September
2. January
3. May

These Courts of Honor are a formal recognition of achievements earned by scouts. Boys will receive the appropriate badge or patch and written certificates provided they are in full and proper uniform.

Scouts are required to keep track of any written documentation (Merit Badge and Rank Cards) issued to them from Advancement Committee. We suggest using loose-leaf pages designed for holding baseball cards. The Rank cards and Merit Badge cards are perfect fits for the sections.

Full parental support and attendance is vital at each Court of Honor. Please make all efforts to be in attendance. All of the family and friends are welcome. Scouts are reminded that notification must be given to the Advancement Chairperson for all achievements to be recorded and awarded. All notification and Boards of Review must be completed two weeks prior to the Court of Honor.

Full "Class A" uniforms are required for scouts when attending a court of honor ceremony.

## Parental Participation

The benefits that the scout receives are directly proportional to both the quality and the quantity of parental support and participation. Please keep this in mind when your help is requested. In addition, encourage and assist your son in getting the most out of scouting. He needs your support!

Any suggestions or questions that parents may have are more than welcome. Present them to any committee member or send a note with your son to any meeting. All parents are welcome to become committee members or attend committee meetings. Parents are expected to help with transportation at least a couple of times a year. If adequate transportation cannot be arranged for an event, some scouts may not be able to attend.

PLEASE BE THERE – The Troop needs the support and input from all of our scouts' parents.

## Required Clothing/Equipment

### UNIFORM:

All scouts are required to wear the basic "Class A" scout uniform to all scout meetings and activities. This uniform consists of:

- Official BSA shirt
- Troop Neckerchief (to be awarded by the Troop upon achievement of Tenderfoot rank)
- Scout slide
- Proper insignia on the shirt (refer to Uniform Inspection Sheet)
- Official BSA uniform pants or shorts
- Troop hat (First hat included in the registration fee)
- Scout Socks
- Scout Belt
- Official Scout Handbook

- Notebook and pen or pencil
- Scout Fieldbook (optional)
- Electronics: cell phones, MP3 players, CD players, Gameboys, etc.

The Troop "Class B" uniform for summer camp and outdoor activities consist of:

- Troop T-shirt (or other scout T-shirt)
- Official BSA uniform pants or shorts
- Troop hat

The cost of the scout's first Troop hats is included in the registration fee. Additional hats are available at cost (currently \$15.00.)

## CAMPING GEAR:

All scouts are requested to have the following equipment:

- Sleeping bag
- Backpack
- Personal eating utensils (i.e. knife, fork, spoon) and vittles kit (plate, bowl, and cup)
- Clothing appropriate to the season to include boots and an extra pair of shoes or boots. (Refer to the Scout Handbook for personal camping list suggestions).
- Raincoat or poncho
- Flashlight with extra batteries

NOTE: Tents and other major camp gear are provided by the Troop. From time to time other gear may be necessary depending on the type of outing. (All gear should be labeled with scout name for easy identification).

## Items not permitted

Scouts are not permitted to bring any of the following items to any Troop 92 events including camping trips.

- Sheath knives
- Matches and pocket knives, unless the scout has earned his Fireman Chit and Tot'n Chip cards.

## Miscellaneous

Medications – Required prescription and non-prescription medications must be given to the outing leader by the parent or guardian. The scout's name should be included on the dispenser and instructions for use. Inhalers and bee sting kits must be carried by the scout but the leader must be made aware of the situation.

## Website

The troop website is located at <http://www.troop92hazlet.org>. The troop calendar may be found at the web site as well as other information about upcoming troop activities, photos of past events, and a discussion board where scouts and families can ask questions and discuss scouting.

The troop also maintains an email list that is used for troop announcements. Please provide your email address to the scoutmaster or webmaster. These emails are kept private and will not be used for any purposes other than occasional troop communications.

## Communication

If you have any questions please feel free to contact any of the people below or you can speak to any of the adult leaders at one of our meetings. All of our leaders are always willing to help out or answer any questions.

Karl Devoe – Scoutmaster  
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