

# WELCOME TO TROOP 171



Meeting: Monday nights at 7:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 647 Forge Rd, Boiling Springs PA

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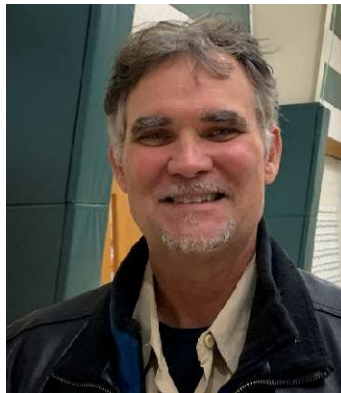
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## KEY TERMS

PLC – Patrol Leader Council – made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Quartermaster, and Web Master.

SPL – Senior Patrol Leader: elected by Scouts as the highest-ranking troop youth leader/rep.

ASPL – Assisted Senior Patrol Leader: is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the second highest-ranking youth leader in the troop. The assistant senior patrol leader acts as the senior patrol leader in the absence of the senior patrol leader or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other youth leaders in the troop.

Patrol Leader: is the elected leader of his patrol and represents his patrol on PLC.

Assistant Patrol Leader: is elected as the assistant leader of his patrol. He leads the patrol in the patrol leader's absence and participates in the PLC.

Scribe: keeps the troop records. He records the activities and discussions of the patrol leaders' council. He keeps a record of dues, advancement, and Scout attendance at troop meetings.

Quartermaster: keeps a current inventory of troop equipment and keeps it in good working order.

Troop Guide: works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and acts as a mentor to the members of the new-Scout patrol.

Historian: preserves photos, news stories, trophies, flags, scrapbooks, awards, and more.

Librarian: oversees the care and use of troop books, pamphlets, magazines, and audiovisuals.

Instructor: is an older troop member proficient in both teaching and in Scouting skills.

Chaplain's Aide: works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program.

Den Chief: works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack.

Web Master: maintains the troop website. <http://www.scouting171.org/troop>

OA: Order of Arrow – The National Honor Society for Boy Scouts of America. For over 100 years, the Order of the Arrow (OA) has recognized Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. This recognition provides encouragement for others to live these ideals as well. Arrowmen are known for maintaining camping traditions and spirit, promoting year-round and long-term resident camping, and providing cheerful service to others. OA service, activities, adventures, and training for youth/adults are models of quality leadership development and programming that enrich and help to extend Scouting to America's youth.

Cyber Chip – To help families and volunteers keep youth safe while online, the BSA introduced the Cyber Chip; they expire annually. Scouts need to go to **Netsmartz** and complete 2 new resources to recommit to net safety and netiquette. Then, with the unit leader, the Scout can add the new date to the Cyber Chip card or certificate.

Totin' Chip - Grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools.

Firem'n Chit - Certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires. Scouts must show their Scout leader, or someone designated by their leader, that they understand their responsibility to do the eight requirements.

Merit Badges –There are more than 135 merit badges, and any Scout may earn any of these at any time. You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn merit badges. A scout can begin taking merit badges as soon as they join a troop, but no merit badges are required for advancement until First Class rank is achieved. Advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle all require completion of merit badges, service, and demonstration of responsibility. To reach Eagle rank, a scout must complete a total of at least 21 Boy Scout merit badges, 14 of which come from the Eagle-required badge list.

Blue Cards - The nationally recognized merit badge record.

Merit Badges Worksheet – Worksheet that can be found online and used to complete merit badges. <http://usscouts.org/mb/worksheets/list.asp>

Merit Badge College – A merit badge college is a one or two weekend activity where scouts can earn merit badges. There are several local merit badge colleges. Carlisle, Pioneer, Newville, and East Shore are in council. These are a good way for the scout to earn merit badges.

Board of Review - is a chance for adults to talk with the Scout about what he's done, what he's learned, how it has helped him in his advancement and how he's enjoying the program. It's an essential part of the Boy Scouting experience and required from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

Scoutmaster Conference - The Scoutmaster conference is a visit between the Scoutmaster and a Scout held after the Scout completes all requirements for a rank, but before the board of review. The Scoutmaster conference determines if the Scout is ready to go before the board.

Court of Honor – Court of honor is a formal troop ceremony where scouts and their families come together to receive rank advancement, merit badges and other awards.

**Field Uniform** – BSA shirt, BSA pants or jeans in good repair, and BSA cap is the official scout uniform. Appropriate, protective footwear – does not include crocs or sandals.

*Worn during the school year, while travelling with the Troop to BSA activities, and to Courts of Honor (COH) or other special events. The Merit Badge sash is worn at COH and other special events.*

**Activity Uniform** – is less “formal” and is comprised of a Troop t-shirt and BSA pants or jeans, and BSA cap. Appropriate, protective footwear – does not include crocs or sandals.

*Worn during the summer, outdoor service projects, and as approved by adult leaders.*

*Athletic clothing articles are not approved for wear with Field or Activity uniform.*

**Unit By-Laws:** document with standards of conduct, financial information, and more. Scouts and their parent/guardian are required to sign an acknowledgement of the by-laws and agree to follow them found here - <https://www.scouting171.org/troop/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Troop-171-By-Laws-20211027-FINAL.pdf>

## **STEPS FOR ADVANCEMENT**

Older scout helps teach the younger scouts. When a scout feels that they are ready to get a requirement signed off, they go to an approved adult, which includes the scout master, assistant scout masters, Errol Huffman, and James Otto, and do what is required for the requirement.

The requirements for Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class can be worked on at the same time but ranks are earned in order.

### Steps for Merit Badges

The Scout will identify a merit badge that he wants to work on. It does not matter why:, Eagle requirement, Summer Camp, Merit Badge College; it just looks like fun. All scouts must follow this process as outlined by National.

The Scout should read the requirements and make sure that he wants to complete the merit badge.

The Scout must contact Mrs. Baum for a list of the current Counselors for a specific merit badge. The scout must contact a merit badge counselor to discuss his/her availability and willingness to work with him. Once a counselor is identified, the scout must obtain a Blue Card from Mrs. Baum. Before starting a merit badge the Scout must have a Blue Card signed by the Scoutmaster.

Once the scout has completed the merit badge. The signed Blue Card is returned to Mrs. Vogel





## MERIT BADGES

*The Troop has an adult leader qualified as a counselor for the highlighted MBs*

*Troop counselors subject to change*

Before starting any merit badge, see Ms. Baum for counselor information and blue card

American Business

American Culture

**American Heritage**

American Labor

Animal Science

**Animation**

Archaeology

Archery

Architecture

**Art**

**Astronomy**

**Athletics**

Automotive Maintenance

Aviation

**Backpacking**

**Basketry**

Bird Study

Bugling

**Camping**

**Canoeing**

Chemistry

Chess

**Citizenship in  
Society**

**Citizenship in the  
Community**

**Citizenship in the  
Nation**

**Citizenship in the  
World**

**Climbing**

**Coin Collecting**

**Collections**

**Communications**

**Composite Materials**

**Cooking**

**Crime Prevention**

Cycling

Dentistry

**Digital Technology**

**Disabilities Awareness**

**Dog Care**

**Drafting**

**Electricity**

Electronics

**Emergency Preparedness**

Energy

**Engineering**

Entrepreneurship

Environmental Science

Exploration

**Family Life**

**Farm Mechanics**

Fingerprinting

**Fire Safety**

**First Aid**

Fish and Wildlife  
Management

Fishing

Fly Fishing

Gardening

Geology

Health Care Professions

Horsemanship

Inventing

Landscape Architecture

Lifesaving

Mining in Society

Moviemaking

Nuclear Science

Painting

Pets

Plant Science

Programming

Pulp and Paper

Reading

Robotics

Salesmanship

Scuba Diving

Shotgun Shooting

Small Boat Sailing

Forestry

Genealogy

Golf

Hiking

Indian Lore

Journalism

Law

Mammal Study

Model Design  
And Building

Music

Oceanography

Personal Fitness

Photography

Plumbing

Public Health

Radio

Reptile and Amphibian  
Study

Rowing

Scholarship

Sculpture

Signs, Signals and Codes

Snow Sports

Game Design

Geocaching

Graphic Arts

Home Repair

Insect Study

Kayaking

Leatherwork

Metalwork

Motorboating

Nature

Orienteering

Personal Management

Pioneering

Pottery

Public Speaking

Railroading

Rifle Shooting

Safety

Scouting Heritage

Search and Rescue

Skating

Soil and Water  
Conservation

**Space Exploration**

**Surveying**

**Textiles**

**Truck Transportation**

**Weather**

**Wilderness Survival**

**Sports**

**Sustainability**

**Theater**

**Veterinary Medicine**

**Welding**

**Wood Carving**

**Stamp Collecting**

**Swimming**

**Traffic Safety**

**Water Sports**

**Whitewater**

**Woodwork**