



Integrated Financial Strategies AND Troop 1214

New Scout/Parent Orientation

- Goals of Troop 1214:
 1. Improve Citizenship
 2. Teach Life Skills
 3. Develop Leadership
 4. Have Fun
 5. Service to Others
 6. Duty to God
- Our Promise:
 - Scouts: we will get you to First Class and help you earn Eagle.
 - Parents: we will keep your children safe (they may get injured, they are boys)
- Parental participation: driver to activities/campouts, parent volunteer/committee jobs, Assistant Scoutmaster. It is not necessary to stay with your son the entire time if you do not want to.
- Weekly Emails (usually on Sunday at 5:00pm)
- Troop 1214 website: www.troop1214.org Lots of information – it is a new page but will continue to grow. Parents and Scouts with e-mails get logins.
- Leader Contact List
- Troop Activity Calendar – current calendar is attached with this packet. A new calendar is issued at the September Court of Honor for the following year. With few exceptions, dates will not change on the calendar, but the locations may change based on external factors.
- Paperwork to be completed;
 - BSA Application (online now both for new Scouts & Bridging AOLs)
 - Troop Bylaws - parents and Scout must read. Please sign and return the last page.
 - Photo release form - Allows us to post pictures (without names) to our website and Troop Facebook page. Please sign and return.
 - Email completed forms to meetings@troop1214.org
- Parent interview with SM Mike Vasek sometime during the next few months.
- Troop Costs (Checks payable to “BSA Troop 1214”)
 - Scout Fair Share is \$200.00 for 2025. Your fair share is **\$150.00** (prorated for 2025).
 - Troop Equipment Fee is \$75.00 (one time).
 - Class B uniforms (information below).
 - Money priority is; (1) summer camp, (2) class B uniforms, (3) fair share, and (4) equipment fee.
- Troop does some fundraising to help offset the Fair Share if the Scout wishes to participate. We can sell camp/coupon cards now to help offset the cost of summer camp.

- No boy in this Troop will EVER miss the opportunity to participate in an activity for financial reasons. If you need help, please let John Benedict (Troop Committee Chair) or Mike Vasek (Scoutmaster) know.
- Scout Handbook-bring it to every meeting and campout. Purchase at the Scout store near BWI airport on Dorsey Road.
- Uniforms:
 - Class A: Full uniform (Scout shirt, neckerchief/slide, green, brown, or khaki pants or shorts, Scout belt), worn to most formal meetings, to and from campouts, and Court of Honor.
 - Class B: Green, brown or khaki pants or shorts, Scout belt, and a Troop, Scouting, or blank t-shirt.
- Troop class B t-shirts – **Price is \$16/shirt**. We recommend purchasing three. Accepting orders soon. We only order once a year in the Spring in order to have the shirts prior to summer camp. We also redesigned our Troop jacket three years ago – it is a softshell fleece jacket (**price is \$44/jacket**). We recommend purchasing one. Information coming soon via email and google order form. Finally, the Scouts requested we add a sweatshirt option in 2023 and we have those available as well – **Price is \$18/sweatshirt**.
- Campouts: Typically Friday evening thru Sunday mid-day. Cost for food is \$20.00 (cash). Require a permission slip to attend (will be emailed prior to the event). If you need to take medication during the campout, there is a form to complete and a designated adult to keep the medication.
- Summer Camp -July 20-26. If you have any questions about summer camp, please see us. This is truly the best week of the year in Scouting.
- Cell phones: Okay to have before meetings but should not be used during the meeting. Cell phones are prohibited during campouts. In case of an emergency, contact the adult in charge at the campout (sent by e-mail before each campout).
- Equipment:
 - Personal** - see list.
 - Patrol** - all patrol equipment will be furnished by the Troop, including tents, tarps, cooking equipment, plates and cups
- Patrol Method
- Advancement - we will work with your son mostly during campouts to advance in rank as well as during Patrol Corners during our normal meetings.
- Merit Badges - not a priority for the first year. You will earn 2-3 at summer camp.
- Questions/Comments