

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 155

TRAILBLAZERS

Williamsburg, VA

**FAMILY GUIDE**



[williamsburgbaptist.com/troop155](http://williamsburgbaptist.com/troop155)

## ***WELCOME TO TROOP 155...We are excited you are joining us!***

Troop 155 meets at Williamsburg Baptist Church in the social hall at 227 Richmond Road. The troop generally holds year-round meetings on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm, except on school holidays.

Troop 155 is located in the *First Colony District*, which is part of the larger BSA Colonial Virginia Council. To get information about Council wide events and announcements you can go to [cvcboyscouts.org](http://cvcboyscouts.org) and click on the heading "About" and then click on Newsletter/Calendar and click to subscribe to the Colonial Virginia Council Newsletter.

### **Scout Responsibilities**

The troop is boy-lead and the scout program is organized to give the boys opportunities to develop leadership skills. The troop is divided up into several patrols, each with a scout patrol leader that is elected by the boys. We also have various other scout elected positions within the troop. Elections are held twice a year (April/October). Regular attendance at meetings is expected with some exceptions made for sports, band, etc. Please have your son keep his patrol informed of these planned absences. In addition to meetings, the troop goes on at least one outing per month and a weeklong scout camp in the summer.

### **Parental Support**

The troop would not be able to run without parent support and involvement. Our adult leadership is made up of volunteers that get trained for such roles as Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Merit Badge Counselors, Committee Members, and chaperones for outings. In these roles parents help guide, instruct and encourage the boys through the scouting program. The Troop Committee meets monthly to help with administrative tasks such as finances, overseeing outings, maintaining troop equipment and the troop library, fundraising, etc. Please consider ways that you may be able to help your scout get the best experience possible by supporting our troop with your time and talents.

### **Troop Communications**

Our troop webpage, [www.williamsburgbaptist.com/troop155](http://www.williamsburgbaptist.com/troop155), has additional information as well as an updated troop calendar. The troop communicates to scouts and parents via email and facebook. You may request to join our facebook page by searching us in groups as Williamsburg Troop 155.

Enclosed in this folder is additional information about the troop and information that we need from you. If you have any questions about anything, please do not hesitate to ask any of our adult leadership. We are pleased you have chosen Troop 155 and are excited to get to know your scout.

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Committee Chair: Dawn Oleksy, [dawn@oleksy.com](mailto:dawn@oleksy.com), 757-603-0875

## **Troop 155 Joining Packet Contents:**

The following is a list of information contained in this packet. As noted below\*\* some of the contained materials are forms that need to be filled out and returned to the person listed next to that item.

1. \*\* BSA Application – both Adult and Scout (\*\* return to Committee Chair, Dawn Oleksy)
2. \*\*Medical Form Parts A, B, C – (\*\*return with copy of Scout's Insurance Card – <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001ABC.pdf> return to Committee Chair, Dawn Oleksy) Part A and B are needed in order to go on any overnight campout and part C is needed for any event that goes over 72 hours
3. \*\* Troop Resource Survey (Secretary, Sally McGee)
4. \*\* Joining Troop 155 Trailblazers (\*\*return fees to Troop Treasurer, Channing Richardson)
5. Troop Cancellation/Refund Policy
6. Troop Organization Chart
7. 12 Month Activity Calendar
8. Basic Camping Gear
9. Uniform Policy



## TROOP RESOURCE SURVEY

To provide the best possible Scout program for your boy and all the scouts within this Troop we all need to work together. Parent participation is key. To help us to get to know you better we are requesting a little background information. Please help us meet the needs of our scouts by letting us know what interests, talents, equipment you may enjoy sharing with Troop 155.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email (s) for the troop wide email distribution list:

\_\_\_\_\_

Does your scout have an email that you would like to be included on the troop wide email distribution list? \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your occupation? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do you have any hobbies that you would be interested in sharing with the boys and Troop?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What do you think your strengths are?(leadership?, teaching? outdoor skills?knots? cooking?sports?...) \_\_\_\_\_
4. Would you be willing to assist the Troop Leaders and Committee Members occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Do you have any Scouting experience? \_\_\_\_\_
6. What would you like your son to get out of his Scouting experience? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Please circle the areas in which you would be willing to help

Campouts	Access to Military bases
Hikes	Have camping gear
Troop Meetings	Willing to tow trailer or transportation of scouts
Fundraising or accounting	Have a workshop
Web/social media	Have access to a cabin/vacation home
First aid/CPR qualified	Have access to camping property
Other:	Have canoe/kayak

Earning Merit Badges is an integral part of the scout rank advancement process and a great way for boys to explore many interesting topics that could lead to potential career paths. We are always looking for people with knowledge, enthusiasm and a willingness to share this with the boys as a Merit Badge Counselor.

Below is a list of Merit Badges our boys can earn. Please take a look at the list and circle those you would be interested in teaching or helping out with. (Eagle rank required badges are in bold print). We have troop members that are willing to help you through the Merit Badge process. A comprehensive list of Scout Merit Badges can be found online at [www.scouting.org/meritbadges](http://www.scouting.org/meritbadges) . Here you can see the requirements for each merit badge by clicking on each individual badge.

American Business	<b>Citizenship in the Nation</b>	Farm Mechanics	Landscape Architecture	Plumbing	Signs, Signals, and Codes
American Cultures	<b>Citizenship in the World</b>	Fingerprinting	Law	Pottery	Skating
American Heritage	Climbing	Fire Safety	Leatherwork	Programming	Small-Boat Sailing
American Labor	Coin Collecting	<b>First Aid</b>	<b>Lifesaving</b>	Public Health	Snow Sports
Animal Science	Collections	Fish and Wildlife Management	Mammal Study	Public Speaking	Soil and Water Conservation
Animation	<b>Communication</b>	Fishing	Medicine	Pulp and Paper	Space Exploration
Archaeology	Composite Materials	Fly Fishing	Metalwork	Radio	Sports
Archery	<b>Cooking</b>	Forestry	Mining in Society	Railroading Reading	Stamp Collecting
Architecture	Crime Prevention	Game Design	Model Design and Building	Reptile and Amphibian Study	Surveying
Art	<b>Cycling</b>	Gardening	Motor boating	Reading	<b>Sustainability</b>
Astronomy	Dentistry	Genealogy	Moviemaking	Rifle Shooting	<b>Swimming</b>
Athletics	Digital Technology	Geocaching	Music	Robotics	Textile
Automotive Maintenance	Disabilities Awareness	Geology	Nature	Rowing	Theater
Aviation	Dog Care	Golf	Nuclear Science	Safety	Traffic Safety
Backpacking	Drafting	Graphic Arts	Oceanography	Veterinary Medicine	Truck Transportation
Basketry	Electricity	<b>Hiking</b>	Orienteering	Salesmanship	Water Sports
Bird Study	Electronics	Home Repairs	Painting	Scholarship	Weather
Bugling	<b>Emergency Preparedness</b>	Horsemanship	<b>Personal Fitness</b>	Scouting Heritage	Welding
<b>Camping</b>	Energy	Indian Lore	<b>Personal Management</b>	Scuba Diving	Whitewater
Canoeing	Engineering	Insect Study	Pets	Sculpture	Wilderness Survival
Chemistry	Entrepreneurship	Inventing	Photography	Search & Rescue	Wood Carving
<b>Citizenship in the Community</b>	<b>Environmental Science</b>	Journalism	Pioneering	Shotgun Shooting	Woodwork
Chess	<b>Family Life</b>	Kayaking	Plant Science		



# Joining Troop 155 Trailblazers



Please provide the following information to the troop committee member indicated:

\_\_\_\_\_ Council Registration Fee/New Scouts Only \$33 Year/\$2.75 Month Proration (Treasurer)

\_\_\_\_\_ Troop Registration Fee \$40 (Treasurer)

\_\_\_\_\_ Pack/Troop Advancement Records (Advancement Chair)

**\*Transfer scout records** should include all rank dates, merit badge dates, leadership training, special awards, OA information, as well as an activity report that includes camping nights, service hours/dates, and hiking miles.

### New Scout Expenses:

Registration Fee	\$40 payable to Troop Treasurer
Tan shirt with Council patch/World Crest Merit Badge Sash	Scout purchases at Scout Shop 11834 Canon Blvd. NN, VA 23606 (757)595-3356
Handbook, Epaulets, Neckerchief & Numbers	Provided by Troop at Crossover
Troop T-shirt & Hat	Given after Rank of Scout is earned (Extras may be purchased for \$12)
Patrol Patch	Given after completion of 1 <sup>st</sup> campout
Long Sleeve T-Shirt, Hoodie, Skull Cap	Available, not required, for purchase from Troop
3 Ring Binder/Business Card Page Protectors	Recommended, not required
Handbook Cover	Recommended, not required, from Scout Shop
Basic Camping Equipment	See Scout Leaders for Recommendations

**\*Transfer Scout Expenses:** After the \$40 troop registration fee is paid and paperwork is submitted, the scout will be given a Troop 155 t-shirt, hat, and numbers. A patrol patch will be given after the scout's first campout with the troop.

- **A yearly fee of \$100 is collected in December** (\$65 dues, \$35 Council Recharter). The dues are paid by scouts only and go towards general troop expenses like awards, equipment, training, etc., while the recharter fee goes directly to Council for every registered scout and adult volunteer in the troop.
- **Pack/Former Troop popcorn balances** may be transferred over to our troop treasurer to help defray costs, but it is the family's responsibility to secure a check made out to BSA Troop 155.
- **Adults registering with the troop as volunteers** will need to provide proof of Youth Protection Training and any other special training, along with the application, council registration fee, and completed medical form/insurance card copy.
- **Campouts are charged on a monthly basis.** Generally, the troop attends one week-long summer camp, 6-8 local trips, a Spring break trip, 1-2 longer distance trips, and an Appalachian Trail hike. To offset costs, we participate in the Council's annual popcorn sales drive, as well as in our own private fundraising events throughout the year. Proceeds from sales are split between the troop's general fund and the scout's individual escrow account established to pay for his activities.

Adventure	Typical Cost Range	Length	Notes
Summer Camp	\$275-\$350	5-7 Days	Usually July
Local Camp	\$20-\$45	2 Nights	Local campgrounds from Richmond to Upper North Carolina
Special Trips	\$75-\$250	2-5 Days	Ski trip, Lake Trip, Out of State trips
AT Hike	\$20-\$40	2-4 Days	SW Virginia, boys pack own food
High Adventure/National Jamboree	\$1,000-\$3,000	2 Weeks	Trips offered to older boys from time to time





## **Troop 155 Cancellation and Refund Policy (Revised)**

### **Cancellation of Events**

**Monday night meetings:** Troop 155 generally follows the public school schedule of cancellation due to holidays or inclement weather. Scout families should check your email or Facebook for status of all Troop meetings. If you are not on the mailing list, you can request to join it.

**Troop events or activities:** We are Scouts, so we often will not cancel events due to minor rain or less than ideal conditions; however, if a safety issue is present the event will be cancelled. Again, check your email or Facebook for the trip status. Cancellations will be made by the Event Coordinator from the troop by 1PM the day of the trip.

### **Refund Policy**

The troop plans a variety of events during the year, and the scout fee for troop activities/campouts will include a number of cost variables such as:

1. Registration fees for use of campgrounds
2. Food purchased by the troop for your scout
3. Transportation costs
4. Equipment rental, e.g. canoes, ski rental
5. Admission/ticket fees
6. Council fees, e.g. Lumberjack, pumpkin chunkin
7. Other miscellaneous fees

Scout fees for an event are fully refundable up to the registration deadline – unless otherwise noted. After the deadline date only the portion of the scout fee that the Event Coordinator can recover without expense to the troop will be refunded. For example, if a scout cancels out on a campout after the food has been purchased for the trip, the scout will be charged for his portion of the food. Likewise, if the campground the troop was going to has a nonrefundable fee, this too will be the responsibility of the scout to pay.

Sign up sheets for Troop activities are generally presented a few weeks before an event at the Monday night meeting. The deadline for signing up/refunds will be on the sign up sheet, announced at Circle-Up, and the information about the trip emailed out to the troop. If there are extenuating circumstances for requesting a refund, the parent can submit a request to the Troop Treasurer and Committee Chair for review and consideration. Reimbursement will typically be in the form of credit to the Scout's account.

## **High Adventure and High Cost Event Registration**

This would include such events as Philmont Backpacking, Sea Base Adventures, and Northern Tier. These trips usually require a deposit to secure the crew's reservation as much as 18 months in advance of the trip. The policies on these trips vary from location to location, and the Troop Event Coordinator will determine "signup" deadline and a "final date to drop out". The Event Coordinator will communicate the details of the trip and payment requirements to the troop.

Generally these guidelines will be followed:

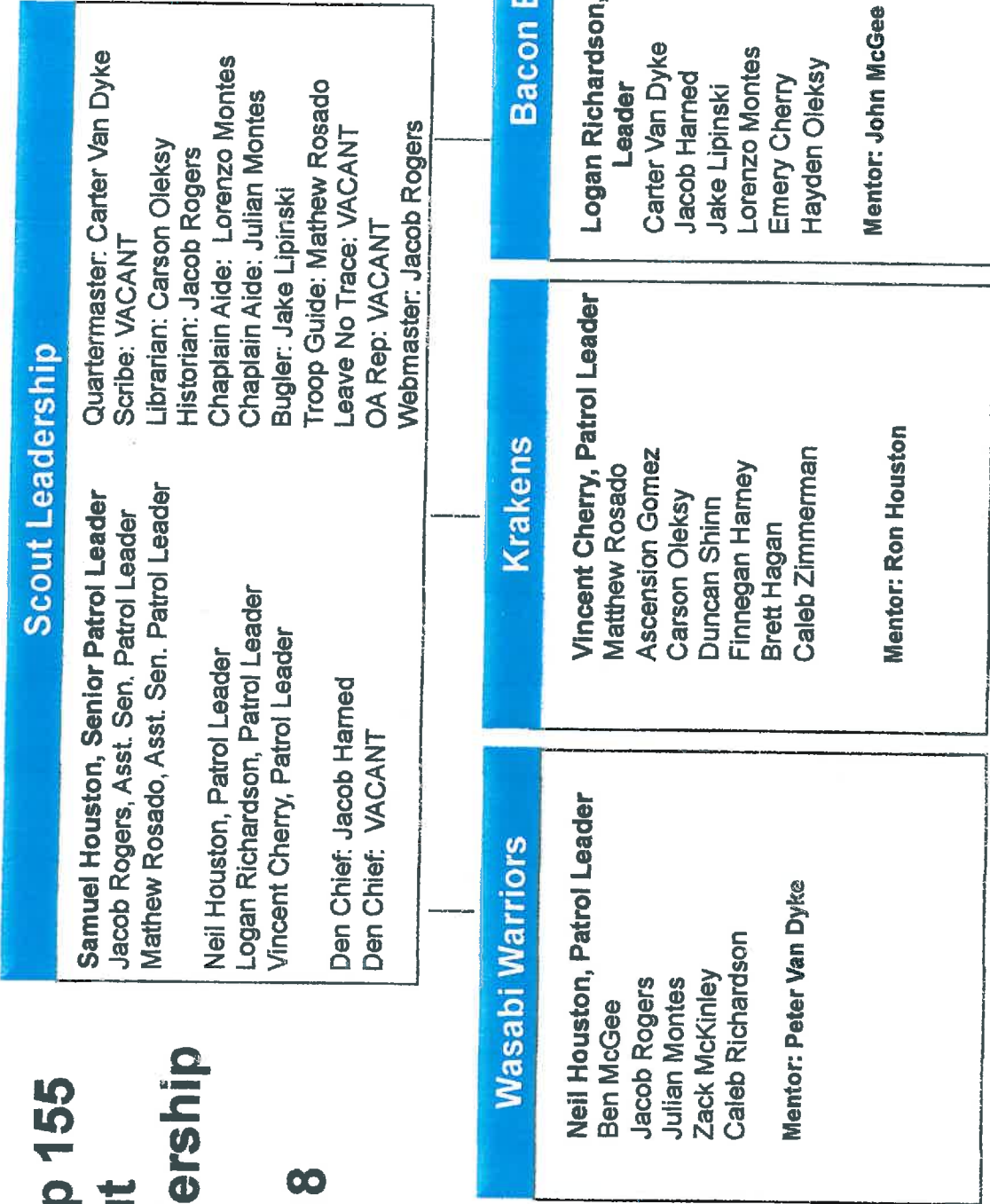
1. Before the signup deadline, all deposits and fees are fully refundable.
2. Between the signup deadline and the "final date to drop out", the deposit will be refunded **ONLY** if another scout takes his place and amounts paid by the scout equal the amounts paid by the scout asking for the refund.
3. After the final date to drop out, all deposits and payments are forfeited and will be disbursed as follows:
  - a. To pay for any actual expenses incurred on the Scout's behalf
  - b. To help defray other Scout's costs which have increased due to the Scout's withdrawal (e.g. the fair share of a chartered bus ride);
  - c. Refunded to Scout if refund is obtained from any vendor or the expenditure is not required to be paid due to the cancellation.
  - d. To the general Troop budget (if any amount is credited to the general Troop budget, a record of the amount will be given, on request, for tax purposes). A full accounting of the forfeited withheld items will be supplied.

## **Summer Scout Camp**

Much pre-planning is involved in taking a group of scouts to summer camp, and many factors go in to pulling it all together. Summer scout camps require a deposit months in advance to secure spots at the camp. Most camps have a NO refund cancellation policy of at least the deposit and in some cases the whole amount for the week at camp (\$100-\$350). This is out of our control. There may be some exceptions to this for emergencies (injury, illness and death), but the camp itself determines refund status. Schedule conflicts with family vacations, band camps, sports camps and church camps are not considered emergencies. If you are in doubt, DO NOT sign your boy up. He can always be added late (with an additional late fee), which is much less than the amount you would owe if you cancel.

# Troop 155 Scout Leadership

1/2018



# Troop 155 Adult Leadership

## 1/2018

### Committee Leadership

**Committee Chair:** Dawn Oleksy, [dawn@oleksy.com](mailto:dawn@oleksy.com)  
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### Troop Leadership

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## Troop 155 - 12 Month Calendar

Event	POC	Date	Location	Sign up Deadline	Cost Estimate	Order of the Arrow Events
January 2018						
Ski Trip - Timberline, WV	P. VanDyke	1/13 - 1/15	WV	12/13	\$250.00	
February 2018						
Lumberjack (CVC)	J. McGee	2/23 - 2/25	Local	2/15	\$20.00	
March 2018						
Military Through The Ages Camp	R. Houston	3/16-3/18	Chick River Front Park	3/5	\$30.00	Winter Service Weekend 3/9 -3/11
April 2018						
AT Hike	P. VanDyke	4/2 - 4/6	VA/MD/WV	3/26	\$40.00	
May 2018						
Scout Skills Campout w/Swim Test	P. Rosado	5/25-5/27	Local - Eustis, First Landing, or NN Park	5/14	\$20.00	Spring Service Weekend 5/18 -5/20
June 2018						
Wisconsin Battleship Overnighter	P. Rosado	6/22 -6/24	Norfolk	5/21	\$75.00	
July 2018						
Summer Camp	P. VanDyke	7/9 - 7/13	T Brady Saunders	12/31	\$375.00	
August 2018						
Lafayette Gun Club	R. Milligan	TBD	Local	TBD	\$25.00	
September 2018						
Outer Banks Adventure	P. VanDyke	9/14 - 9/16	OBX, NC	TBD	\$65.00	Summer Service Weekend 9/21 -9/23
October 2018						
Local Trip	P. VanDyke	TBD	Local	TBD	\$20.00	Fall Fellowship 10/19 -10/21
November 2018						
Merit Badge Camp - - Webelos Event run by the Troop	P. Rosado	11/16 - 11/17	Local	TBD	\$20.00	
December 2018						
Rock Climbing	P. VanDyke	12/29	Richmond, VA	12/1	\$45.00	



## Basic Camping Gear

Troop 155 plans to go on 10 to 12 camping trips per year. The following is a list of basic camping gear that your scout will need to get started. As he gets more camping experience and grows in scouting, he can acquire additional equipment as he needs it. Adult scout leaders and other scouts also serve as a great resource for advice on specific brands and types of camping gear. Please ask a scout leader if you need more guidance on specific purchases.

**1. Sleeping Bags** – either down or synthetic and should be rated to 20 degrees. (Synthetic is recommended because it functions better if it should get wet.) There are so many options but a good place to get advice on buying sleeping bags is a link to REI: <https://www.rei.com/learn/expert-advice/sleeping-bag.html>.

- a. The sleeping bag should have a bag (stuff sack) to keep it stored in when transporting.
- b. The temperature rating on a sleeping bag is based on a person fully clothed in thermals.

**2. Sleeping pad** – Closed cell foam or self-inflating. This not only cushions the ground, but will also act as another layer to keep in warmth.

**3. Mess Kit** = cup/mug, eating utensils, plate/bowl

- a. can be plastic or metal
- b. can be homemade or purchased as a kit
- c. mesh bag to keep the mess kit in is useful to hang the mess kit up for drying
- d. an unbreakable coffee mug for hot chocolate is nice to have

**3. Canteen or Nalgene Water Bottle** – should have at least 1 liter capacity

**4. Flashlight or headlight** – a headlight is nice because it keeps your hands free

Tents and cooking equipment (pots, pans, cook stove, etc.) are provided by the troop. Typically the boys will tent with 2-3 boys of the same patrol per tent. We believe that this promotes safety and is an important learning experience. The Scoutmaster may grant permission for tenting alone or in hammocks, but this is normally reserved for older scouts.

Generally a comprehensive packing list will be sent out prior to each outing. Unique camping situations such as backpacking, canoe trips, or summer camp may require additional equipment (backpacks, hiking shoes, foot lockers). This type of equipment will be addressed at the meetings prior to the outing.

Places to look for camping equipment: Walmart, Dicks Sporting Goods, REI, etc.

## TROOP 155 UNIFORM POLICY

Scout Uniform	Activity	Required Attire
Class A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scout Meetings - Sept to May</li> <li>• Campout Travel</li> <li>• Scoutmaster Conference</li> <li>• Flag Ceremony at camp</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BSA uniform shirt with rank and patrol patch</li> <li>2. Pants or shorts (khaki, green or jeans)</li> <li>3. Belt (brown, black, green or tan)</li> <li>4. Scout Handbook</li> <li>5. Hat (campouts only)</li> </ol> <p>NO athletic attire or sweatpants.</p>
Class A Special Occasion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Court of Honor</li> <li>• Boards of Review</li> <li>• Scout Sunday</li> <li>• Formal Flag Ceremonies</li> <li>• Recruiting Events</li> <li>• Council Events</li> <li>• Fundraising</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. BSA uniform shirt with rank and patrol patch</li> <li>2. Pants or shorts (khaki, green or jeans)</li> <li>3. Belt (brown, black, green or tan)</li> <li>4. Sash</li> <li>5. Neckerchief**</li> <li>6. Scout Cap</li> <li>7. Scout Handbook</li> </ol> <p>NO athletic attire or sweatpants.</p>
Class B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summer Meetings - Memorial Day - Labor Day</li> <li>• Specified Outdoor Events</li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Troop 155 T-shirt/sweatshirt,</li> <li>2. Pants or shorts</li> </ol>

Scouts are expected to wear neutral socks and closed toed shoes to all events. Troop 155 caps should always be brought on camping trips for sun protection. Caps should always be taken off during times of prayer.

Depending on the activity or event, the policy can be modified by the Scoutmaster or Point of Contact for the event. Scouts will be notified of the modification.

**\*\*NOTE:** The neckerchief should be worn under the scout shirt collar.