

Hello and Welcome to Wasatch Front Scouting!

Thank you for your interest in Troop 1444. We're always excited to welcome new families to our unit and we look forward to getting to know you better.

We know our meetings are a busy time and there is a lot going on. Here are a few notes to get you started, but please know that you can speak with any of our Troop Leadership at any time if you have questions. Intermittently we hold Parent Meetings to update parents about upcoming events, yearly campouts, fees, etc. Please try to attend these meetings so we can answer any of your questions.

Program

Our Troop is using Scout-led meeting disciplines. Our Senior Patrol Leadership plans and facilitates the meetings under the supervision of the adult leadership, but the scouts are left to their own devices to communicate, implement, and carry through all of their ideas. Most of the time they are successful, but sometimes things don't go as planned. We work hard to sustain an environment where our troop is a safe place to fail. That's how our scouts learn. You may feel stressed watching the chaos and that's ok. Come talk with one of the leaders or parents and we'll answer any questions you have. The best way for your scout to be successful is for you to help them understand what their responsibilities are and then let them try.

Senior Patrol Leader elections are held twice a year in April and October. Scouts interested in holding a position can self-nominate and the scouts will hold a blind election. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) will then be trained by the Scout Masters and will then do planning for the next three to six months. The PLC usually meets a couple times during the six-month term to keep planning on track.

Uniforms

We honor the scouting tradition of the full uniform to level-set the environment and to foster a sense of belonging. We ask that your scout come in full uniform each week and for travel to all activities, including camping, unless otherwise instructed. Full uniform is defined as BSA approved field (aka Class A) uniform shirt with appropriate insignia, pants, belt, socks, and scout handbook. Hats are optional but should be BSA approved. We use the black neckerchief with red trim. We have custom patches for our unit number (so you only have to sew on one patch, not four). They may be purchased for \$6.

We provide each scout with one Class B t-shirt (red) to wear on campouts, service projects, etc. Additional shirts may be purchased through our troop.

Communications

At the end of each troop meeting, the troop will "circle up" and do announcements. Encourage your scouts to listen carefully and then ask them what they heard and learned in circle-up.

In addition to regular parent meetings, we send a weekly newsletter via email each Sunday morning. Mr/Mrs. Fowler will ensure that you are put on the distribution list – the email address used will be the one provided on your scout's registration form.

We have a private Facebook page as well, which is a good channel for last minute communications. Stephanie Fowler (COR), Renee DeLangis (Treasurer), or Jolene Anderson (Advancement Coordinator) will gladly send you an invite to join the group. Just let us know if you want the invite.

Meetings

We meet at Corner Canyon Church (12883 S 1300 E, Draper, UT 84020) every Tuesday evening, unless otherwise stated (occasionally we meet elsewhere for specific activities). Meetings run from 6:45-8:30, weekly.

We offer camping opportunities the third weekend of every month, except for December. During July we attend a weeklong camp outside of Utah (those dates vary).

Adult Volunteers

Our troop is volunteer-run and we are always looking for additional help. We have many positions within our troop, with varying degrees of involvement. Please plan to participate in your child's scouting experience.

Fees

After you register to join our Troop, we will bill you for the BSA registration fee (this fee can be prorated depending on the time of year that you join our troop).

Troop dues and other fees, like camping and activity fees, will be billed to your family scout account and you will receive a monthly statement along with information on how to pay.

We hope you find this helpful. We'll look forward to chatting with you more each week.

Thank You!

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