

# TROOP 55 INFORMATION SHEET

## **Scout Gear you will need:**

From the Troop 55 Website [www.bsa55.com](http://www.bsa55.com)

Under handbook:

<http://bsa55.com/handbook/personal-gear-for-backpacking/>  
<http://bsa55.com/handbook/clothing-layering-raingear-boots/>  
<http://bsa55.com/handbook/personal-gear-for-car-camping/>  
<http://bsa55.com/handbook/sleeping-bags-and-backpacks/>

Under forms:

Camping Checklist:

<http://bsa55.com/content/wp-content/plugins/download-monitor/download.php?id=6>

Cold-weather Camping Checklist:

<http://bsa55.com/content/wp-content/plugins/download-monitor/download.php?id=90>

## **Uniform:**

You will need the Scout shirt, pants and green socks.

You can order from <http://www.scoutstuff.org/> or go to the BSA store in Bethesda or Springfield, <https://ncacbsa.site-ym.com/?page=ScoutShop>

Patch placement:

<http://www.bsauniforms.org/#/boy-scout/item-boyscout>

## **Useful websites:**

Troop 55's website-[www.bsa55.com](http://www.bsa55.com)

Scout/BSA supplies - <http://www.scoutstuff.org/>

Online Training- [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

Merit Badge requirements- [www.MeritBadge.org](http://www.MeritBadge.org)

Important points of contact:

Paul Reinke, Uniformed adult leader for new scouts [prreinke@gmail.com](mailto:prreinke@gmail.com)

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## SCOUT SPEAK

### Positions of Leadership

**SPL**-Senior Patrol Leader (Senior boy leader in the Troop)

**ASPL**-Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (Asst. Senior Boy leaders in the Troop)

**PL**-Patrol Leader (Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader reporting to ASPL and SPL)

**SM**-Scoutmaster (Gary Pan)

**ASM**-Assistant Scoutmasters (Lead ASMs are Ted Reuss, Ed Phillips)

### Uniform Terms

**Class A+** - Full uniform with neckerchief and slide

**Class A** – Full uniform without neckerchief and slide

**Class B** – Troop T-shirt with scout pants

### Acronyms and Advancement

**PoR**-Position of Responsibility (Scout's leadership position for a term).

Examples are: Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Historian, Instructor, etc.

In order to advance to the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle Scout, you must hold a leadership position for a certain amount of time. For Star, you must hold one of these positions for 4 months or more and for Life and Eagle you must hold them for 6 months or more.

**PLC**-Patrol Leader's Council (Scout leadership meets the Wednesday following an outing to review the month and discuss the next month's agenda)

**Instructor's Session**-Troop instructors (older scouts) assist younger scouts with advancement (First Wednesday after an outing). Scouts can complete Pre-Scoutmaster conferences with their Patrol Advisors (uniformed adult in charge of their Patrol). On occasion, Merit Badge requirements are completed with a certified Merit Badge Counselor.

**Pre-Scoutmaster Conference**-Scouts meet with the Patrol Advisor to review requirements for advancement prior to their Scoutmaster conference. This can be accomplished on an outing or during a PLC/Instructor Session meeting. It should be communicated in advance.

<http://bsa55.com/content/wp-content/plugins/download-monitor/download.php?id=8>

**Scoutmaster Conference**-Meeting with the Scoutmaster as the final step for advancement to the next rank. This must be completed on an outing and must be communicated in advance.

**BoR**-Board of Review. Once a Scout has completed his Pre-Scoutmaster Conference, and Scoutmaster conference, he is ready for a Board of Review. He meets with three non-uniformed parents to talk about his Scouting experience. The Scout should email Claude Andersen, our Advancement Chair ([CAnderesen@clydes.com](mailto:CAnderesen@clydes.com)) to request his BoR when he is ready. This begins at the rank of Tenderfoot, and occurs for each rank afterward (Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, 1<sup>st</sup> Class, Star, Life, Eagle). BoRs usually occur during the PLC/Instructor session on the first Wednesday following an outing.

**CoH**-Court of Honor. Scouts are recognized for their achievements (Ranks and Merit Badges). This occurs four times a year, usually in October, January, April and June. Parents are always invited to the Court of Honor, but should definitely attend when their son is being awarded a rank advancement. The parents are asked to join their son, and the mother receives a pin for her mother's ribbon.

### **Other Useful Terms**

**Car Camping**-This is not camping in a car. It refers to trips where boys pack in a duffle bag rather than a backpack because they will be able to leave their gear at the campsite. For these trips, boys are often asked to bring a daypack (small backpack).