



BSA TROOP 505 THE PRAIRIE TROOP Naperville, Illinois

www.troop505.org

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INTRODUCTION: Troop 505 "The Prairie Troop" was chartered in 1964 and has been a continuously active Troop in Naperville since its inception. Currently 64 boys are in the troop and crew. Many boys have graduated from the Troop with the skills, values, and self-confidence necessary to guide them through their entire adult life. Over 120 boys have earned the Eagle Scout Award, and in 2007 the Troop will graduate 8 Eagle Scouts. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.



The aim of Scouting is to build character, foster citizenship, and to develop fitness. Troop 505's program is planned and run by the boys with guidance from adult leaders. Scouting works best in the out-of-doors and Troop 505 supports a strong outdoor program



MEETINGS: Troop 505 is chartered by Knox Presbyterian Church Christian Education Department. The Scouting program is non-denominational. We meet almost every Monday night at 7:30 PM from September to May. Most meetings end between 8:45 and 9:00 PM Knox Presbyterian Church is located at 1105 Catalpa Lane (take Washington St. and turn west onto Gartner). Turn left onto Catalpa and then right onto Basswood. Enter at Basswood entrance. There is ample parking at the shopping center across from the Church.



FACILITIES: Large troop meeting room, gymnasium, breakout rooms, and kitchen are provided by Knox Presbyterian Church. The Troop supplies all the equipment needed for camping exception of personal gear, sleeping bags, and ground cover. This includes equipment such as tents, tarps, propane stoves, propane lanterns, cook kits, chef's kits, and dutch ovens.

ORGANIZATION: Troop 505's strong scouting program is a direct result of active Scoutmasters and other adult scout leaders. The Troop has over 41 registered leaders, including Scoutmasters and Committee Members. The Scouts are responsible for planning and running the Troop Program. The Patrol Leader Council (PLC) is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and Patrol Leaders. Each Patrol Leader represents his patrol on the PLC and brings back information to his patrol on decisions made by the PLC. Therefore, every Scout in the Troop is given a voice in the Troop's operation.



The Troop organization is tiered to ensure the boys develop strong skills that are appropriate within their rank and age group. By working within their peer groups they support and motivate each other as they learn and advance:

- **New Scout Unit – Wolverines:** Scouts in the fifth and sixth grade are assigned to new boy patrols. For fifth grade boys, the Patrol Leader is a senior Scout. For sixth grade boys, the patrol leader is a different sixth grade Scout each month. An older Scout is also assigned as Troop Guide to assist the Patrol Leader and work with the new Scouts on basic Scouting skills.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Unit – Pioneers:** The Pioneer Unit is a separate adventure program for Junior High School boys. The Scouts will meet twice a month during regular scheduled meetings to work on advanced skills and plan upcoming activities. They normally have two to three of their own activities scheduled during the year.
- **High School Unit - Venturing Crew:** The Crew is a high adventure program for boys in high school. This program provides more challenging and diverse activities (i.e. technical rope climbing, white water rafting).

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ACTIVITIES/ OUTINGS FOR 2008/2009

Outings:

September	Starved Rock Campout (Webelos)
October	Rainbow Council Campout (Webelos)
November	Climbing, Bloomington, IL
December	Survival Campout at the Ranch (no tents or stoves)
January	U.S.S. Cobia Submarine Campout
	Family Night Dinner and Slide Show
February	Ski Trip; Klondike Campout
	Pancake Breakfast
March	Advancement Campout (New Scouts are prepared for camping and started on the advancement pathway toward Eagle)
April	Devils Lake
May	Warren Dunes
June	Mini Adventure
July	Summer Camp – Ransburg Scout Reservation, 2009 High Adventure: Philmont Trek



Service Projects and Fundraisers

Fall and Spring Service Projects at Knox: Outdoor Beautification, Clean-up, Painting

Fall Von Oven Work Day: Scouts help prepare our local scout camp for the winter

Winter Service Project: Scouting for Food

Major Fundraisers: Popcorn, Wreaths, Ink Jet cartridges Recycling and Pancake Breakfast. Why so many? It ensures the troop is well funded, and creates an opportunity for the boys to earn money for their escrow accounts to pay for camping gear, camping outings, and high adventure trips.

Summer Camp

Summer camp is the first long term camping experience in Scouting. Troop 505 has scheduled the first two weeks of July at BSA Camp Ransburg in southern Indiana. We have reserved two camp sites for two weeks of summer camp, allowing us to accommodate approximately 70 Scouts (35 per week). Several of our adult leaders guide the Scouts at camp, along with the Camp Staff. Ransburg also offers numerous high adventure activities for older scouts, and they can get 4 or 5 merit badges toward higher rank.

For more information, see our calendar and other pictures of our Scouts in action visit our web site at www.troop505.org.

The best way to get to know us is by visiting our Troop and meeting the boys and adult leaders. Your 2nd year Webelos can visit on: Oct. 27th; Nov. 10th & 24th; Dec. 1st; Jan. 12th & 19th. You are welcome visit with your Webelos any Monday at 7:30PM by calling or e-mailing ahead to one of the contact below.

Please contact: Dan Curtis (Webelos Recruiting) at danny.curtis@sonoco.com or 630-961-3703 to set up a visit date. If you have questions on the program, feel free to contact Eric Reishus, Committee Chair, at emreishus@aol.com (630-420-1485) or Eric Claeys, Scoutmaster at claeys@eccssw.com (630) 369-2148

