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Troop 999

Harford District

Baltimore Area Council

Information Guide

2015



Meeting Wednesday's 7:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus - Bel Air Council 4714
23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, MD 21050

Welcome from the Scoutmaster

Thank you for considering Troop 999. We have a very active outdoor program that is designed to provide a series of challenging events, allowing your son to reach new goals, enjoy personal growth, learn new talents and develop his leadership skills in a safe environment.

To achieve these goals, Troop 999 operates as a **"Boy-Run Troop"**. The Scouts decide the program, organize the tasks and preparations, and lead the events with oversight from the adult leadership to ensure safety.

Advancement opportunities are provided, both on outings and in the weekly meetings, as appropriate and follow the guidelines established in the BSA Scout Handbook. Advancement is based on the boy's drive and desire, and is done at their own pace. While we would like to see, and encourage, all of them achieve the rank of Eagle, we do not force anyone to advance.

Please take the time to review this guide as it will answer many common questions, and provide you a general guideline of how the Troop operates, what is expected of yourself and your son, and the upcoming events that have been scheduled for this Scout year.

I look forward to the opportunity to work with your son, and help him achieve his goals. Please let me know if you have any concerns or questions, and I will do my best to answer them or get you with the right person to do so.

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Scoutmaster

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Dues

The dues for the 2015-2016 (fiscal year 2015) for Troop 999 are as follows:

Scout	\$85.00
Sibling Scout	\$70.00 (no 2nd boys life)
Scouter (registered adult)	\$20.00

New Scouts joining Scouts for the first time:

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
\$85	\$80	\$75	\$70	\$65	\$60
July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
\$55	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35	\$30

Transferring Scouts

(Valid BSA ID with Re-Chartered Troop or Pack):

Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June
\$60	\$55	\$50	\$45	\$40	\$35
July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
\$30	\$25	\$20	\$15	\$10	\$5

The schedule listed above reflects all BSA registration fees, re-charter fees, transfer fees and Troop 999 obligations.

Uniforms:

An appropriate uniform, as determined by the Patrol Leaders Council, should be worn to **all** Scout functions, **including weekly meetings**.

1. Scout Uniform Shirt – (Long or Short Sleeve)
All appropriate patches including current rank.
2. Troop 999 Neckerchief with slide.
3. Scout Pants or Scout Shorts.
4. Merit Badge Sash
5. Order of the Arrow Sash (if earned)
6. Belt
7. Boots, Sneakers, or Closed toed Shoes (No sandals)
8. Hat (optional) if worn must be of Scout Type

The complete uniform requirements with all exceptions can be found in the Scout, Scouter, Parent Handbook,

Equipment

Each Patrol is issued a basic set of equipment. This includes: pots, pans, cooking utensils, propane stoves, and other commonly used equipment. Patrols are responsible for their safekeeping and cleanliness.

Each Scout should provide his own sleeping bag, pack or duffel bag as appropriate, eating and drinking utensils, toilet articles and other personal use items as appropriate.

Tents and Backpacks

Troop 999 provides tents to Scouts on a limited basis. It is suggested that as a Scout progresses in Scouting, they purchase their own tent that fulfills their needs. It is suggested that Scouts consult the Scoutmaster prior to the purchase of any tent. At summer camp, the camp provides campers with BSA canvas wall tents.

Scouts are encouraged to bring their own tent provided that the Scout is familiar with the tent set up and it is appropriate for the type of campout. Note: The Scout is responsible for his own tent.

The Troop has some backpacks for Scouts to use. The Scout should see the Troop Quartermaster if he wishes to use one of the Troop backpacks. Please consult the Scoutmaster prior to the purchase of any backpack. There are many types, some of which are not adequate for our use.

General Information:

Boy Scout Troop 999 is part of the Harford District, Baltimore Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The Chartered Organization for Troop 999 is the Knights of Columbus, Bel Air Council #4714. Troop 999 is re-chartered each year in January. Troop 999 operates under all guidelines, policies, and regulations set forth by the Boy Scouts of America. No boy shall be excluded from Troop 999 for reasons of race, religion, creed, or physical handicap.

Troop Meetings

The Troop meets weekly at the Knights of Columbus, 23 Newport Drive, Forest Hill, Maryland on Wednesdays from 7 PM to approximately 8:30 PM- after the chairs and tables have been set up for the KOC Bingo games.

Adult Leaders

Adult Troop Leaders are trained by the BSA in Leadership fundamentals, Health and Safety, Safety Afloat and Swim Fundamentals. Specific leadership responsibilities can be found in the "Troop Committee Guide Book."

Youth Protection

The safety of our boys is the most important of all responsibilities. Boy Scouts of America now requires that **ALL ADULTS** must take "Youth Protection" **prior** to submitting an adult application. This course is available on-line at <http://scouting.org/>

The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC)

This council is responsible for planning and conducting the Troop activities. The Troop's activities are selected and planned at the Annual Program Planning Conference. The Troop's yearly plan is then submitted to the Troop Committee for approval. The Troop Committee either approves the plan or makes alternative suggestions to the Patrol Leaders Council to consider at its monthly meetings. The Patrol Leaders Council organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly Troop meetings. The Troop Committee interacts with the Patrol Leaders Council through the Scoutmaster. Because the PLC determines the course of the Troop, our Troop is considered "Boy Run."

Troop Schedule 2015 -2016

<u>Date / Activity</u>	<u>Estimated Cost</u>
September 18-20 Tubing Trip – Gunpowder River	\$20.00
October 16-18 Camping with Cub Scouts - Muddy Run	\$25.00
November 20-22 Camping / Night Hike	\$40.00
December 13 Winter Sports TBD	\$25.00
January 22-24 Klondike Derby – Camp Rodney	\$25.00
February 19-21 Cabin Camping	\$35.00
March 11-13 Camping – Gettysburg	\$45.00
April 16 Opening Day Forest Hill Rec.	Service
April 23/24 New Scout Camping	\$20.00
May 21 50 Mile Walk	N.C.
June 10-12 Fishing / Camping Calvert Cliffs	\$40.00
July 26-July 1 Summer Camp	\$350
August TBD Summer Picnic – Susquehanna River	N.C.

*Estimated costs are included for informational purposes.
Actual costs may vary based on the Scouts
final decision regarding program and food*

