



Troop 161 Parent Orientation

March 2013

**Southern Shores Field Council
Wabano District
Sponsored by the Lions Club of Mattawan**





What Scouting is All About

Aims of Scouting – three specific objectives:

Character development

Citizenship training

Personal fitness

***The principal focus is on the boys and
in making it fun***





Agenda

- What you need to know about our Troop
- Transition from Pack to Troop
- Advancement T21
- What is most important this week
- Troop leadership
- Troop calendar
- Troop communications
- Commitment to safety





About Troop 161

- Youth leadership – boy lead
- Scoutmaster, committee structure and many dedicated adult leaders committed to supporting a boy-lead troop
- Fund raise to support the troop
- Focus on activities to:
 - ❖ build self-confidence
 - ❖ reinforce ethical standards
 - ❖ provide service to others, and
 - ❖ allow boys to try new things.





Troop Youth Leadership

Troop Youth Leaders

Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders and other leadership positions



Patrols

Grouping of six or more boys who work together. Each patrol elects its own boy leader, called a patrol leader.





Elements of a Boy-run Troop

- Scouts choose their activities during their Annual Planning Conference
- Scouts run the Troop meeting
- Scouts organize themselves during campouts and activities
- **CAUTION: Many activities may seem disorganized and can possibly be made more efficient if an adult were doing it**

The adult leaders role is to provide guidance for the scouts





Troop Committee and Leaders

Dan Chopp - Scoutmaster
Dawn Sulpizio – Committee Chair

- Advancement – Wendy Hoppenworth
- Activities – Gary Fink/Matt White
- Secretary – Robin Runk
- Treasurer – Angie Copeland
- Communications – Mary Jo Brown
- Summer Camp – Steve Hickok/Paul Hare
- Merit Badge – Steve Orlando
- Lisa Orlando - Community Service
- Registration – Mindy Hare



Paul Becker, Lions Club
Representative





Scout Leaders

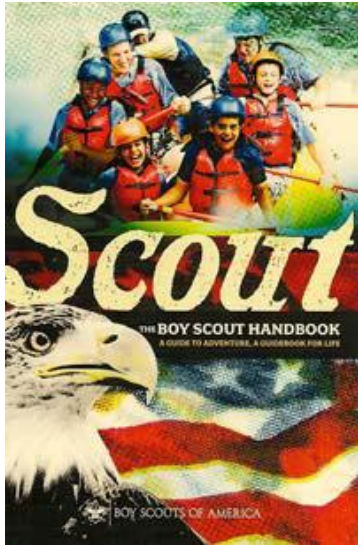
- **SPL - Gabe**
ASPL - Evan Semrau, Nathan Stowell
and Patrick Runk
- **Mystery Patrol - Andrew White**
Werewolves - Justin Rigling
Cougars - Nick Hare
Firebirds - Tyler Betts
Hooters 1 - Michael Hamel
Hooters 2 - David Musiuk





Requirements

1. Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition
2. Troop uniform
3. Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)
4. BSA Registration Form
5. Troop Data Sheet
6. Payment for transfer from Pack to Troop

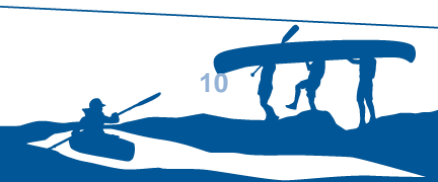




Uniform

Troop 161 has identified the minimum uniform elements for each Scout:

- **Class A Shirt**
 - All Scouts are expected to wear the official Boy Scout shirt (short or long sleeve) during meetings and appropriate outing, including while traveling to/from all Scouting activities.
- **Belt** – Any official Scout belt may be worn.
- **Insignia** – All insignias that are worn will be worn in the correct position. The troop number 161, council patch, patrol patch, patrol/troop position patch, and current rank patch.
- **Class B T-shirt**– The Troop t-shirt may be worn in lieu of the official scout shirt for designated activities and during summer months.





Forms & Payment

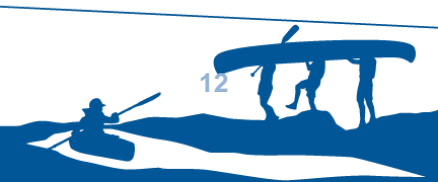
1. BSA Registration Form
2. Annual Health and Medical Record (Parts A and B)
3. Troop Data Sheet
4. Payment for transfer from Pack to Troop (Payable to BSA Troop 161/\$30)





T21

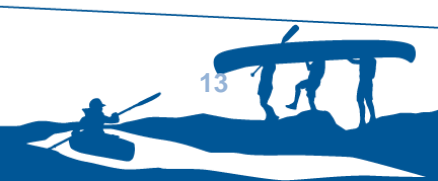
- For Boy Scout, Tenderfoot, and Second Class many items are taught by older scouts and Adult leaders. But they can get stuck.
- A parent's role is to:
 - Encourage working through the requirements
 - Help him memorize Scout Oath, Scout Law
 - Help him set goals





Troop Activities

- Lock-in
- Campouts (tent and cabin)
- Day trips
- Hikes
- Summer Camp
- Community Service
- Fundraisers





Communications

- **Troop Website**
 - <http://home.comcast.net/~troop161/>
- **Other websites**
 - www.scouting.org (Boy Scouts of America)
 - <http://www.michiganscouting.org/SouthernShores>
- **Troop Newsletter**
- **Boys' Life Magazine**
- **E-mail and Troop Announcements**





Commitment to Safety

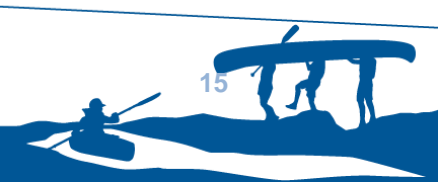
❖ Parents / Scouts

- ❖ How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse
 - ❖ First section in Scout Handbook

❖ Leaders Should be Trained

- ❖ Youth Protection
- ❖ Youth Protection – every 2 years
- ❖ Scouting Fundamentals
- ❖ BSA Policies & Procedures
- ❖ Creates linkages to immense reserve of resources

❖ 2-Deep Leadership





What's Next

- Review Parent Orientation and Parent's Guide online
- Meet Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader
- **What questions may we answer?**

