

## SERVICE

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Participating in various public service projects is required for rank advancement in Scouting. The purpose of this is to train boys to be citizens who contribute to their society.

## ADULT LEADERSHIP

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Uniformed adult leaders like the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are busy parents who volunteer their time to help make Troop 507's Scouting program a success. They have been through training provided by the Boy Scouts of America and in most cases were Boy Scouts themselves when boys.

## FAMILY INVOLVEMENT

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Scouting is not a day-care service. It is a tool for parents who want to raise boys to become good men. Scouting succeeds when parents invest their time to help make the Scouting program a success. All parents of scouts are expected to devote some time to helping the troop in some way.

## FUNDRAISERS

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Troop 507 sponsors two major fundraising events each year to help pay operational costs and defray expenses required from the boys. Other fundraising also takes place. It is essential that parents support these efforts, and every family must help with the annual Pancake Breakfast.

## The Scout Oath

*On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.*

## The Scout Law

*A Scout is: Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent*

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## TROOP 507

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MEETS WEDNESDAYS 7:00 – 8:30 P.M.  
(except first Wednesday of the month).

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*Character, Citizenship  
Physical & Mental Fitness,  
Service to God & Country*



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# WHAT IS SCOUTING ALL ABOUT?

You probably think of camping, hiking, and “doing a good turn daily” when you think of Boy Scouts. Those are all part of it. But Scouting is much more than just a lot of fun activities and helping the needy cross the street (although it certainly is that!). It’s about helping boys develop physically and mentally and become men of good character and citizenship. Troop 507 does this by:

1. Activities that provide opportunities for growth and leadership.
2. Recognition of a boy’s growth and achievement through rank advancement.
3. Guidance from trained, experienced adult leaders.

## NEW SCOUTS

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Boys joining the troop are assigned to a Beginners patrol that focuses on helping them learn basic Scouting skills. An Assistant Scoutmaster and an older Scout will be assigned to each Beginners patrol to provide guidance and help.

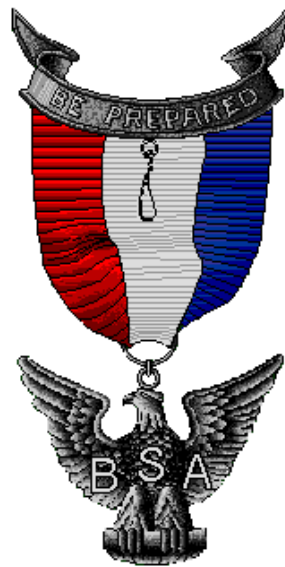
## THE TRAIL TO EAGLE SCOUT

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The Scouting experience is built around a program of rank advancement. Ranks are earned by learning new skills and fulfilling requirements specified in the *Boy Scout Handbook*. The first three ranks, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class, teach boys the basic skills of Scouting. For the higher ranks, Star, Life, and Eagle, boys must earn Merit

Badges, some required and some elective, in a wide variety of interest areas. For all ranks, boys must take part in troop activities and service projects and demonstrate that they are trying to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Eagle is Scouting’s highest rank and is respected as a mark of accomplishment and distinction. When a boy earns Eagle, it is celebrated by the troop at a special award ceremony. Many Eagle Scouts have gone on to distinguished careers of public service and achievement in many fields.



Almost a century of experience has shown that scouts who advance to the First Class rank within a year of joining are most likely to go on to earn the Eagle rank. **It is Troop 507’s goal to help every new Scout reach First Class within a year.**

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

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- Weekly troop meeting (Wednesdays)
- Monthly weekend campout/outing (except December and July)

- Summer camp (late July/early August)

Past weekend outings have included Starved Rock, Kettle Moraine, Eagle Cave, Warren Dunes, Cascade Mountain Ski Resort, canoeing at Turkey Run, the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB, and many other interesting destinations.

**Attending Summer Camp** is a vital component of a Scout’s first year (and in reaching First Class). We urge every family to plan their vacations so that their scouts can attend summer camp every summer. Troop 507 alternates between Wisconsin and Indiana for summer camp.

## VENTURE CREW

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For Scouts who are 14 and older, we have a Venture Crew that focuses on activities that appeal to older boys, including major high-adventure trips such as Boundary Waters Canoeing, Great Lakes Sailing, etc.

## LEADERSHIP

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To develop leadership skills in boys, Troop 507 is *boy-led*. Each boy is assigned to a patrol of six to eight scouts. They then have numerous opportunities to hold leadership positions in the patrol and the troop. A Junior Leadership Training course is provided to help equip boys for this responsibility.