Webelos / AOL Frequently Asked Questions

How is Troop 19 led?

Troop 19 is a scout-led Troop. This means that the Scouts, coached and supported by the adults, make the decisions on what adventures we take, and what is done at our meetings.

Where and when does the Troop meet?

Troop meetings are weekly on Mondays. During the colder months, we meet at St. Luke Union Church. Once it warms up, we hold Troop meetings at Underwood Park on the Jersey Avenue side.



What should I wear to Troop meetings?

When we meet indoors, we wear a full "Class A" uniform (tan shirt, green pants or shorts). For outdoor meetings, unless otherwise specified, we wear a "Class B" uniform (Scouting-related t-shirt, green pants or shorts).

Where does the Troop go?

We are a high-adventure and active Troop. Yearly adventures include Pictured Rocks, Indiana Dunes, Fort de Chartres and local locations such as Rhymer's Grove, Starved Rock and Dawson Lake. Higher adventure trips include Sea Base, Philmont, Bissett, Alaska and Maine.

Does the Troop go to summer camp?

We go to Canyon Camp in Stockton, IL (https://www.canyoncampbsa.org/summer-camp). The camp offers programing for all ages and levels of Scout.

Does the Troop charge dues?

We charge \$15.00 per month in dues. This helps to cover recharter fees, van expenses and equipment maintenance and upkeep.

How does the Troop handle advancement?

We emphasize a balanced approach to advancement, focusing on the destination AND the journey. We take each new group of Scouts and assign one or more Troop Guide(s) to assist in implementing a plan and process to move them to the First Class rank in an efficient manner. We typically hold several "Advancement Campouts" per year where the Scouts, with the help of the leaders and the Troop Guide, plan activities that help the Troop advance.

What if I have more questions?

We believe that the process of helping a Scout choose a Troop is a process, not a single interaction. Our hope is that we can provide your Scout (and you) the information necessary to ensure a good fit for your family. Our current Webelos liaison is Dean Stiebner (webelos@troop19.com).

You can also reach out to our Committee Chair Don Whitehead (don@donaldwhitehead.com).

