

POLICIES

We operate our program based on common sense and the Scout Law.

We also have a few rules:

- We DO NOT allow shirts or gear with logos or advertisements for tobacco, or alcoholic beverages, or garments imprinted with drug culture messages.
- No possession of alcohol, tobacco, fireworks, firearms, or inappropriate adult material on campouts. These items will be confiscated and returned to a parent at the conclusion of the outing.
- No electronic equipment (CELL PHONES, CD players, video games, etc.) should be brought on outings unless otherwise approved in advance.
- These items are a distraction on campouts. If needed, a boy can borrow a cell phone from an adult. If these items are brought on a campout, they will be taken and returned to the boy at the end of the campout.
- Sheath knives pose an unnecessary danger and should be left at home.
- Unsafe or unkind behavior will not be tolerated. It could result in a call to a parent to come pick up the Scout before the meeting or outing is over.

What we expect from you as parents:

- 1) Drop off and pick up scouts for meetings and campouts on time. Parents are welcome to stay for meetings. IF you are not staying for the meeting, be sure to be there by 8:30 P.M. and join in a circle up at the end of the meeting as it is a good source of information.
- 2) Check your son's equipment (especially first and second year scouts) to be sure he has everything he will need for the outing. Sleeping bag, coat, gloves, change of clothing, tents, backpacks, etc.
- 3) Be sure the leaders have written instructions along with any medication that the Scout may be taking. Prescription medications will be under the control of, and administered by, an adult leader.
- 4) Be involved with the troop! Your son's success in Scouting depends on it. Come help with a service project. Consider joining us on an outing or overnight campout. Our troop always welcomes adult volunteers and you will understand the program better. If you bring us a PROBLEM, plan to help us find a reasonable SOLUTION.
- 5) Stay interested and involved in your Scout's progress and acknowledge his accomplishments. A key to success in scouting is continued progress in rank advancement and merit badge awards.

If you have any questions, ideas, or comments about our program, please don't hesitate to call a leader. We welcome your input.

TROOP 192 IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Scoutmaster	Doc Metzger	614 969-9653
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Troop Committee Chair	Pete Chouteau	614-348-4542
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WHO WE ARE

Troop 192 of Central College Presbyterian Church is one of the oldest continually chartered troops in central Ohio with over 75 years of activity. We have a rich heritage of service to Scouting, the community, and to our families. Our Scouts, and especially our Eagle Scouts, represent the best of Ohio and the future of America. We are part of the Simon Kenton Council of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) that includes 24 counties in Ohio and Kentucky.

Our troop strongly supports the boy-led model of leadership. Every activity, meeting, campout, and service project involves our scouts making decisions to further our troop goals and the principles of Scouting. The adults in the troop provide guidance and counseling to the boy leaders. Troop 192 is for boys with different interests and skills. We pride ourselves in helping each boy toward his personal goals in Scouting, with the Eagle rank always in sight. Our calendar of activities is geared toward moderate adventure and moderate cost, to enable as many scouts as possible to attain the rewards of Scouting.

Our sponsoring organization, Central College Presbyterian Church, plays an important role in the life of our troop. Reverend Davis and the church staff are enthusiastic supporters of Troop 192.

ORGANIZATION AND LEADERSHIP

Every year the Scouts elect a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) who then appoints an Assistant SPL. These two scouts serve as primary leaders for the Troop. The Troop is divided into patrols; the number of Patrols depends on the size of the troop. Every patrol has a patrol leader and assistant patrol leader. Each patrol works as a team and is responsible for assignments such as flag detail, campout planning, and other activities. On occasion, the patrols will meet apart from the Troop for activities such as day outings or Merit Badge classes. The Troop also has a Historian, Scribe, Librarian, Quartermaster, and Chaplain.

The BSA-trained adult leadership of Troop 192 is responsible for program integrity and safety. Our Scoutmaster, Christopher "Doc" Metzger, earned his Eagle Scout as a member of this Troop and has remained active in scouting for 30 years. He works with the SPL and adult Assistant Scoutmasters to guide the troop. The Troop is also under the guidance of our Troop Committee, chaired by Pete Chouteau. The Committee meets monthly to address the administrative and operational needs of the Troop. PARENTS ARE WELCOME AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO

ATTEND COMMITTEE AND SCOUT MEETINGS. We maintain a directory of Scouts and leaders. Please feel free to call any leader with questions regarding activities, meetings, plans, ideas, or comments.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We encourage parent involvement through registration with the BSA as a “Scouter”. We have as many active Scouters as Scouts. Both mothers and fathers serve as Troop Committee members and help to meet the needs of the troop throughout the year with camping, other activities, and service projects. Each adult brings different skills and life experiences that benefit the Scouts and the Troop.

SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

The troop publishes an annual calendar with updates throughout the year as needed. Printed materials and announcements are available at meetings, by e-mail and on the Troop website (*bsatroop192.org*). Scout meetings are Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 P.M. 7:00-7:30 P.M. is set aside for meetings with merit badge counselors. Scout Master Conferences, Boards of Review, etc. 7:30-8:30 P.M. is the Troop meeting.

OUTINGS AND CAMPING

Each month we have a weekend outing or camping trip. During the winter months this is usually cabin camping with tent camping the rest of the year. We are always looking for new destinations and activities. Please share your experiences and ideas with us. We invite families along for specific campouts that are held throughout the year.

A highlight of the year is the week-long summer camp at Seven Ranges Scout Reservation, where scouts have the opportunity to earn several merit badges in **one week**. Also, Scouts who are at least 14 years old have opportunities to go to “High Adventure” camps all over the U.S. For all Troop activities, parental consent by way of a signed permission sheet is required for each scout not accompanied by a parent. The BSA requires current medical information to be on file for each Scout and Scouter.

EQUIPMENT

Each Scout is expected to supply his own personal gear that includes: tent, sleeping bag, mess kit, flashlight, personal hygiene supplies, and, or course, proper footwear and clothing. A backpack is also highly recommended because some outings involve backpack style camping. The Troop maintains some equipment for group use as well. Each patrol is entrusted with a patrol box that contains all the necessary meal preparation equipment needed for camping. Additionally there are a few tents, dining flies, coolers and other useful items.

MEALS

Before every campout, each patrol decides on a menu for its members. The leadership expects each patrol to plan and prepare healthy, complete meals. One Scout is chosen Grubmaster for his patrol for that campout, to shop for the groceries based on the chosen menu, and bring them for the campout. This exercise encourages planning and responsibility. A Duty Roster is created for each campout and assures equal distribution of responsibilities, such as dishwashing, latrine duty, etc. A campout tradition, the CRACKERBARREL, is provided on the first evening of campout after the camp is set up. This consists of a snack and a beverage before the Scouts bed down. This is prepared by the leaders and is part of the activity fee.

TRANSPORTATION

Our troop is fortunate to have an international diesel powered full size school bus. Doc Metzger is responsible for bus maintenance and registration. He and Tom Stauffer are licensed commercial drivers who share the driving for troop activities. A \$10-\$15 transportation fee is collected from each participating Scout and Scouter for each trip that requires use of the bus. For smaller trips, family vehicles are used to transport scouts and gear. Contributions to the Troop’s transportation fund are always welcome to cover unexpected maintenance expenses.

INSURANCE

In the event of an accident while on an outing, the first coverage would be under the family’s own plan. Scouts on outings are covered under two additional policies. The District has insurance on each unit as part of our District Troop Permit. We are also covered by the church insurance policy as part of the youth ministry of the Church.

TRAINING and YOUTH PROTECTION

Youth and adult leadership training is available on council and district levels. Each summer Junior Leadership Workshops are held for interested scouts and Blackfoot (spring) and Okama (fall) adult leadership training programs are available. Advanced adult training is available through the Wood Badge program. Each registered adult is required to participate in a 45 minute online Youth Protection Training Program. It is essential to learn the BSA plan for avoiding situations that could place the Scout or adult at risk. Each Scout meeting, conference, outing, or training session requires at least 2 registered adults and there must never be a one to one meeting apart for the view of the other scouts of adults. For example, Scoutmaster Conferences will be held with an individual Scout off to the side in the meeting room while others are present in the room.

ADVANCEMENT

We expect all Scouts to make regular progress towards the goal of Eagle Scout. However, scouts will progress at their own rate. Our troop tries to facilitate the advancement process by organizing merit badge sessions for several of the Eagle required merit badges. Our summer camp program requires regular rank advancements from year to year in order to participate in the Pipestone Ceremony at the end of the week. We work with the individual Scouts to encourage them to advance at a reasonable pace. Parental encouragement and involvement, along with the troop’s active support, are key to the Scout’s success.

DUES

Dues to cover the annual Troop Charter and operating expenses are currently set at \$100 per year for each Scout and can be paid all at once or quarterly. Please send in your dues as soon as possible. An optional subscription to *Boys-Life Magazine* is available for \$12. New scouts and transfers are charged a \$25 fee for registration and tee shirts. The Adult member fee is \$35 per year. The Council-wide Popcorn Sale is held in the fall. The Christmas Tree Sale is a major event in the life of Troop 192 requiring help from every scout and family. Money raised from this event helps lower the cost of summer camp for each participating scout.