

# Welcome To The Scouts BSA Troop 541 Open House

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# What Is Scouts BSA?

- For the past 60 years, Boy Scout Troop 542 has been enhancing the lives of young men in our community. It's the largest and most active in the area. Over 150 young men have earned their Eagle Scout award through its program
- Now young women may participate in this iconic program, rebranded as Scouts BSA
- Scouts BSA Troop 541's program :
  - Girl Led
  - Weekly Meetings Wednesday Nights, 7:30PM
  - Monthly Outings As determined by the girl's PLC
  - Summer camp
  - High Adventure

# Why Scouts BSA



**Builds  
Character**



**Trains Leaders**



**Educational**



**Fun**



# Scouts BSA Builds Character



## Boy Scout Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



# Scouts BSA Builds Character



## Boy Scout Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating, citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.



# Scouts BSA Builds Character



## Scout Oath (or Promise)

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.



# Scouts BSA Builds Character



## Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal,  
helpful, friendly, courteous,  
kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty,  
brave, clean, and reverent.

# Scouts BSA Builds Character

- Troop 541 emphasizes these principles
  - Oath and Law not only recited, but discussed
    - As part of leadership training
    - As part of the advancement review process
    - During interfaith services on campouts
  - Service projects
    - Annual food drive (our two troops gathered over 3000 items in 2019)
    - Eagle Scout projects (typical projects contribute 200 hours of community service)
  - Ecology program
    - Quarterly highway cleanups on Fort Washington Avenue
    - Biannual ecology projects
  - Religious Awards Available For Scouts of Virtually Any Faith



# Scouts BSA is Educational

- Merit Badges:
  - You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn merit badges
  - There are more than 130 merit badges available





# Scouts BSA is Educational

## Over 130 Merit Badges Available

**Scout Skills** like Hiking, Pioneering, Cooking, and Camping



**Life Skills** like Personal Management, Personal Fitness, First Aid, and Communications



**Career Skills** like Salesmanship, Chemistry, Engineering, and Dentistry



**Fun Skills** like, Golf, Fishing, Model Building, and Water Skiing





# Scouts BSA is Educational

## 21 Merit Badges Are Required To Attain Eagle Scout

1. First Aid
2. Citizenship in the Community
3. Citizenship in the Nation
4. Citizenship in the World
5. Communication
6. Cooking
7. Personal Fitness
8. Emergency Preparedness OR Lifesaving
9. Environmental Science OR Sustainability
10. Personal Management
11. Swimming OR Hiking OR Cycling
12. Camping
13. Family Life
- 14 to 21. Any other 8 of the Scouts choice



# Scouts BSA is Educational

## Science Technology Engineering & Math (STEM) Nova Awards



### Shoot

focuses on  
science



### Start Your Engines

focuses on  
technology



### Woosh

focuses on  
engineering



### Crunch

focuses on  
Mathematics

## Supernova Awards

Earned by completing a combination of STEM  
related merit badges and STEM/Nova awards



# Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- Right now Troop 541 has only one patrol, the Thunderbirds





# Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- Eventually, Troop 541 Will Have More Patrols
  - First year patrol led by older girls called Troop Guides
  - Leaders of other patrols elected from among their members
  - Similar to boy's Troop 542 which has nine patrols

**Two Patrols for  
1<sup>st</sup> year Scouts  
led by older boys  
called Troop  
Guides**



**Shark**



**Squirrel**

**Six Patrols for Scouts in 7<sup>th</sup> through  
10<sup>th</sup> Grade**



**Cobra**



**Cougar**



**Lightning**



**Raven**



**Pine Tree**



**Python**

**The Eagle Patrol  
has 11<sup>th</sup> & 12  
Grade Boys**



**Eagle**

# Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

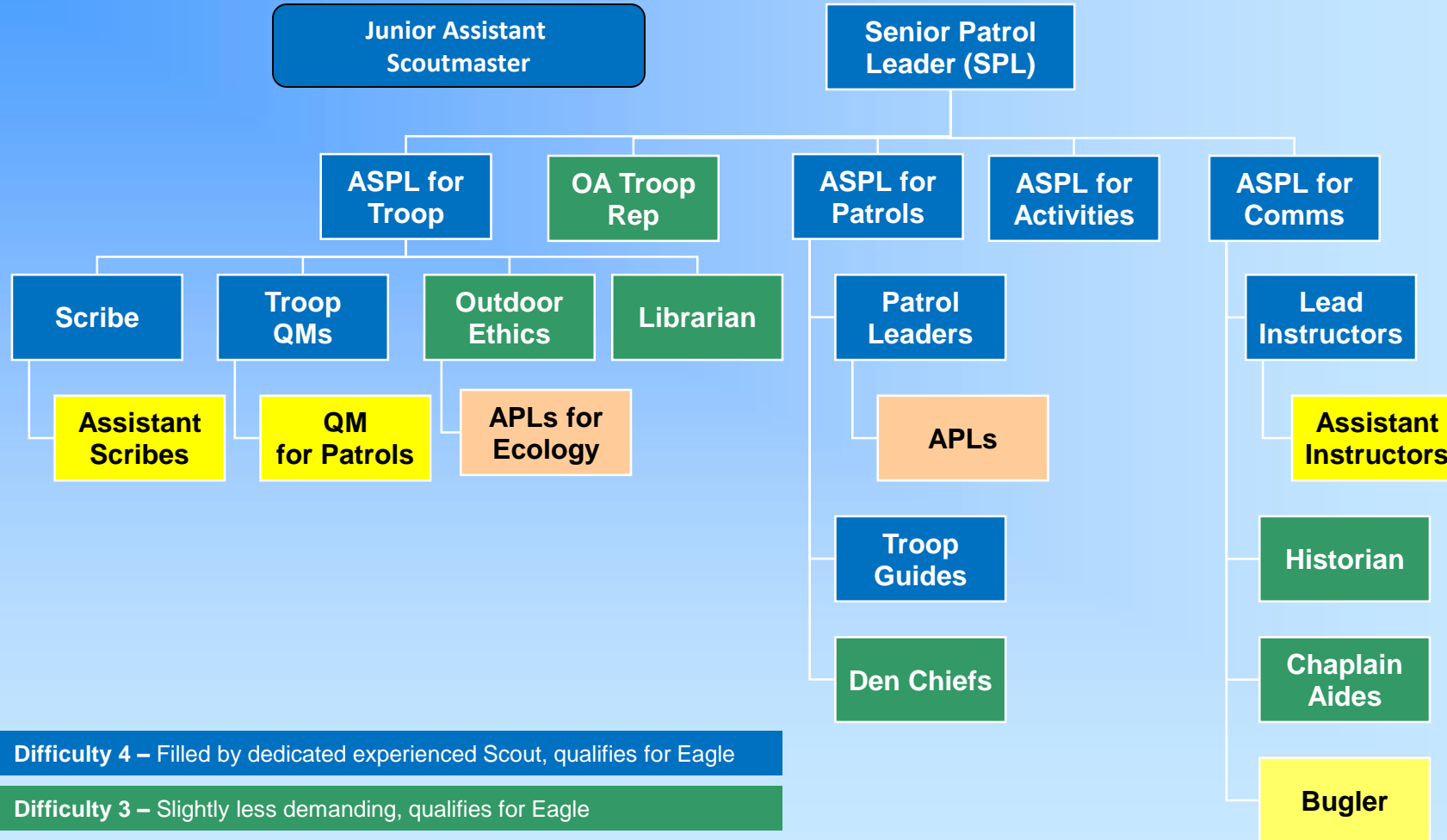
- We'll be a Girl Led Troop
- The girls took part in our planning meeting to plan the activities for the coming year
- Eventually the girls will take care of almost every aspect of our program. For example:
  - Leading the patrols
  - Taking care of equipment
  - Teaching younger scouts
  - Writing articles for our newsletter
- If the boys didn't do their jobs, a Troop the size of 542 couldn't function, and we plan to use the same principles for Troop 541



# Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- After attaining the First Class rank during their first year, each of our Scouts will take on a position of leadership
  - Leadership is a requirement the ranks above First Class
- As she gets older, she takes on more responsibility
- There are job descriptions for every job listing the objective, requirements, qualifications, and the level of commitment expected from the Scout in that job
- You can see their jobs on our organization chart

# Troop 541 Youth Leadership



**Difficulty 4** – Filled by dedicated experienced Scout, qualifies for Eagle

**Difficulty 3** – Slightly less demanding, qualifies for Eagle

**Difficulty 2** – Scoutmaster assigned, does NOT qualify for Eagle

**Difficulty 1** – Scoutmaster assigned, does NOT qualify for Life or Eagle



# Our Program – Weekly Meetings

- We meet on Wednesdays during school year at 7:30 PM
- The meetings have four segments:
  1. **Opening Ceremony – Led by SPL**



**Here's what a Troop 542 opening ceremony looks like**

# Our Program – Weekly Meetings

## 2. Patrol Time – Patrols conduct Patrol business led by their Patrol Leader



**A Troop 542 patrol during patrol time**



# Our Program – Weekly Meetings

3. **Advancement** – First year program and MB classes
- First years taught by our team of Instructors
  - Merit Badges taught by qualified adult volunteers



**First year girls learn to set up a cooking area on the church lawn at a meeting**

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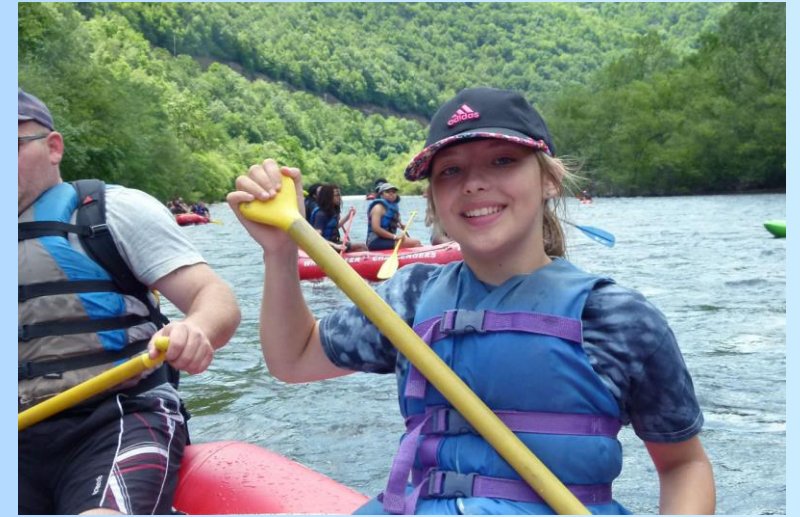
## 4. Troop Time – a game or other fun activity





# Our Program – Monthly Activities

- We have a major weekend activity every month



# Scouts BSA Is Fun!

Video Presentation

Our first six months of Troop 541 Activities



# Upcoming Activities

- February 21 to 23 – Weekend in Cabin at Hawk Mountain
  - Saturday side trip to Kalahari indoor water park
  - AOL visitors welcome to join us
- March 21 & 22 – Trip to Baltimore and Annapolis (overnight in hotel)
  - Perfect opportunity for new Scouts to get to know us
  - No need for camping equipment or skills
- April 17 to 19 – Weekend Campout in Tents
- May 29 to 31 – Weekend Campout in Tents
- June 27 to 28 – Whitewater on Lehigh & Overnight in Tents
- August 2 to 8 – Week of Summer Camp at Resica Falls

# First Year Program

- Girls who are active in the program will complete the first four ranks (through First Class) by the end of the next school year
- By July 2021, girls who join this spring should be moving into leadership roles and working on the rank of Star Scout

## Spring 2020

Orientation classes to cover basic Scouting knowledge. Girls will also complete Scout rank

## Fall 2020

First year classes cover skills needed for Tenderfoot rank. Girls should complete it.

## Winter 2021

First year classes cover skills needed for Second Class rank. Girls should complete it.

## Spring 2021

First year classes cover skills needed for First Class rank. Girls should complete it.

