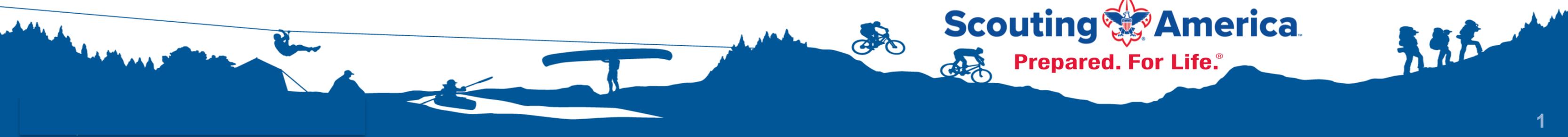




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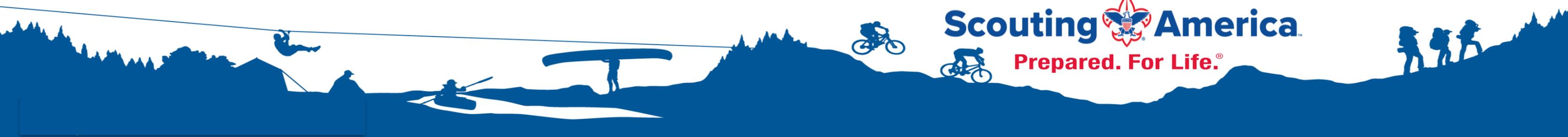
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Who We Are

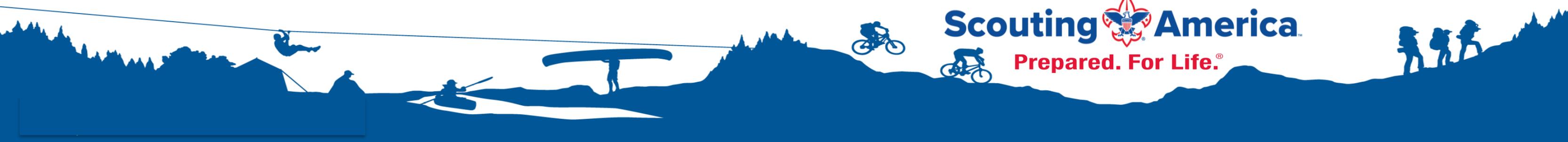
- **Troop 541 is a Scouts BSA unit for girls**
 - Currently has ~48 scouts and growing fast (largest girl troop in the council)
 - Formed in 2019 when this iconic program became available to girls
 - Leverages the program of Troop 542 for boys which has been serving our community since 1960
 - The troops are linked and are managed by the same adult committee
 - Our Scoutmaster was the Scoutmaster of Troop 542 for over 40 years before founding Troop 541





Our Program

- **Scouts BSA Troop 541:**
 - Is youth led
 - Holds weekly meetings on Mondays at 7:30 pm
 - Has monthly outings chosen and planned by the Scouts
 - Spends a week at summer camp each year
 - Has annual high adventure trips
 - Does service projects
 - Has many other fun activities





Our Program – Weekly Meetings

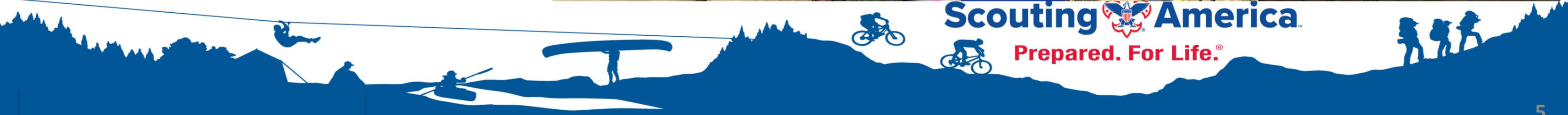
- **Mondays 7:30 PM**
Supplee Church
855 Welsh Rd, Maple Glen 19002
- **Four segments:**
 1. **Opening Ceremony –**
Led by Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) who is one of the Scouts





Our Program – Weekly Meetings

2. Patrol Time –
Patrols conduct
Patrol business led
by their Patrol
Leader or Troop
Guide.





Our Program – Weekly Meetings

3. Advancement – First year program and MB classes

New Scouts are taught by older Scouts



Merit Badges are taught by qualified adult volunteers





Our Program – Weekly Meetings

4. Troop Time – a game or other fun activity





Our Program – Monthly Activities

- We have a major weekend activity every month



Overnight Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail



In the creek at Summer Camp in the Poconos



On board their boat at Sea Base in St. Thomas VI





Our Program – High Adventure

- Every year, we send a crew to a high adventure program
- These are week or two long, once-in-a-lifetime experiences!



2023 Jamboree in West Virginia



2024 Sea Base in St. Thomas



2024 Philmont in New Mexico





Why Scouts BSA



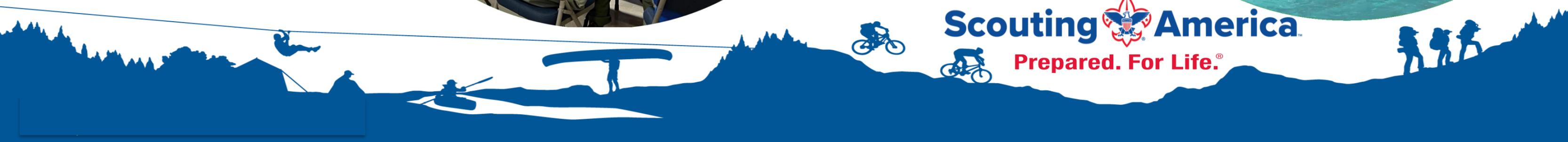
It Builds Character

It Trains Leaders



It's Educational

It's Fun





Scouts BSA Builds Character

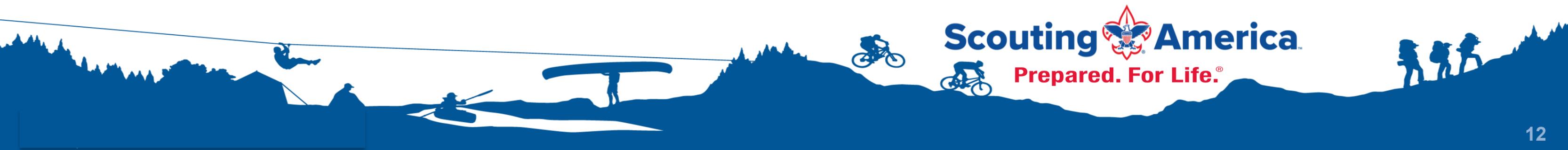
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Mission Statement

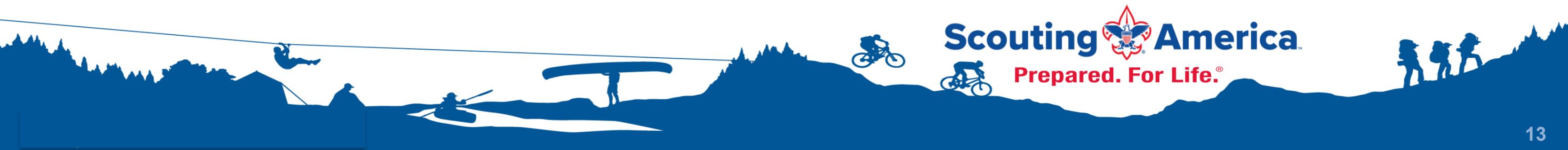
The mission of the BSA is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.



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Scout Oath

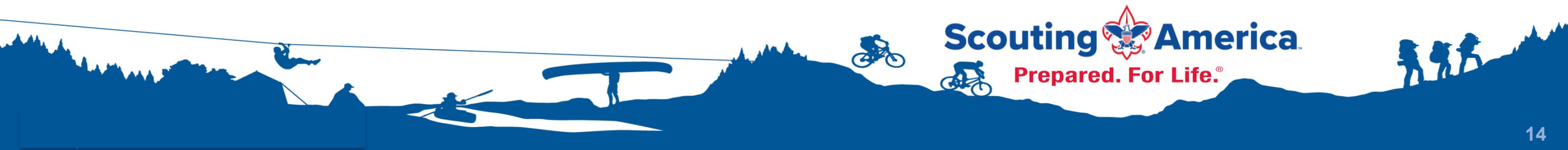
On my honor I will do my best, to do my duty to God and my Country, and to obey the Scout law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



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Scout Law

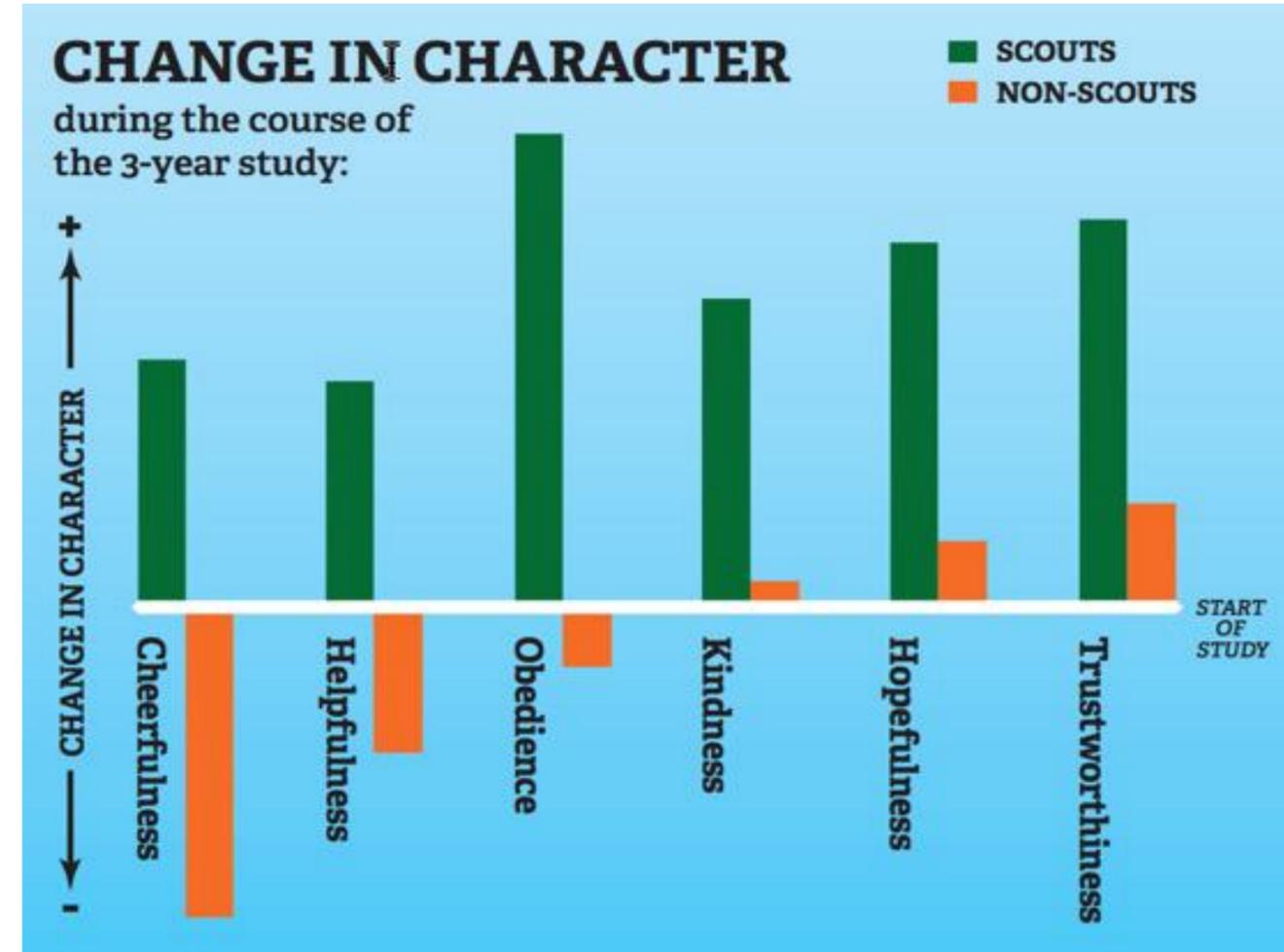
A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.





Scouting Builds Character

- ★ A 2015 study conducted by Tufts University showed that over a 3-year period:
- ★ Trustworthiness, Hopefulness, and Kindness increase 5-10X in Scouts vs. non-Scouts
- ★ Cheerfulness, Helpfulness, and Obedience also increase dramatically in Scouts vs. non-Scouts





Scouts BSA Builds Character

- **Our troop emphasizes these principles:**
 - The Scout Oath and Law are not only recited, but also discussed
 - As part of leadership training, as part of the advancement review process, and during interfaith services on campouts
 - Service projects
 - Annual food drive (our troop gathered over 3000 items in 2024)
 - Eagle Scout projects (typically contribute 200 hours of community service)
 - Ecology program
 - Quarterly highway cleanups and ecology projects
 - Religious Awards Available For Scouts of Virtually Any Faith





Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

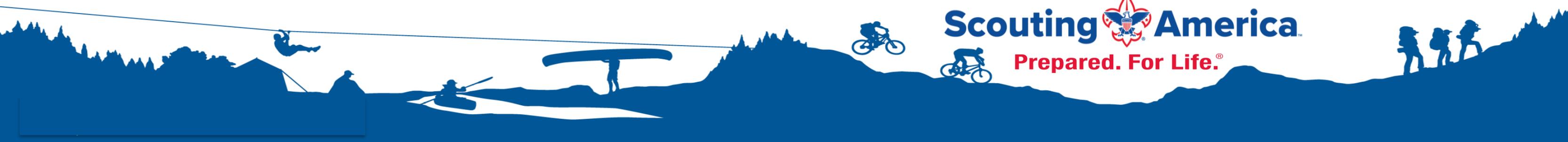
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Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- **Our troop is youth led.**
- **Annual planning meeting where the Scouts decide on the activities for the coming year.**
- **Scouts take care of almost everything, for example Scouts:**
 - Lead the patrols
 - Write articles for our newsletters
 - Take care of the troop equipment
 - Serve on the Troop Committee
 - Teach younger scouts
- **If the Scouts didn't do their jobs, a Troop the size of 541 couldn't function.**





Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- **Currently Troop 541 has three patrols:**

Star Dragons – New Scouts led by 2 older Scouts called Troop Guides

Flying Frogs and Thunderbirds – Led by their elected patrol Leaders



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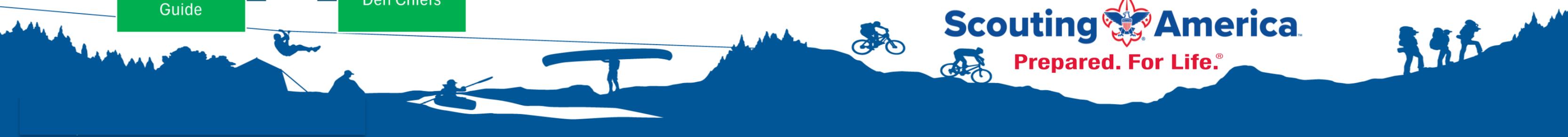
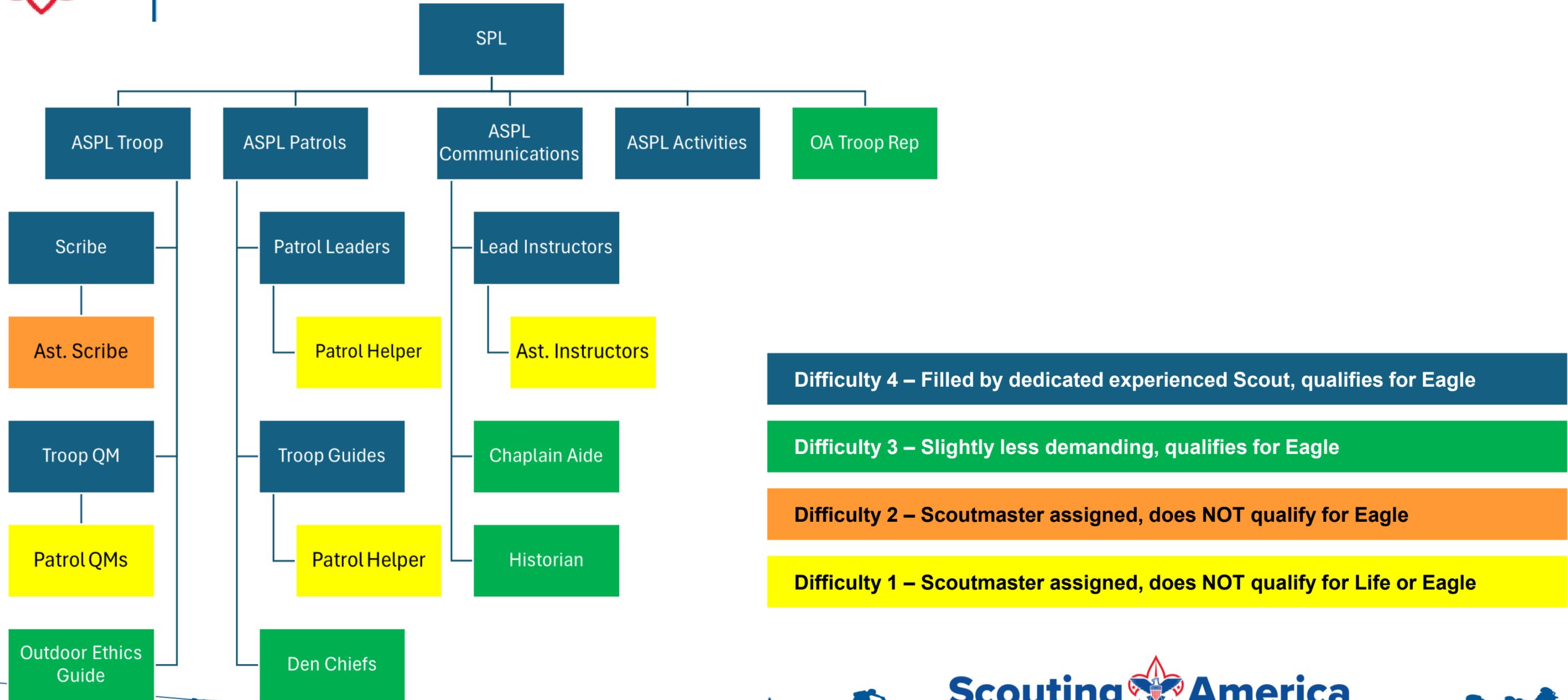
Scouts BSA Trains Leaders

- **After attaining the First Class rank during their first year, each of our Scouts takes on a position of leadership**
 - Leadership is a requirement for earning all ranks above First Class
- **As Scouts get older, they take on more responsibility**
- **The Troop maintains job descriptions listing each job's:**
 - Objective
 - Tasks to be performed
 - Qualifications the person holding it must have
 - Level of commitment expected from the person holding it
- **You can see the jobs on our organization chart**





Troop 541 Youth Leadership





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Scouts BSA is Educational

- **Merit Badges:**

- Scouts can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as they earn merit badges
- There are more than 130 merit badges available





Scouts BSA is Educational

Over 130 Merit Badges Available

Scout Skills like Canoeing, Pioneering, Orienteering, and Backpacking

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





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38 Merit Badges Are S.T.E.M. Related

Animal Science

Chess

Electronics

Forestry

Inventing

Nature

Photography

Robotics

Surveying

Engineering

Astronomy

Computers

Energy

Geocaching

Mammal Study

Nuclear Science

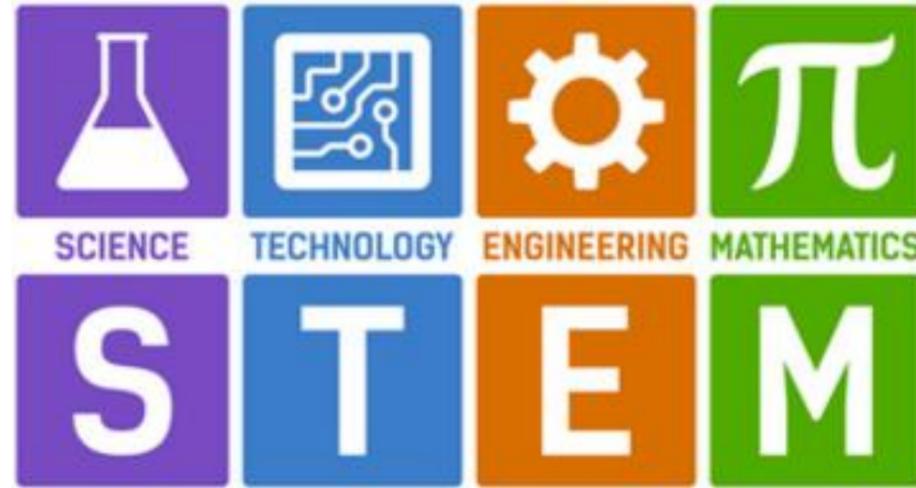
Plant Science

Soil & Water Conservation

Veterinary Medicine

Mining in Society

Oceanography



Bird Study

Drafting

Reptile & Amphibian Study

Space Exploration

Weather

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Chemistry

Electricity

Environmental Science

Insect Study

Model Design & Building

Personal Management

Programming

Sustainability

Digital Technology

Geology





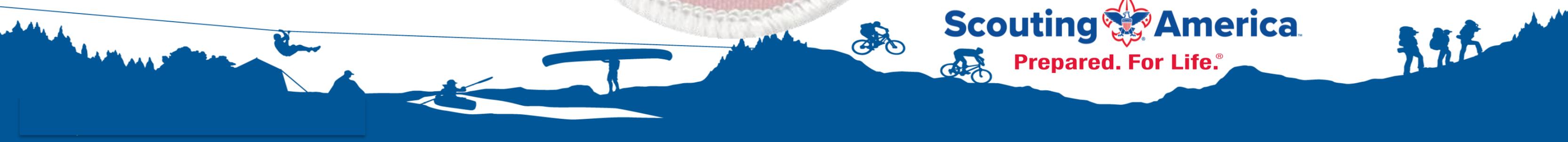
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21 Merit Badges Are Required To Attain Eagle Scout

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



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First Year Program

- **Scouts who join in March and stay active in the program complete the first four ranks by the end of the next school year**
- **By July 2026, Scouts who joined in March 2025 will be First Class, should be moving into leadership roles, and will be working on the rank of Star**

Spring 2024

Orientation classes cover basic Scouting knowledge and complete the Scout rank



Fall 2024

Classes cover skills needed for Tenderfoot rank



Winter 2024

Classes cover skills needed for Second Class rank.



Spring 2025

classes cover skills needed for First Class rank.



Scouts BSA Is Fun!!!

Video Presentation:

