

# WELCOME TO Troop 49, Kingston, MA

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BOY SCOUTS  
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Thank you for your interest in scouting and Troop 49 of Kingston, MA.  
We have prepared this packet to introduce you to our program.

## WEEKLY MEETINGS

**Mondays**

**6:45p-8:15p**

***Drop-ins welcome!***

## LOCATION

**Briggs Memorial Bldg**

***(behind Mayflower Church)***

**207 Main St  
Kingston, MA**

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**Any young man between  
ages 11-17**

***(not just Kingston residents)***

## About Troop 49

We have been serving youth in the Kingston area for over 70 years and have proudly helped over **96** Scouts earn Eagle Scout! We are a scout-led troop meaning the young men organize and run the troop's activities while the adults support and assist the scouts. We are also a "First Aid Troop" meaning we continually teach safety and preparedness skills. Each month the scouts participate in weekly troop meetings and they also have an opportunity to experience one or more outdoor activities. This is truly a hands-on experience!

## Who is eligible to participate?

The Boy Scout program is for youth who are 11 years old, are at least ten years old and have finished the fifth grade, or are at least ten years old and have earned the Arrow of Light rank as a Cub Scout. The purpose of Boy Scouting is to help youth grow into good citizens who are strong in character and personally fit. A Scout may earn many achievements during his tenure but must earn his Eagle Scout rank before his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. In doing so, he becomes part of a brotherhood that will shape and strengthen his future.

## Why Scouting?

Since 1910, the boy scouts program has offered some of the most valuable and rewarding benefits of any youth oriented program around:

- Make some of the best friends you'll ever make in your life!
- Experience adventure through camping, river rafting, rope courses, summer camp, biking, hiking, fishing, and many other excursions in some of the best places around
- Learn many valuable skills that can help you in your future life!
- Create memories and shape your youth as the most enjoyable part of your life!



## Information for Scouts

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### What kinds of skills will I learn?

As a scout, there are many opportunities to learn leadership, community service, citizenship, camping and life skills. At the weekly troop meetings you will work on knot tying, first aid, fire starting, camping prep, cooking, and other life skills. By participating in our adventures you will learn camping, survival skills, team building, leadership, and citizenship. Throughout the year there are many opportunities for community service and fellowship while building new and lasting friendships!

### What if I don't like to camp, can I still be a scout?

Of course! Scouting offers so many diverse experiences. Even if you don't like to camp, you can still join the other activities and service opportunities.

### How do I earn Merit Badges?

There are many ways you can learn new skills and achieve the associated merit badges. Some merit badges will be earned during our regular troop meetings while others you may pursue on your own, depending upon your level of interest. In addition, Troop 49 participates in a number of Merit Badge Universities (MBU) throughout the year at various locations where you can earn merit badges at an accelerated pace. An Eagle Scout must earn at least 21 merit badges (of which 13 are required and 8 may be selected by the Scout).



### How do I join?

You will need to fill out an application. See any of the adult leaders at a troop meeting and they can help you.

## Information for Parents

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### How often does the troop meet?

We meet weekly during the school year (except holidays and school closures). During the summer months, there are no weekly troop meetings but, each July\*, the Scouts may attend a weeklong summer program at Camp Squanto in Plymouth. Ask our Scouts, this is the highlight of the summer! \* Typically the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of July

### How much does it cost?

Annual dues are \$149 per scout (payable to Troop 49). Some outdoor adventures require an additional nominal fee. Your scout can also earn points toward defraying the cost of summer camp with each troop campout and service activity they attend during the year.

### What supplies and equipment do I need?

Each scout will need a Class A and Class B uniform. If your scout participates in the camping adventures then additional gear (including tent and sleeping bag) will be needed. Talk with some fellow scout parents first – we can offer cost saving ideas and may even have hand-me-downs available.

### What kind of activities can we expect from Troop 49?

During the course of the year, your scout will be learning a new skill or working on a new achievement at each weekly troop meeting. In addition, every month we have opportunities for community service, fellowship, or outdoor adventure!

## How long does it take to become an Eagle Scout?

There is no minimum age. However, there are time-in-rank requirements: Four months for Star, six months for Life, and six months for Eagle. There is also a 30-day fitness requirement for Tenderfoot. A scout who worked at a frenzied pace could theoretically earn his Eagle rank 17 months after joining. But we like to remind the boys that scouting is about the journey; not the finish line.

## Can parents attend meetings?

Yes! Parents are encouraged to participate as actively as they can by attending the weekly troop meetings and outdoor adventures. Because the troop needs adult supervision and 2-deep leadership at each activity, it is important that we have an active group of parents assisting. Many hands make light work!

**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**

## What is required of parents?

We need adult chaperones at each weekly troop meeting, at the community service events, on the outdoor excursions, and to conduct board of reviews for scouts achieving their advancement ranks. We hold our adult leaders to the same standards as our scouts. Two deep leadership and alcohol and tobacco free environment is required on all scouting events. But the most important thing you can do is **support your boy scout** in their experience.

## Committee Meetings

Our scouts are supported by dedicated adult volunteers who provide instruction, leadership, and assistance where needed. Our troop committee meets on the **2nd Wednesday of the month**. All parents/guardians are welcome to participate and help strengthen the scouting experience for our troop.

scout motto **be prepared**

**do a good turn daily** scout slogan

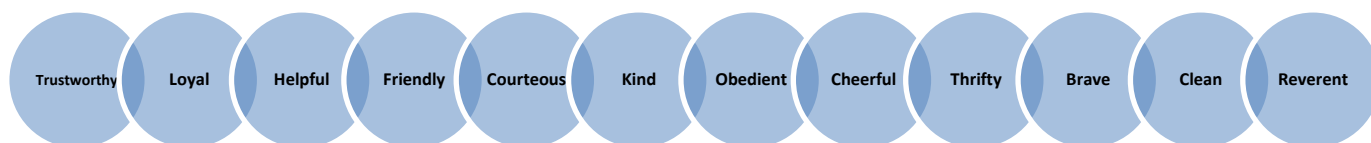
## Boy Scout Proclamations and Advancements

### Boy 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.

### Scout Law

A Scout is:



Our merit badge coordinator, service project coordinator, scout master, assistant scout master(s), and other parent volunteers are here to help your Scout achieve their advancement.

## Activities and Adventures

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There is no shortage of fun and learning in Troop 49! Here are some of our past activities:

- Indoor rock climbing and camping, Carabiners, New Bedford
- Weeklong Summer Camp at Camp Squanto
- Camping and biking at Wompatuck State Forest
- Camping and orienteering practice at Camp Nekon or Sampson Park
- Zip-lining at Gunstock Mountain, NH
- White Water Rafting, Saco, Maine
- Winter Klondike Derby
- US Navy Blue Angels air show, North Kingstown, RI
- Camping and aeronautics, Plymouth Airport
- Camping and Ramblewild Ropes Course, Williamstown, MA
- Hiking, Blue Hills Reservation, Canton, MA
- Hiking and camping, Mount Monadnock
- Troop swim nights, Kingsbury Club and Persy Walker Pool
- Tour of Coast Guard Academy and overnight camping at Camp Yawgoog, RI
- New York City Ground Zero trip. West Point tour and camping.
- Camping, kayaking and hiking at Acadia National Park
- Kingston Luminaries (set-up, lighting, and disposal of luminary candles), each December
- Holiday Caroling to seniors, Kingston, MA
- Conservation Trail maintenance at various sites, Kingston, MA
- Maintaining the WWII Memorial site, Kingston, MA
- Replacing flags at Veterans graves, flag retirement ceremonies, installing and dedicating new flagpoles, Kingston, MA
- Painting fire hydrants, landscaping, repairs/maintenance, and other beautification projects in the Kingston community
- Assisting local Post Office with annual food drive, Kingston, MA
- Marching in Memorial Day Parade, Kingston, MA
- Assisting prospective Eagle Scouts with their service projects
- Annual troop fundraising (selling coffee cakes and recycling bottles/cans)
- Helping our sponsor – the Lions Club of Kingston with two flea markets per year

## List of Ranks

As you advance through your Boy Scout experience you will achieve ranks in the following order:

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|----------------|---------|
| • Tenderfoot   | • Star  |
| • Second Class | • Life  |
| • First Class  | • Eagle |

## For More Information

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### Contact Us

Scouts and their parents may drop-in to any of our weekly troop to see for first-hand the value and enjoyment of the scouting program. Or, if you prefer to call ahead and answer some questions, please contact:

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## Website

Check us out at [www.scoutlander.com/securesite/welcome.aspx?UID=44110](http://www.scoutlander.com/securesite/welcome.aspx?UID=44110)

Troop 49 is a proud member of the Mayflower Council : <https://www.mayflowerbsa.org/>

## Scout Store

You can find all educational materials, uniforms, and other supplies on-line or in-person at the nearby store:  
 New England Base Camp Scout Shop | 411 Unquity Rd | Milton, MA 02186 | [www.scoutspirit.org/shop/](http://www.scoutspirit.org/shop/)