

Introduction Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 320. We are pleased that you are considering becoming a part of our Troop. To help you get familiar with the Boy Scout program and the operations of our Troop we have prepared this booklet of helpful information. Please review this information as soon as possible and save it for future reference.

Troop Meetings Troop 320 meets every Monday night except Christmas week from 7:30 PM until 9:00 PM. We meet in the Centrum of Fuquay-Varina United Methodist Church. Troop meetings are an opportunity for Scouts to work on rank advancement and merit badges; meet with their patrols to plan for trips; and have fun with fellow scouts. Regular attendance at Troop meetings is essential to gain the full benefit of scouting. Just as a ball player must attend practices to be a part of the team, a scout must attend troop meetings regularly to be a part of the troop.

Uniforms Scout Uniforms should be worn at all scout functions. We recognize two categories of uniforms.

- The complete Class "A" uniform consist of the BSA uniform shirt, pants and belt, along with the Royal Blue neckerchief and the Troop 320 "Orange Crush" cap. Each scout should seek to obtain a complete uniform as soon as possible¹. At a minimum the scout should have a BSA shirt. The shirt is important because it is the only place that the

scout can wear his rank patch and his badge of office.

- The Class "B" uniform consist of a boy scout T-shirt and the Troop 320 "Orange Crush" cap. Each scout is issued a Troop 320 T-shirt and orange cap when they join and pay their dues & joining fee.

The Class "A" uniform should be worn to all Troop functions unless instructed to wear the Class "B" uniform. The Class "B" uniform will usually be called for when we are involved in service work projects, playing games, or in our camp site.

When wearing the Scout uniform, scouts are expected to wear it properly and conduct themselves in a scout like manner. This includes keeping the Class "A" shirttail tucked in and wearing the "Orange Crush" cap with the bill forward.

Rank Advancement Upon joining the Boy Scouts the first rank that you will receive will be that of Scout. You should set a goal of earning the Scout badge during the first few troop meetings. After getting the Scout badge you should start working toward earning the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks. Although the Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class badges must be earned in order, you are able to work on the requirements for all three ranks at the same time. Many of the scout skills required by these badges will be taught during patrol and troop meetings and on camping trips. Unlike Cub Scouts where a Den works on badges as a group, in Boy Scouts each scout works on his advancement at his own pace. Scouts are encouraged to earn Tenderfoot within the first six months in the troop. The new scout should set a goal of earning Second Class and First Class within the first year to eighteen months. After earning First Class the scout will begin the second

phase of the Eagle Scout trail. He will need to earn Star, then Life and finally Eagle. The Eagle trail can be completed in two years but most boys will take four or more years to earn the coveted Eagle rank. The time that a boy spends earning Eagle or any of the badges along the trail is not nearly as important as the experience that he gets during his journey. Earning Eagle is within each scouts grasp he must however set goals along the way in order to get there.

Troop Leadership and Operations Boy Scouts is a youth lead organization. All troop activities are planned and carried out by the troop's junior leadership. The Patrol Leaders Council consists of the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leader for each patrol. Adult leaders are always available to guide the troop leadership and insure that troop activities are safe and promote the ideals of scouting.

Troop Outings and Camping Trips Troop 320 is an active troop with at least one camping trip each month except December. In many months we will have two or three activities outside of the weekly meetings. Camping trips and other troop outings are fun and exciting and provide an excellent opportunity for the scout to complete advancement requirements as well as learn to be mature and more self assure. Sign-up for troop events are done through the troop website. For most camping trips the troop meets at the Traylor farm on Friday afternoon between 4:00 and 4:30 to prepare for a 5:00 departure. Each scout should have a bag supper for eating in the bus during the trip. On most camping trips, scouts will prepare and eat meals with their patrol. Menus are planned, purchased and cooked by patrol. At some point each scout must be in charge of planning, purchasing, and overseeing the preparation of the meals as part of the rank requirements.

¹ A complete Class "A" uniform will run between \$70.00 and \$100.00. We recommend that the scout start out with a short sleeve BSA shirt, the Council Strip, and the 320 troop numbers. This will cost approximately \$30.00 and he can purchase the additional items later. We suggest that the scout be given an opportunity to earn money to purchase part of his uniform or that he receive portions of the uniform as gifts. The Troop maintains a uniform closet from which scouts may borrow uniform shirts and pants.

Summer Camp Our troop participates in a long term camping trip each summer on the Fourth of July week. We try to accommodate year round and traditional school vacation schedules whenever possible. We attend summer camp at Boy Scout camps across the southeast to experience a variety of programs. Plans can be made for additional weeks or alternate weeks of summer camp by camping provisional.

Dues Troop dues cover national fees, council fees, advancement materials, badges, and local expenses in addition to *Boy's Life* subscriptions. Dues are \$75.00 due in March and \$75 due in September for a total of \$150. A joining fee is assessed to uniform items and national BSA registration and reflects current item costs.

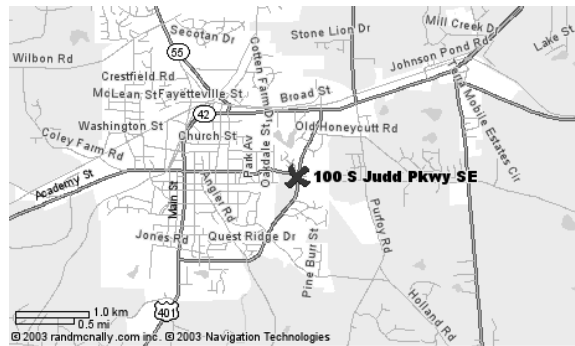
Fund Raisers In December, our troop sells luminary for Christmas to raise funds to support our troop. The areas our troop covers include any neighborhood a scout resides and traditional areas our troop has sold luminaries in the past. All scouts are expected to participate in luminary sales. Support of this project helps us keep our fees reasonable. Scouts may also elect to participate in Council Popcorn and camp card sales on an individual basis.

Scoutmasters Conference and Boards of Reviews are held at every rank advancement and whenever the scoutmaster or scout sees the need. Conferences are an opportunity to discuss goals or problems. Boards are held the first Monday of every month. Scouts are expected to be in class "A" uniforms with merit badges sashes and scout pants and socks if available.

Annual Spring Trip Our troop plans a big spring event at spring break around March. This trip is historical and educational. Past and Future trips include Washington, DC, Williamsburg/Busch Gardens, Gettysburg, and Cape Canaveral Due to the expense of this trip the cost is subsidized by

scouts. Credit may be earned to pay for this trip with Scout Pop Corn and other troop sales promotions.

Communication The troop website, <http://www.orange crush.org/> contains the troop calendar, important forms and information, and is used for event registration. Scouts and parents should register on the website. We frequently use our twitter account, [@320OrangeCrush](https://twitter.com/320OrangeCrush), during trips to provide real-time schedule updates and event status.



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