

Troop 102 welcomes any young man who would like to visit our troop before making a decision to join. Please feel free to attend a meeting. We recommend contacting us first using the contact form on the home page. This will insure that we have a troop representative available to talk to you about Troop 102 and answer all of your questions.

Parent participation allows any troop to be successful. We encourage and welcome as much help & participation as you are able to give.

## Welcome to BSA Troop 102, Boerne TX

This page is for new scouts joining Troop 102. Whether you are an older boy who is new to scouting, transferring from another troop or a Cub Scout who is crossing over, this page has all the information that you will need when joining our troop.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Welcome Packet. This is helpful information for those new to scouting and new to troop 102!!

### Regular Meetings

Troop 102 meets every Tuesday at the Scout Hut of the First United Methodist Church in Boerne, TX. We meet all year long including the summer months. Meetings are generally 7:00-8:00pm. Occasionally meetings may be cancelled due to other troop events and activities or holidays. Generally we will not meet over the winter holidays, spring break and during summer camp. Scouts should set up and put away seating for each meeting. Scouts are organized by patrols for meetings.

Generally the Tuesday following the monthly campout is a PLC meeting. All scouts holding leadership positions should attend PLC meetings. Scouts not holding leadership positions are not required to attend PLC's.

### Annual Charter Fees & dues

Charter fees are \$55 per year and are due March 1st of each year. Charter fees include \$15 BSA registration (and subscription to Scouting magazine, \$13 subscription to Boy's life magazine and \$13 Activity fee. Charter fees are prorated if joining in a month other than March. Proration is as follows:

April \$50.42	October \$22.92
May \$45.83	November \$18.33
June \$41.25	December \$13.75
July \$36.67	January \$8.17
August \$32.08	February \$5.58
September \$27.50	March \$55

Cub Scouts who are crossing over **SHOULD NOT pay their charter fees to the pack they are leaving in the year they are crossing over.** Please wait until you have crossed and pay your annual charter fees to your new Boy Scout Troop. We have run into much difficulty in transferring charter fees that were paid prior to crossing over, so we are simply trying to avoid these difficulties we have experienced.

**DUES** are paid weekly. Weekly dues is \$.50 and should be paid by the scout using his OWN money. Dues are accrued weekly for all registered scouts even if the scout does not attend meetings or activities.

Each patrol has an envelope which will be available at each meeting. The scout will go to his patrol's envelope and complete his dues form. Each scout's dues form will indicate how much he owes for the week in dues. The scout will indicate on the form how much dues is paid that week and what uniform he wore for that meeting (class A or class B uniform). Uniform information is gathered for Troop spirit awards.

Dues must be up to date for a Scout to participate certain activities.

### Uniform

[Class A uniform](#) consists of BSA button up shirt with [proper patches displayed](#). Troop purple neckerchief with patch. BSA shorts with BSA socks or BSA pants. BSA cap & BSA belt. Closed toed shoes. For regular meetings a scout is considered in Class A uniform wearing BSA shirt, shorts or pants and closed toed shoes. Scouts should wear full class A uniform for Scout Master interviews/reviews, board of reviews, courts of honor or any formal event. BSA sash is also included in the full Class A uniform. **THE CLASS A SHIRT MUST BE TUCKED IN.**

Class B uniform consists of the approved Troop 102 T-shirt, solid/subdued colored shorts or pants and closed toed shoes.

On the [forms page](#) of our website, under the New Scouts section, you will find lots of information on uniform requirements with illustrations.

### Items you can buy from the Troop

As a courtesy, troop 102 keeps several required & optional items on hand for you to purchase directly from the troop.

BSA Troop 102 hat \$12

BSA 102 numbers patch \$4

BSA Troop 102 T-shirt (class B) \$10

BSA Troop 102 neckerchief with patch \$10

BSA Scout Handbook \$10

epaulettes \$3

You will need to purchase your neckerchief (required) from the troop as it is troop specific. However, you can also purchase a wide variety of scout items at the [Musselman Scout Shop](#) located inside the Alamo Area Council. Or, online at the [Scout Stuff](#) retail store.

## **BSA Scout Handbook**

READ YOUR HANDBOOK! Take good care of your handbook. Some sort of cover for your handbook is recommended but not required. This will help keep your handbook in good condition. You will have it for many years and in your handbook, you will document all your rank advancement requirements. WRITE YOUR NAME ON THE OUTSIDE OF YOUR HANDBOOK.

**Keep your Handbook up to date** and turn your handbook in regularly to the Troop Advancement Chairperson. This is VERY important. We enter all of your advancement requirements and merit badges into our computer system for tracking and safe keeping. If you were to lose your handbook, we have all your information safely stored in our system. But if your handbook is not up to date and you don't turn it in regularly, you will lose some or all of your advancement information.

Bring your handbook to meetings, activities, campouts etc and especially Scout Master reviews and boards. In most everything we do, we are working on some sort of advancement requirement or referencing information in the handbook. Documentation or looking up any information can be done right away if you have your handbook and it is up to date.

## **Patrols, leadership and elections**

Upon joining Troop 102, each scout is assigned to a patrol. Each patrol has a designation and uniform patch provided by the troop. Each patrol has a patrol leader and asst. patrol leader elected by the patrol. Troop leadership positions are also elected by the troop. These include Senior Patrol leaders (SPL's), scribe, historian, chaplain and others. Elections are held routinely and leadership is required for advancement.

## **Annual Planning**

Troop 102 will have an annual planning meeting, usually around July/August, for scouts to plan the events and activities for the year. This will include monthly campouts, community activities, summer camp and more. Scouts should participate in this annual planning to provide their input.

## **Campouts**

Troop 102 generally goes on a campout every month. These monthly campouts are generally the THIRD (3rd) weekend of the month. These are usually 1 night campouts leaving early Saturday morning and returning Sunday afternoon. On occasion we will have 2 night campouts scheduled on school holidays. Monthly campouts are a great opportunity for scouts to learn new skills, work on requirements and have fun with their fellow scouts. Scouts and adults are asked to sign up for campouts in advance. It is important that an adequate number of adults go on campouts.

Scouts must have an annual [permission form](#) and [Health form](#) completed to attend campouts.

Adults must be registered and have completed the [Adult Youth Protection training/test online](#). See the forms page of this site for the AYP guide and test. Additional training may be required depending on activities and locations.

Scouts are responsible for bringing their own supplies to campouts. Troop 102 does have scout tents, cots and hiking backpacks to loan scouts. The troop also provides chuck boxes with cooking supplies for each patrol. Cooking is done by Grub masters generally organized by patrol. Grub master assignments will be made prior to the campout. Each grub master will generally cook for 3-6 scouts. Scouts attending campouts should know who their grub master is for that campout and pay grub master fees for required groceries for the campout. Grub master payments are currently set at \$10 per scout. Please pay your troop treasurer monthly. You are still responsible for payment if you cancel after he has purchased groceries or do not attend the campout.

Grub masters should know who and how many scouts they are cooking for, plan menus and purchase needed groceries according to menu and budget.

Scouts cooking to meet requirements should know the requirements, provide detailed menu and detailed grocery shopping list with pricing to be approved in advance.

## **Summer Camp**

Troop 102 attends a summer camp every year. This is usually a week long overnight camp. Summer camp is a great opportunity for scouts to work on advancement requirements, learn new skills and have some great outdoor experiences.

Scouts must have an annual BSA Physical form completed to attend summer camp. (please see forms page) We usually have a volunteer physician come to the scout hut to do these physicals prior to summer camp. Parents are asked to make a donation for the physician. Cost of summer camp varies. Scouts may also have additional fees associated with the activities or merit badges they choose. We also must have an adequate number of adults attending summer camp.

## **Annual Spaghetti Dinner**

Troop 102's annual fund raiser is our Annual Spaghetti Dinner usually scheduled in the Spring. Scouts sell Tickets to family, friends and the community. Tickets sold by each scout help supplement his fees for summer camp. A silent auction is also part of this event. Parents are asked to provide items to be sold in our silent auction.

Troop 102 has recently chosen to take on additional fundraising activities to support the Scout's activities. Announcements and information on fundraising activities will be sent to all families.

## **Parents**

Parent involvement is very important for the success of Troop 102. Parents are invited to participate as much as they are able.

Troop Committee meets monthly on the 2nd Monday of each month at 7pm in the scout hut. Troop committee plans and organizes activities and helps manage the troop. All parents are welcome to attend Troop committee meetings.