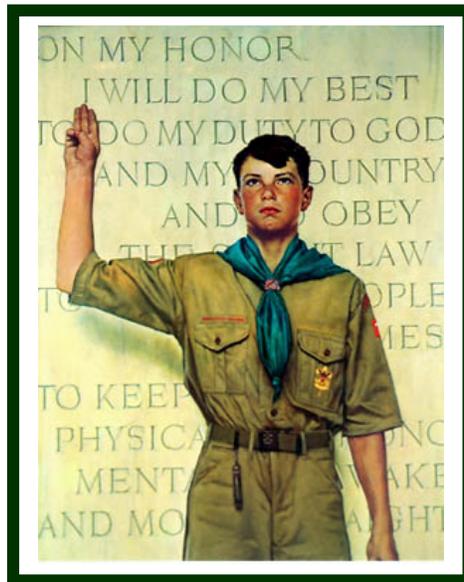


# Welcome to Troop 2193 Boy Scouts!

A Guide book for a Boy and his Parents  
interested in joining the Scouting Program  
at Cokes Chapel UMC



This book is to help you:



Become better informed on Boy Scouts



Learn how to register your Son for Boy Scouts



Let you know when & where your first meeting is



How we keep in touch with you is through Scoutbook



Troop Website just Google: **[Troop2193.org](http://Troop2193.org)**

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## *What does my son get from Boy Scouts?*

### **The Boy Scout Program Benefits**



Develops character and encourages Christian spiritual growth



Develops habits of good citizenship



Encourages good sportsmanship and pride in growing strong in mind and body



Improves understanding within the family



Strengthens the ability to get along with other boys and respect for other people



Fosters a sense of personal achievement by developing new interests and skills



Teaches boys to be helpful and to do one's best



Provides fun and exciting new activities



Prepares them to be young adults



Teaches them leadership skills



Learns respect for nature and America's natural resources

# What do we do in Boy Scouts?

## **Patrols:**

This smaller group of scouts provides you son a chance to make new friends and do new activities with a closer group of friends. Here under the leadership of an older experienced Scout (the Patrol Leader); together they will plan their meals, delegate responsibilities and organize their patrol for upcoming overnights and troop activities.

## **PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) Meetings**

PLC's are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00pm and requires the attendance of the Patrol Leader or if unavailable his Assistant. It also includes the Senior Scouts who make up the Senior Patrol Leaders Staff; Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe and Quartermaster. It is this group with the guidance of the Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters that lead the direction and activities of the troop. Meeting are at the Youth House at Cokes Chapel behind the Childcare Center.

## **Troop Meetings:**

These are weekly meetings (Thursdays at 7:00PM – 8:30PM) for all the Boy Scouts and adult leaders to get to gather to work on Scout skills, rank advancement, plan troop overnights and upcoming group activities. It will be a time to receive awards for rank, service to others or merit badges for the achievements they have accomplished during the previous months.

## **Troop Court of Honors:**

Are a tri-yearly event, it is a time when all members of the troop; leaders, scouts and helping parents are recognized for their efforts from the previous months in creating a successful program for the scouts. COHs are in May, August and December.

## **Summer Camp & Winter Camp:**

A week long camp during the summer and optional winter. Its action oriented; and involves the scouts working on their advancement towards the coveted rank of Eagle Scout. Days include first aid, swimming, canoeing, crafts, pioneering, cooking, camping, nature, archery, rifle and shot gun instruction to name just a few of it's venues. The Council's premier local summer Camp Thunder BSA is in Molena, Georgia about an hour south of here.

## **Scouting is Outings:**

The main theme of Scouting is "outing", which we plan to do at least once a month as a troop. Patrols can plan their own events too. A camping overnight or a day hike for the Scouts with older scout leadership to experience the great outdoors and to spend together having fun and learning skills.



### **Scouting for Food:**

A service project held on the first and second weekends of February. Over 20,000 Scouts collect 530,000 pounds of food for area food shelves. This is the largest national service project for the Boy Scouts of America.



### **Scout Sunday**

A day where all the Scouts in the United States give respect to God. A special Scout service is given at Cokes Chapel where the Scouts of all ages get together for a morning of prayer and thanksgiving. This is celebrated nationally on the second Sunday in February.



### **Service Projects**

From barn raisings to soup kitchens, ordinary Americans have always made an extraordinary difference in the lives of their neighbors by lending a helping hand, and - as the Scout motto states - "Do a Good Turn Daily". Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever to help overcome hunger, lack of adequate shelter, and poor health.



### **Spring and Summer District Camporees**

This is a time for the troop to show of its spirit and Scout know how. Twice a year the Scout Coweta District has a weekend filled with Scout spirit and friendly competitions. Troops show of the talents to win the coveted prize of "Best Overall Troop" and "Best Troop Spirit". Everyone's eyes are towards the winning of the "Golden Axe Award" and the "Golden Spoon". Over 300 scouts compete for two days of great scouting skills while having fun.



### **New Scout Patrol:**

A goal of Scouting is for every boy to achieve the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class. To assist 11-12 year old boys, we have 1-year structured program. It is planned around Cub Scouts crossing over to Boy Scouts in March each year, a having them join a patrol. In this first year, the program helps them achieve their first 4 ranks (Scout, Tenderfoot, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, and 1<sup>st</sup> Class), and complete merit badges associated with the skills for those ranks: pioneering, orienteering, camping, cooking, hiking, first aid and swimming. These skills prepare them for leadership they will assume for their later ranks on their way to the rank of Eagle Scout.

## How Much Time Will This All Take?



### **Boy Scout Time Commitment**

Time with one's son is the most important time we have. Boy Scouting is family centered and works well because parents get involved to guide the boys to become a boy led troop.

Parents are encouraged to attend any Troop meetings, that take place weekly and to become involved on hiking, camping and troop activities planned during the year with their son.

Outside of the patrol and troop meetings, time is used to encourage you son to advance through the rank on which he is currently working and to strive to achieve the rank of Eagle Scout.

For parent's additional time can be used by the Troop if you choose to volunteer as a Patrol Shadow, Merit Badge Counselor, Assistant Scoutmaster, or a member of the Troop Committee or as an assistant to one of the current leaders or join us for a few days at summer or winter camp.

The troop has long and short-term projects for which they need volunteers. Adult Positions are always available: Merit Badge Counselors, Camp masters, and Friends of Scouting Chair, these are just a few of the important jobs that make the troop you are looking at so successful.

A position as an adult volunteer can be one of the most rewarding experiences you can have. It provides you that outside opportunity to see your son change before your eyes. Troop Committee meetings are the first Monday of each month at 7:00pm in the Youth Center behind the Childcare Center at Cokes Chapel; it is open to all parents to attend.

# The Boy Scout Uniform & Handbook

The Boy Scout wears the official Boy Scout beige & kaki uniform. This year the cost of the initial complete uniform is about \$150. This includes shirt, pants or shorts, Boy Scout Cap (optional), green epaulets, a green with red embroidered neckerchief with scout slide, scout socks and scout belt and all necessary patches and a merit badge sash when needed. We recommend purchasing the shirt large so as your scout grows, he can wear it for the years to come. In our troop per our bylaws the scout is to **wear a complete uniform** at all troop activities unless told otherwise by either the Scoutmaster or the adult leader running the activity. The **"2020" Scout Handbook** is also necessary and is also available at the Council Scout shop:

## **Scout Shop at Flint River Council**

1363 Zebulon Road, Griffin, GA 30224

(470) 481-1064 [flintriverscoutshop@scouting.org](mailto:flintriverscoutshop@scouting.org)

Tues-Fri: 10am - 6pm; Sat: 10am - 2pm; Closed Sundays & Holidays

## **Our Troop's Meeting Place & Our Charter Organization**

Our weekly Troop meetings are **every Thursday at 7:00pm for 90 minutes at the Fellowship Hall across from Coke's Chapel, our Chartered Partner at 4096 Lower Fayetteville Rd in Sharpsburg**. Many of the weekly activities are held outside so scout should come prepared for the weather. Parents can stay or to pick up their son directly after the meetings at 8:30pm. Scouts begin arriving around 6:30 PM to demonstrate progress in advancement requirements.

Patrols and their Scout (Boy) leaders are decided among the scouts with the guidance and approval of the senior scouts and the adult troop Scoutmaster. Additional patrol meetings are recommended but not required; it will be up to the patrol leader and its members to decide when and where to meet if additional meetings are necessary to keep the patrol operations running smoothly.

## What Does Boy Scouts Cost?

Currently approved scout dues are \$10.00 per month and can be paid in advance quarterly or annually if desired. Checks should be made payable to "BSA Troop 2193". Dues cover day to day troop operating expenses, awards and certain patrol supplies needed on overnights.

Upon joining there is a \$25.00 joining fee. There is an annual registration fee of \$66.00, a \$2.00 medical insurance fee and an optional \$14.00 Boys Life Subscription.

Those boys joining Scouting during the registration year will be prorated starting at (\$66.00) in January and subtracting (\$5.00) for each month later when joining. Those Webelos II Scouts who have paid their fees for the year they transferred in will pay \$0, but need to complete a new BSA youth application and turn in a completed A&B BSA medical form. Any registered adult leaders can voluntarily cover any part of their \$42.00 annual registration fee and need to become trained in their position and maintain a current Youth Protection Training Certification during their tenure .

(\* ) Our Troop does fundraisers to help minimize the amount of dues charges each year and help scouts earn a way help pay for special troop activities, outings and summer camp. **Scouts are requested to sell Scout popcorn, camp cards and participate in other fund raising opportunities like the annual Troop BBQ in October.**

**\*\*Please note:** Patrols may collect monthly dues to help cover costs for needed supplies such as a Patrol Flag, Crafts, Rope or needed items to work on rank advancement or scouting skills within the patrol.

**If you are unable to meet any of these costs due to financial reasons, please contact the Charter Rep, Jim McCarthy, Committee Chair David Hopkins, or the Scoutmaster, Mike Pollard. There are funds available that will ensure your son enjoys all that scouting has to offer. We also have a uniform closet for scouts needing uniform assistance. We are looking forward to your son joining Troop 2193!**



**Troop 2193 is a Christian Faith Troop that brings  
Scouting Values Through to Youth**



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***To bring these Christian values of Scouting through, leaders need to understand how youth grow and develop, how to create an environment for learning and growth, and how to provide youth with activities and meaningful experiences that reinforce positive Christian values.***

### ***Caring Adults***

***A positive adult role model has always been one of scouting methods. Caring adults, interested in the welfare, growth and positive development of youth have been a hallmark of Scouting since its earliest years. Our example as adult leaders is the starting point. Scouting will work with adults who care. We care about Scouting. We live by its values, and we care about our Scouts.***

### ***Activities that Help Bring Values Through to Youth***

***Our Scouting program is designed to keep Scouts busy and involved in all sorts of activities. Scouts learn by doing, and learning values is as action-oriented as other parts of Scouting. There are three types of activities designed to help bring the values of Scouting through:***



***Reflection***



***Problem Solving***



***Meaningful Community Service to People***

***Reflection -- By talking about or reflecting on their experiences, Scouts learn to think for themselves, and practice group skills. They make judgments, work together, and develop understanding and trust. With adult guidance, they can seek and find the meaning or purpose behind activities, make sense out of experience and reinforce positive Christian values.***

***Problem Solving -- Through stories involving ethical dilemmas Scouts learn successful ways to resolve real problems. With experience, Scouts learn how to apply this method to real problems in Scouting and in their own lives***

***Community Service -- By planning and carrying out meaningful service projects Scouts are able to connect with the real needs of their community.***

### ***Delivering the Promise***

***Our leaders are caring adults, we have created a safe haven, and we recognizing the differences in the ages and stages of today's youth development, we have created a special place in Scouting for boys. Reflection, the problem solving process, and opportunities for meaningful community service, each help achieve this.***

***Our goal as leaders is to bring the values of Scouting through and the way we do this is with an exciting program, challenging activities and a real adventure for boys. We "Deliver the Promise". The purpose of Boy Scout Troop 2193 is to foster the highest standards of integrity, character, and spirituality for young men in the community, facilitated through outdoor skills development as established by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.***

***Membership shall be open to all qualified boys who meet current National Boy Scouts of America membership requirements and agree to adhere to the principles set forth by that organization.***

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