

SCOUTMASTER VISION FOR TROOP 632

Aims of Scouting: Character Development, Citizenship Training and Personal Fitness.

It is the Troop's expectation that all Scouts follow the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Trained adult and Scout leaders will help all Scouts understand the meaning of the Oath and Law and will advise Scouts on how their choices affect the success of the Troop.

Scout Leadership (with adult teaching/mentoring/coaching). Scouts will select, schedule, plan and execute all Troop activities. For the Troop to be successful, our youth leaders and members must take ownership of their roles in influencing what the Troop is and does. The Senior Patrol Leader, with assistance from the members of the Patrol Leader Council, will efficiently and effectively run fun and informative Troop meetings.

Patrol Method as the hub of all scouting activities. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups within and outside the larger Troop context, working together as a team to make their patrol a success. A patrol should take pride in its identity, and its members should strive to make their patrol the best it can be. Patrols will work with other patrols to learn skills and complete advancement requirements, while at other times they will compete against the same patrols in Scout Skills and athletic competitions.

- Scouts learn how to be leaders through the example of their Patrol Leaders.
- The Patrol Leader will appoint members of his patrol to be Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Scribe (and other patrol jobs).
- Assistant Scoutmasters (adult leaders)
- will be assigned to patrols and are responsible for monitoring conduct, mentoring Patrol Leadership, and assisting with advancement.
- Scouts will use their Patrol "Chain of Command" for questions, issues, or problems within the Scouting program.

Advancement program. The Patrol Leaders Council will build advancement opportunities into their Annual Plan. The Troop's Annual Plan will incorporate activities that will provide active Scouts with the experience and training required to earn their First-Class rank within one year of joining the Troop. While each Scout is expected to lead their own advancement trail, Patrol Leaders will assist younger Scouts with their advancement through First Class. The Troop will maintain a Merit Badge curriculum to allow Scouts the opportunity to earn Merit Badges in concert with Summer Camp and district Merit Badge Academies.

Outdoor Program. The Troop will have at least one campout or outdoor activity per month and a High Adventure outing each quarter (canoeing, mountain biking or backpacking).

Summer Camp. Scouts are encouraged to attend summer camp each year. The Troop will provide fundraising opportunities to support summer camp and High Adventure costs.

BSA High Adventure. Scouts will have the option to participate in smaller team high adventure treks and Jamborees, including the following:

- Florida Sea Base (2021, 2023, 2025, etc.)
- Northern Tier (2022, 2024, 2026, etc.)
- Philmont Scout Reservation (2021, 2023, 2025, etc.)
- BSA National Jamboree (2021, 2025, etc.)

Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM). ASMs will be present during all Scouting activities to ensure Scouts' conduct is safe and free from unacceptable behavior such as hazing and bullying. All adult participants will follow BSA Youth Protection two-deep leadership guidelines at all times. ASM's are required to take all formal training available to become trained in their assigned positions and highly encouraged to take available supplemental training such as Wood Badge. ASM Patrol Advisors will attend their assigned patrol's meetings and engage with the patrol on campouts to provide adult supervision and mentorship. ASM Patrol Advisors will track advancement and assist the Patrol Leader by signing off advancement via Troop Web Host. ASM Patrol Advisors will engage with their respective Patrol Leaders outside of Troop meetings for focused mentoring. ASM's will hold additional areas of adult leadership based on their interests and skill set (Advancement, Outdoor Programs, Meetings, Religious Programs, High Adventure, Quartermaster Mentor, Life-to-Eagle Coach, etc.).

Community Service. The Troop will organize service projects to provide all Scouts with the opportunity to volunteer at least 20 hours of community service per year. The Troop is committed to offer service to our Charter Organization, Fishhawk Fellowship Church, and assist Eagle Scout candidates in their service projects.

Yours in Scouting,

Ryan Smith