

Success in Scouting



1. **Join** a Troop (Scout and parents)
2. Parents become a **support system** for your Scout to grow and learn new skills.
 - Read handbook with your Scout,
 - Gather personal gear (put name on all) - most expensive is not the way to go here
3. Help your Scout **Get Organized**
 - **Mark** the family calendar to include Scout activities. *See Troop Meeting and Outing Calendars for details.* Involvement during the first year is the best way to help your Scout move from his current comfort zone into an exciting and challenging adventure of camping, hiking, climbing, and exploration of the great outdoors.
 - February is Bridging at Blue & Gold Banquets
 - March - New Scout Outing! **Jump Start** for new scouts
 - April and May Outings help the New Scout with **advancement requirements**
 - Your Scout is learning new skills and learning the Patrol Method
 - Your Scout is getting to know the other Scouts and looking at the patrols
 - June or July - **SUMMER CAMP** - This is the BIG Event of the year
 - There will be a **PARENT MEETING just for Summer Camp IN MAY**
 - Patrol members working together, helping each other
 - Merit Badges - swimming, canoeing, leather working, and many more
 - Your Scout will go to summer camp as a boy and a young man will return - it is an amazing experience for your Scout.
4. Parents **help your Scout transition** from Cub Scouts (Parent Run) to Boy Scouts (Boy Run).
 - Have Scout pack from the very first outing (Parents advise and help in the beginning but DON'T take the easy way out and pack for Scout).
 - Encourage your Scout to work on his rank requirements in order for him to achieve **FIRST CLASS RANK** by the end of his first year of scouting. By this rank, your Scout has a new and expanded comfort zone (with his parents as adult leaders and by himself with his patrol). Trained Adult Leaders and Patrol Leaders may sign Scout Handbook.
 - Be a part of your Scout's experience by learning how the Troop works
 - Adult Leaders are support, safety and guidance
 - Scout leadership plan and implement the program throughout the year
 - As Scouts progress through the ranks, they take on leadership roles

SCOUTING IS A PROCESS THAT REQUIRES TIME AND PARTICIPATION.