



Welcome to Troop 21 of Arvada, Colorado

Troop 21 is a member of the Scouts BSA. We are part of the Denver Area Council, and within the Denver Area Council we are in the Gateway District.

- Troop 21 meets every Tuesday all year long. We do not meet the week of Christmas.
- We meet at King of Glory Lutheran Church located at 10001 W. 58th Ave., Arvada, Colorado 80002.
- **Meeting times are as follows:**
 - 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm - During the school year
 - 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm - During the summer months (when school is out)
 - Merit badge classes are offered throughout the year starting on Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm, times do change periodically due to the requirements of a certain merit badge.
 - Troop holds quarterly Court of Honors typically in the months of March, June, September, and December. Court of Honors are meant to recognize members of the troop (scouts and adults) for various awards and rank advancement.
 - Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6:45-7:30pm. This meeting is attended by the youth leaders, scout master, and assistant scout masters. The purpose of this meeting is to plan the next month's meetings, events, and campouts.
- **Troop Organization**
 - Troop 21 is a scout lead and adult coached. Every attempt is made to keep the troop this way. The scouts plan the meetings, events and campouts. The adults provide the leadership, resources, and logistics needed to make this happen.
 - Boy Scouts operate in patrols, using the Patrol Method. Patrols are the building blocks of a boy scout troop. A patrol is a small group of boys who are similar in age, development, and interests. Working together as a team, patrol members share the responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership.
 - Troop 21 has four mixed age and rank patrols, with one older scout patrol that are focused on leadership, high adventure and other scouting activities.
 - **King of Glory Lutheran Church is Troop 21's Charter Organization**
 - The Church has a charter organizational representative who is a member of the troop committee.
 - **The troop committee manages operations.** The committee over sees the operation of the troop, handles communication with the charter organization, finances, advancement, and re-charter. The committee works closely with the scout master to support areas needed, and any needs the troop may have.

- The committee is made up adult troop members. Its size is determined by the committee, the positions may vary. The following are the current positions and members of the Troop 21 Committee :
 - Committee Chairperson – Mel Heesacker
 - Secretary – Brittney Best
 - Treasurers – Rob Funke, Laura Winberg
 - Charter Organizational Representative - Chris Ryan
 - Advancement Chairperson - Lisa and Gary Chase
 - Fundraising Chairperson - Open Position
 - Health/Medical Coordinator – Open Position
 - Equipment Coordinator - Open Position
 - Board of Review Coordinator - Open Position
 - Training Coordinator - Marla Gordon
 - Scout Master Boys Troop - Jack C. Major Sr
 - Assistant Scout Master Boys Troop - Jeremy Heesacker
 - Scout Master Girls Troop – Kip Davis
 - Assistant Scout Master Girls Troop – Jeantte Lloyd
 - **The Scout Master and the Assistant Scout Masters are responsible for the program piece of the Troop and all that comes with it.**
 - Scout Master - Jack C. Major Sr.
 - Scout Master Kip Davis
 - Assistant Scout Master Logistics - Jeremy Heesacker
 - Assistant Scout Master -Jeantte Lloyd
 - Assistant Scout Master Quarter Master – Eric Best
 - Assistant Scout Master Communications/Records – Greg Riggs
 - Assistant Scout Masters
 - Gary Chase, J.P. Crouse, John Dine, Jeremy Kelly, John Klechner, Steve Krasovich, Bob Nelson, Mark Pokorny, Mario Rivera, Mike Siefkes, Ori Staub, Scott Winberg, Bj Hubbard, Kent Cottingham
 - **Training for Adults**
 - Scout Master and Assistant Scout Masters
 - Required
 - 2-year re-certification of BSA Youth Protection
 - Introduction to the outdoor leadership skills
 - Scout Master Specific Training
 - Non-required
 - Wood Badge
 - Trainers Edge
 - Train the trainer
 - Additional Courses
 - Weather Safety (One adult must have for event to take place.)
 - Safe Swim Defense (One adult must have for swimming event to take place.)
 - Safety Afloat (One adult must have for a water vessel event to take place.)
 - Trek Safely (One adult must have for backpacking event to take place.)

- Climb on Safely (One adult must have for a climbing event to take place.)
 - Wilderness First Aid (One adult must have for a camping event to take place.)
 - AED/CPR (One adult must have for a camping event to take place.)
 - NRA BI, Rifle, shotgun, HFS, Pistol (One adult must be present with all certifications for a shooting event to take place.)
- **Training for Committee Member**
 - 2-year re-certification of BSA Youth Protection
 - Troop Committee Challenge
- **Training for Merit Badge Counselors**
 - 2-year re-certification of BSA Youth Protection
 - Merit Badge Counselor Training
 - Register with DAC as a Merit Badge Counselor
 - All Adults working with the youth have been through the BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT)
 - It is recommended that all parents take the online YPT training
- **Youth Leadership Positions**
 - **SPL - Senior Patrol Leader** (elected scout position who leads the troop)
 - **ASPL - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** (elected scout position who works with the SPL to lead the troop)
 - **PL - Patrol Leader** (elected scout position who leads a patrol of 7-9 scouts on average)
 - **APL - Assistant Patrol Leader** (elected scout position who leads a patrol of 7-9 scouts on average) This position does not count toward a leadership position for rank advancement.
 - **QM - Quarter Master** (scout position who is responsible for working with the ASM QM on equipment and logistic needs)
 - **TG - Troop Guide** (scout position who is a guide to new scouts)
 - **Instructor** (scout position who is responsible for teaching basic scouting skills to their patrols)
 - **Scribe** (scout position who is responsible for taking meeting minutes at PLC meetings and other times as necessary)
 - **Historian** (scout position who is responsible for reporting the troop activities during the last quarter at the Court of Honors)
 - **Librarian** (scout position who is responsible for troop owned books and documents)
 - **Bugler** (Does not count toward a leadership position for rank advancement.)
- **Youth Training**
 - ILST - Introduction to Leadership Skills Training (offered twice a year in troop, and must be taken by all Youth Leadership)
 - NYLT - National Youth Leadership Training (Required to be SPL and ASPL of Troop 21) This is an amazing opportunity for Scouts to learn lifelong leadership skills that will last a life time.
 - NAYLE - National Advanced Youth Leadership Training. This training is an advanced training opportunity and is guaranteed to be an amazing training opportunity. This course is at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico.

- **Troop Track**

- Troop 21 uses a web based Troop management software named Troop Track. Upon joining the troop, an account will be set up and you will be given access to your family's account.
- Troop Track holds access to all events, planning, your scout's records, scout financial accounts, advancement, training, hiking logs, camping logs, service logs.
- Troop Track is also the way the troop communicates.
 - You will receive weekly updates on the troop events and your scout's advancement, and account.
 - This is how you will RSVP for events
 - You can email groups or individuals from Troop Track.
 - The SM/ASMs will use this to communicate with your scout. When your scout gets an email from Troop Track, the parents will automatically get copied on this email.

- **Important Information for new scouting families**

- Troop 21 is a full uniform troop. We believe this promotes uniformity in the troop, and creates a sense of pride and responsibility. We will make every attempt to help scouts complete their uniform, with extra or hand-me-down uniforms.
 - Full uniform is as follows:
 - Scout shirt, scout pants, scout belt, green scout socks, neckerchief or bolo, slide, sash, and scout book with cover. Hats are optional, and not to be worn in the Church.
- Upon joining the troop, you will receive a calendar of events for the year. As a leadership team, we make every effort to make these events happen. However, from time to time we may need to change plans due to many factors including: timing, availability, adult participation, and weather, to name a few.
- In general, we camp every month of the year, and do other events throughout the month as the schedule allows.
- Troop 21 participates in a week-long summer camp every summer. This is a great experience for all scouts and is highly recommended for the younger scouts. A camp experience will build their confidence, scouting skills and help them advance in rank.
- Troop 21 understands the cost involved in scouting and we fully believe in the scouting program and want to see every scout succeed in our troop and in scouting. We have several fundraisers throughout the year to help with the cost. A few of the fund-raising efforts are: Flower Power (Help cleaning up the flowers from the Home and Garden Show), Popcorn Sales, Chocolate Bars Sales, Christmas Poinsettia Sales, Hot Dog Cart at Denver Bronco Games, Jeffco Stadium Clean Up, and King Soopers Cards.
- All events will be posted on Troop Track
 - To attend an event or campout you need to RSVP on Troop Track
 - Fill out a generic Troop 21 permission slip
 - Need to list your vehicle info if you are driving yourself, family or scouts. This is required for the BSA Tour Permit.
- All scouts, parents and siblings need to have BSA med forms on file with the troop if they are attending an event.
 - Part A and B is for everyone.

- Part C is for anyone staying at camps or trips for more than 72 hours.
 - We also need one for the family members, as some events are family events. The Troop must have this information, along with the permit on all events to have BSA insurance cover the group.
 - It is very important that all new Scouts attend the spring events, as we will be teaching them the scouting skills, as well as working on Scout Rank and Tenderfoot requirements.
 - Summer Camp is another very important event for new Scouts to attend, this is such an experience and will set their scouting off on the right foot.
 - Gear needed:
 - 10 Essentials
 - Pocket Knife
 - First Aid Kit
 - Extra Clothing
 - Rain Gear
 - 2 Water Bottles (Large 36 oz, 2" wide mouth water bottle) Hydration packs can be used, but are discouraged. The down side is that the SM/ASM cannot see how much water is being consumed.) Dehydration is big problem in the front and back country.
 - Flashlight
 - Trail Food
 - Fire Starter
 - Sun Protection
 - Map and Compass
 - Day Pack
 - Sleeping Bag
 - Bed Roll
 - Duffel Bag
 - Hiking Boots
 - Rain Gear
 - Mess Kit
 - Hat
 - See attached gear Packing list for further details (Summer and Winter)
- **Campouts**
 - All scouts will be assigned to a patrol during campouts. This will be a different patrol than their normal patrol. The patrols will be assigned by rank/experience and numbers of scouts on the campout. We have three scout patrols on campouts and one adult patrol. Scouts will cook, clean, and work as a patrol.
 - We have two to three scouts per tent.
 - We encourage parents not to share tents with their scouts, unless there is a specific reason to do so.
 - Adults sleep in a group and scouts sleep in a group. The groups are of some distance away from each other. This is to maintain YPT requirements.
 - Troop 21 has a good amount of gear and tents, as well as a deep resource of equipment. If you find yourself in need of any gear, please ask the SM, ASM, or QM.
 - Each campout and event will be in Troop Track, with an event sheet attached. The event sheets are also available at troop meetings up front on the table.

- The event sheet will have all related details: departure, return, what packing list to use, etc.
 - Permission slips all have a due date. **It is important to RSVP on Troop Track and to put a permission slip in the mail box.**
 - It is important to list items such as: special diet, different arrival and departure dates, or other items and/or special requests.
- **Advancement**
 - Ranks in Boy Scouts are as follows:
 - Scout
 - Tenderfoot
 - 2nd class
 - 1st class
 - Star
 - Life
 - Eagle
 - Eagle Palms
 - Ranks Scout through 1st Class are skill based. Scout rank starts with basic scouting skills, and as the scouts go on campouts and events, they will develop the skills required to advance to 1st Class.
 - Ranks Star through Eagle require merit badges, time, community service, and leadership.
 - Scouts need 21 merit badges for the rank of Eagle Scout, of which 13 are Eagle required and 8 are electives.
 - Eagle required merit badges are as follows:
 - First Aid
 - Citizenship in the Community
 - Citizenship in the Nation
 - Citizenship in the World
 - Communication
 - Cooking
 - Personal Fitness
 - Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving
 - Environmental Science or Sustainability
 - Personal Management
 - Swimming or Hiking or Cycling
 - Camping
 - Family Life
- Opportunities available through Boy Scouts
 - Lifelong skills
 - Confidence building
 - Team building
 - Advancement
 - Opportunities rarely available to others their age
 - Camping and trips
 - Camps
 - Week Long Summer Camps
 - High Adventure
 - Philmont

- Northern Tier Canoe Base
 - Sea Base
 - Summit Bechtel Reserve
- NYLT
- NAIL
- Scholarships
- And Much More
- **Frequently asked questions**
 - How much does Scouts cost?
 - Scouting can be involved and can require lots of gear and camping and travel fees. Troop 21 makes every attempt to do gear swaps, exchanges, and fundraisers. As Scout Master, I do not want any scout to miss out due to cost, and I will do what I can to help with this.
 - My son has soccer practice that conflicts. We he will need to drop out of the troop?
 - Scouts is journey and not a destination. While there are ranks to advance and opportunities weekly, scouts can miss for a while. We want to be part of your scout's formative years as they grow. We will be there when soccer is over and they are always welcome back. We have many scouts who come late to meetings and campouts so they can be involved in other activities. Please feel free to discuss your scout's schedule conflicts.
 - Can my son use a camel back or other hydration pack?
 - At the end of the day, we need scouts to drink. The issue we run into with the hydration packs is that we cannot see how much water they are drinking. With a clear water bottle, we will be able to keep an eye on the consumption of water. A dehydrated scout is a miserable scout.
 - Does my scout really need hiking boots?
 - It is recommended for every scout to have sturdy hiking shoes or boots.

I completely understand how overwhelming all of this can be. Please feel free to approach myself, an ASM, a committee member, or any other adult or scout in the troop with any questions or concerns you may have. I look forward to working with your scout as they are either starting their scouting career or continuing it on from Webelos.

Thank you for your time.

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