

# Welcome to Troop 21G

Participating in scouts is about expanding horizons. Troop 21G's emphasis on experiential learning drives everything we do, including meetings, trips, and advancement—earning ranks, merit badges and other recognitions. We offer many opportunities for advancement but encourage scouts and families to embrace them as more than rungs on a ladder. Scouting offers repeated, practical situations that reinforce new skills, which includes teaching them to younger scouts.



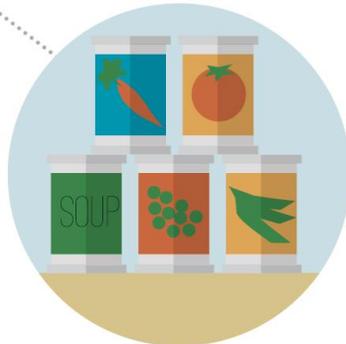
### Weekly meetings

The gatherings offer opportunities to learn useful skills, including leadership and teaching of other scouts. Scouts also can work on advancement. *Tuesdays, 7 p.m., usually at Wydown Middle School.*

*We have many ways scouts can get involved with the troop*

### Monthly campouts, activities and summer camp

Regular opportunities to live, even briefly, closer to nature is a unique benefit of scouting for our urban and suburban families. *Usually the week of July 4, summer camp is highly recommended for first- and second-year scouts.*



### Troop 21 Big Trip and High Adventure Trip

These outings, which last up to two weeks, take scouts on distant trips. Troop 21G may participate in some of these adventures, depending on what the scouts decide works for them.

### Advancement

A time-tested program of learning is organized as ranks of advancement. Scouts also can earn any of 130+ different merit badges, with some required for Eagle and others reflecting a scout's interests, hobbies, and opportunities.

### Community service

Giving back to the community is a prominent theme in scouting. Scouts earn credit by participating in troop projects, for helping Eagle candidates with their service projects, and for volunteer work they participate in elsewhere.

# Family involvement

While the Troop is scout led, it is parent volunteer fed. Especially during this startup year, we are hoping most parents can bring their time and talents to support the scouts.



## Camp?

We welcome you on monthly outings, usually outdoors.



## Travel?

We plan to incorporate some long-distance trips like Troop 21B.



## Serve our community?

We participate in Scouting for Food and other volunteer activities.



## Share your ideas?

We need parents for planning, tracking, organizing, and always, insight.

The best scout experience is scout led, family involved. Please share your questions and ideas with adult leader or other adult volunteers, or stop by the parent zoom meetings, where all volunteers and parents are welcome.

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## BSA Mission Statement

The mission is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight

### Scout Law

A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,  
Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave,  
Clean, and Reverent.

