



# Boy Scout Troop 706

St. Andrews Lutheran Church  
www.troop706.net



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Dear Future Boy Scout,

Are you going to be a boy scout? If you are, you are entering one of your most important scouting years, as you will decide which troop to join. A Boy Scout troop will offer you opportunities for fun and learning, but it is important that you join a troop which has goals and activities that match your goals and interests. We encourage you and your friends to visit several troops this fall and learn what a boy scout troop does and how it does it. Even though troops attempt to achieve the same goals through the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) program, Boy Scout troops are not all the same.

During the next few months, you will have opportunities to visit Troop 706 to learn about our troop goals and activities and to meet the scouts of Troop 706. We encourage you to join Troop 706 if our program matches your goals and aspirations and you are willing to make a commitment to work towards earning the Eagle Scout rank.

Troop 706 has been a successful troop in Columbia since 1966. We place a strong emphasis on the "patrol method", which has been a very successful aspect of the BSA program. A patrol typically consists of 6-8 scouts who work together as a functional unit. The patrol elects its own patrol leader who works within the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) to organize and run the troop under the guidance of adult leaders. In the patrol method, you will learn not only individual scouting skills necessary for advancement in Boy Scouts, you will also learn leadership and interpersonal skills that will help you throughout life.

We strongly encourage you to continue in scouting; the best years of the scouting program are ahead of you. We also invite you to visit Troop 706 and discover if it will provide you with the opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors and help you become an outstanding and respected young man.

If you or your parents have questions about Troop 706 or would like more detailed information about visiting the troop, feel free to contact me by email or refer to the troop website at [www.troop706.net](http://www.troop706.net). Of particular interest to prospective members on the website are the Quickstart Guide and Troop Calendar.

Sincerely,  
Pat Pautler  
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Scoutmaster

**Planned Webelos Visit Dates:** Troop Meeting Open House- October 27, 7pm  
Pine Ridge Campout Visit Day- December 6<sup>th</sup>, 10am-1:30pm

**\*Other Troop Visits-** You are welcome to visit any troop meetings or outings. Meetings are Mondays at 7pm.

**To become a Boy Scout, boys must be less than age 18 and meet one of the following three requirements:**

**1.) Have reached his 11th birthday;**

**OR**

**2.) Be a Webelos scout who has earned the Arrow of Light;**

**OR**

**3.) Have completed the 5th grade and is at least 10 years of age.**