

# Troop 199 Quick Start Handout

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church Charter Organization



## **Meetings**

Boy Scout Troop 199 meets every Monday from 7 PM-8 PM. During the school year we meet at Lourdes Catholic School 1453 Mississippi Blvd, Bettendorf, IA. During the summer we meet at City of Bettendorf Lagoon Park. The park is located on Parkway Drive. Parkway Drive is off 18th Street, south of Middle Road. During our meetings, we promote working on rank advancement and merit badges, plan campouts and take part in other Scouting activities.

## **Membership**

Any boy in the fifth grade, at least age 10 and under the age of 18 is eligible to join Boy Scouts and Troop 199. If a boy is interested in joining the Troop, they can contact a member of our adult leadership team to set up a time to come to a meeting. After attending, if the boy would like to join, an application can be filled out. Once this is submitted, the boy is considered a part of our Troop. We currently do not have any female patrols in Troop 199. Girls who are interested in joining Scouting should contact the Illowa Council to inquire about Troops that currently have female patrols.

## **Activities in the Troop**

Troop 199 is Scout led Troop. We are involved in many activities during and outside of their regular meeting time. We typically have an overnight monthly and our campouts are usually at county and state parks or a Scout Reservation. At our campouts, we work on outdoor skills, rank advancement activities and merit badge requirements. All scouts are expected to participate in camp duties (pitching tents, gathering firewood, preparing food, cooking, & cleanup). We also enjoy having Webelos II and their parents join us on these campouts.

## **What Scouts Need**

The Scouts are expected to wear their uniforms during our meetings and all Scouting events. Class A uniforms are considered the approved Scout shirt and appropriate pants or shorts. While official Scout pants or shorts are not required, they are recommended. If the Scout and family chooses to not purchase the pants and shorts, then jeans, hiking pants, matching khakis, hiking shorts or khaki shorts are considered appropriate.

During summer meetings and other less formal events, Class B uniforms are appropriate. This would be a Troop 199 T-Shirt or another official Scouting t-shirt. The Troop does an annual sale of the shirts and informally many families hand down shirts that older Scouts have outgrown. Scouting shirts can be purchased at the Scout Shop and other Scouting events. Scouts will be informed when Class B uniforms are appropriate.

Scouts should also purchase a Scout Handbook. This should be kept in a Ziploc bag to protect it from the elements when outdoors. Waterproof covers can also be purchased.

Since we do many outdoor activities and camping events, the following are the basics pieces of equipment that the Scout needs.

1. A sturdy water bottle
2. A good pair of hiking shoes or boots
3. A mess kit that includes a cup, bowl, plate, fork, spoon and knife. These should be carried in a mesh bag for easy cleaning and drying
4. A rain poncho or raincoat
5. A sleeping bag, sleep mat and most will want a cot also (not required)
6. Backpack – A smaller day bag that can be used to carry Scout book, jacket, and water bottle. You do NOT need an expensive hiking back pack.

### **Contact Information**

If you have questions, you can contact any of our adult leaders. Below are some key contacts.

Mike Torsney, 563-723-2095, [drtorsney@msn.com](mailto:drtorsney@msn.com) – Scout Master

Mike Puthoff, 563-505-2731, [puthoffmichaell@gmail.com](mailto:puthoffmichaell@gmail.com) – Committee Chair

### **More Information**

We also have a Troop Manual with much more detail and information. We encourage you to review this also.

**Welcome to Troop 199!**