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PARENT GUIDE (2026-2027)

TROOP 281

Palm Coast, Florida



WELCOME TO TROOP 281!



PARENTS,

Your scout is embarking on the greatest adventure of his life! By becoming a Scout, he joins thousands of youth in learning skills of citizenship, leadership, and self-reliance. Troop 281 is dedicated to outdoor skills, camping, adventure, leadership, service, and fun!

This guide summarizes things to know about joining Troop 281:

- **Schedule, Campouts & Community Service**
- **Rank Advancement & Merit Badges**
- **Troop Leadership**
- **A Parent's Role**
- **Troop Communications**
- **Costs and Fundraising**
- **Uniforms**
- **Rules and Guidelines**

As his guardian, you are required to review with him the pamphlet found in his scout book titled: "How to Protect Your Children From Child Abuse and Drug Abuse." Please indicate that you have done this by signing the page in the handbook. After completing these requirements, each scout will have a conference with a Scoutmaster and officially become a "Scout," the first step in the trail to Eagle!

Welcome to the Troop!



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Committee Chair

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USEFUL ACRONYMS

ASM - Asst Scoutmaster
ASPL - Asst Senior Patrol Leader

BOR - Board of Review
CC - Committee Chair
COH - Court of Honor
EBOR - Eagle Board of Review

SPL - Senior Patrol Leader
QM - Quartermaster
PL - Patrol Leader
APL - Asst. Patrol Leader
PLC - Patrol Leaders Council
SM - Scoutmaster
JASM - Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

SCHEDULE

TROOP MEETINGS

Every Tuesday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM following the regular school schedule:

"No school, no scouts."

PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL (PLC)

The first Tuesday each month before the regular Troop Meeting. The "PLC" is run by the SPL under the direction and guidance of the Scoutmaster. All Scouts are welcome to join these meetings to take part in planning for future activities.

FOR PARENTS

Troop PaCommittee Meetings are held monthly coinciding with troop meetings. All parents are encouraged to attend!

FOR EVERYONE

Courts of Honor are held up to three times a year, this is a family celebration and recognition of the scouts. Parents should plan to attend to gain a better understanding of what it means to follow the scouting trail to Eagle!



MONTHLY CAMPOUTS/OUTINGS

We aim for an outdoor activity the third weekend of each month. Camp is usually Friday evening - Sunday morning. Troop youth leaders work with all scouts to develop an annual calendar of events. They do this every Fall and then fine-tune their plans at the monthly PLC. All Scouts can participate in the planning process.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

These are announced as they occur. It includes service projects, special outings, merit badge classes, and other Council or District sponsored events. These activities are announced at weekly Troop Meetings, on Band, and via email. Additionally, extended Summer Camps are planned by the boys to take place in the summer.

CANCELLATIONS & RSVPs

Troop 281 follows the Flagler County Schools calendar for scheduling and other activities. The Troop maintains a calendar in the **Band app** that can be easily be synced to your Google or Apple calendars.



Please help your scout make timely RSVPs to activities that require it. ("no" is still an RSVP!)



CAMPOUTS

The Troop holds a campout or overnight every month of the year. Whenever possible, campouts will be scheduled for the third weekend of the month, departing on Friday evening, and returning Sunday afternoon. We are always seeking adventurous and helpful Adult Leaders to join the Troop for camping trips.

- Scouts **travel in in class A uniform** unless otherwise stated.
- Scouts should bring a **sack dinner for Friday** night to eat on the way to the camping location.
- Campers typically **depart at 5:00 PM** and will return on Sunday in the late morning/early afternoon.
- When our return interferes with church services, we return to the **Hobby Lobby in Palm Coast.**
- When possible, a Band message will be sent during the ride home to let parents know when to expect campers. Please be ready to **pick up your scout promptly** upon return.
- Scouts (and parents) should **RSVP on Band by the first Troop meeting of the month** if they plan to attend the campout that month.

Menus and food are planned by a Patrol member, commonly referred to as "Grub Master". Money is collected during the troop meeting.

• The Grub Master is responsible for shopping, planning, and organizing meals. A Scout is Thrifty!



COMMUNITY SERVICE

A major part of Scouting is service to others. Participating in service projects is required for all rank advancements. Leading projects is necessary for advancing to the ranks of Life and Eagle. Organizing projects provides learning opportunities for youth leaders.

Service projects have been completed with Flagler Country and the surrounding areas. Troop 281 provides hundreds of hours of service annually! Your scout should participate service projects whenever possible. Projects are announced at Troop meetings, on Band and via email. The benefits are great to the organizer, the contributors and the recipient. Please encourage and enable your Scout to participate.

CAMP OUT PACKING LIST

EQUIPMENT:

Do not go out and buy a lot of new expensive equipment when your child is new to the troop. As they grow and learn what is needed, you can buy equipment. Also, camping equipment makes great Christmas and birthday presents. We have a more comprehensive list at the bottom of this page.

- *Flashlight (Headlight or Handheld)*
- *Personal First Aid Kit (see Scout Manual)*
- *Personal grooming kit (soap, toothbrush, comb)*
- *Poncho*
- *Change of clothes (underwear, pants & shirt)*
- *Sleeping Bag*
- *Eating Gear*
- *Medium-sized unbreakable bowl and plate*
- *Medium-sized unbreakable cup*
- *Nalgene or similar water bottle*
- *Fork, spoon, and knife*
- *Tent*

Do not send anything you cannot afford to lose.

- *Mark all equipment and clothes with your scout's name.*

What to buy later after a few campouts

- *Camp stool*
- *Folding scout knife (no sheath knives)*
- *Backpack (ask for advice)*
- *Compass*
- *Hiking boots*
- *Hiking Socks*

Items not allowed:

- *Knives that do not fold*
- *Fireworks*
- *Firearms*
- *Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco, or Vaping items of any kind (even nicotine free)*
- *Open-Toe shoe*

TROOP CALENDAR

This calendar is intended to help you plan for this scouting year. Every year is unique as the troop scout leadership works hard to develop a calendar that involves changing activities annually.

August

- 1: Back to School Jam Recruiting
- 10: School Starts
- 11: No Meeting
- 15: Troop Beach Bash (Bay Drive Park)
- 18: No Meeting (No School)
- 25: First Troop Meeting – 7PM

September

- 1: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 1, 8, 15, 29: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 1: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 18-20: OA Fall Fellowship
- 22: Court of Honor – 7PM
- 25-27 Campout (Matanzas State Forest)
- 29: Troop Meeting / Troop Elections

October

- 6: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 6: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 16 - 18: Campout (Fort Clinch)
- 23-25: Cub Halloween
- 31: Church Trunk or Treat

November

- 3: No Meeting
- 7: Scouting for Food Bag Drop Off
- 10: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 10, 17: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 10: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 13-15: Campout (Haw Creek)
- 14: Scouting for Food Bag Pickup; Troop Thanksgiving
- 17: Trees/Poles in Ground
- 21: Tree Delivery
- 23: Tree Sales Start

December

- 1: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 1, 8, 15: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 1: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 14: AOL Crossover
- 19 - Wreaths Across America
- 27-30DEC26: Winter Camp at Camp La-No-Che

TROOP 281



PALM COAST, FL



2026-2027 CALENDAR

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January

- 5: No Meeting
- 8-10: OA Ordeal
- 12: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 12, 19, 26: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 12: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 22-24: Crossover Camp

February

- 2: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 2, 9, 16: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 2: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 19-21: Campout (Faver-Dykes)
- 23: Court of Honor – 7PM

March

- 2: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 2, 9, 23, 30: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 2: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 12-14: Campout (Patriots Point (SC))
- 19-21: OA Conclave
- 30: Troop Elections

April

- 6: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 6, 13, 20, 27: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 6: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 17-18: Campout (Cumberland Island)

May

- 4: Patrol Leader's Council Monthly Planning – 6PM
- 4, 11, 18: Troop Meetings – 7PM
- 4: Troop Committee Meeting – 7PM
- 8: Canoeing/Swim Test (Tomoka State Park)
- 25: Court of Honor – 7PM

June

- 1: PLC Annual Calendar Planning
- 1: Pre-Camp
- 5: Lost Sea Cave Camping (TN)
- 6-12: Summer Camp (Camp Buck Toms, TN)

NOTE: This is tentative. All dates and times subject to change/availability. Please check with your leaders for updates.

RANK ADVANCEMENT

Generally, a new Scout can complete Scout to First Class in one to two years. Star and Life rank can be reached within another one to two years. The path to Eagle Scout can require another complete year and must be achieved by the 18th birthday. Since 2016 Troop 281 has had 19 young men achieve the rank of Eagle Scout. We currently have several more who are well on their way. Speed is not the most important part of the journey as your Scout will get out of Scouts whatever they commit to it. Troop 281's adult leaders are devoted to assisting any Scout reach their scouting goals.



SCOUT



TENDERFOOT



SECOND
CLASS



FIRST
CLASS



STAR



LIFE



EAGLE



MERIT BADGES



Merit badges are the second main area of the advancement program. There are more than 130 to choose from with around 13 that are required to reach the Eagle Rank. Scouts may work on merit badges anytime during their scouting career. Merit Badges can be earned individually, as a small group, with the Troop, at winter camp, at summer camp, or at district or online merit badge colleges. Merit badge counselors are parents and other scouters who have completed online Safeguarding Youth Training and Merit Badge Counselor training and have special skills in the area(s) of specific badges.

The Troop is always looking for more counselors to offer great learning opportunities for all scouts.

TROOP LEADERSHIP

Troop 281 has a Senior Patrol Leader and several Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. The SPL organizes monthly Patrol Leader Council meetings to plan the activities that are selected during the Scout's Annual Planning Meeting.

Scouts are then organized into patrols under elected Patrol Leaders.

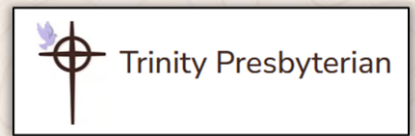
Other patrol positions include Scribe, Librarian, Quartermaster, Troop Guide, Historian, Webmaster, Instructor and more.

Youth elections take place twice a year to choose a Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders.

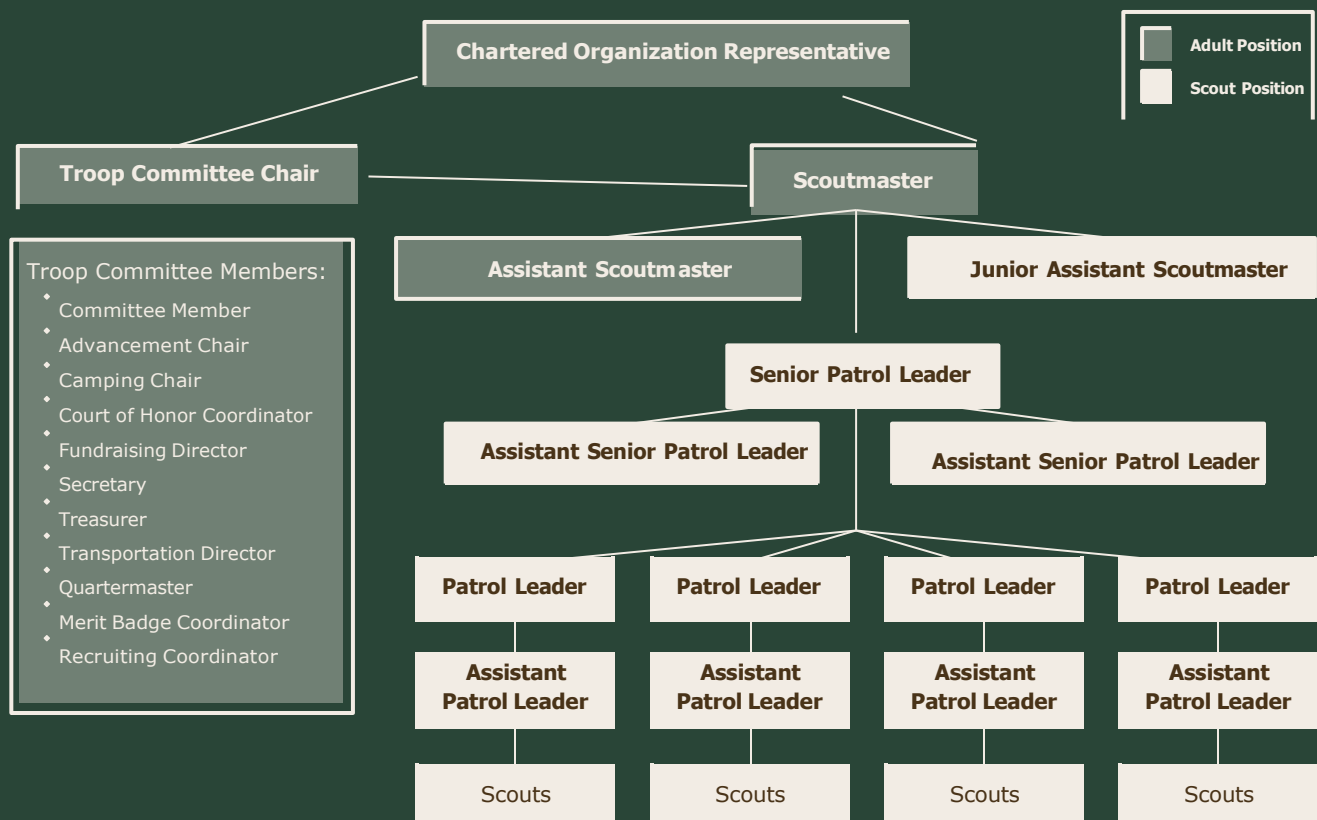
Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are assigned by the Scoutmaster.

CHARTER

Troop 281 is chartered through the Central Florida Council by Trinity Presbyterian Church of Palm Coast.



Troop 281 Organizational Chart



A PARENT'S ROLE IN THE TROOP

The purpose of the Troop Committee is to provide assistance and guidance to the Scoutmaster and handle the administration of the Troop. Parent meetings are open to all parents and are held quarterly alongside the scout's PLC & troop meeting. We are always looking for parents to fill roles within the Troop and are always open to suggestions for new roles for parents.

The Scoutmaster and a team of Assistant Scoutmasters work directly with scouts to mentor, coach and ensure the delivery of the program. Additional training is required to become a Scoutmaster.

TROOP COMMITTEE ROLES

- Committee Chair
- Committee Member
- Advancement Chair
- Camping Chair
- Court of Honor Coordinator
- Fundraising Director
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Transportation Director
- Quartermaster
- Merit Badge Coordinator
- Recruiting Coordinator

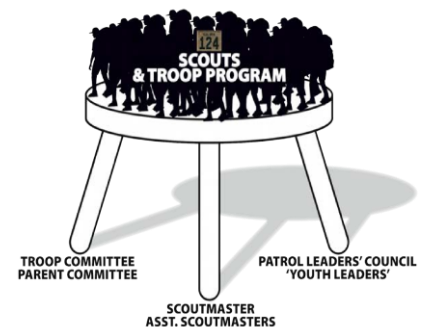
SCOUTMASTER TEAM

- Scoutmaster
- Assistant Scoutmasters
- Merit Badge Counselors

Many committee roles are partnerships with youth leaders. Your expertise in teaching, camping, gear, accounting, traveling and more can really help the Troop carry out the plans the scouts come up with.



TROOP SUPPORT - ALL IN BALANCE AND HEALTHY
no missing or broken (dysfunctional) legs on the 3 legged stool



COMMUNICATIONS

The Band App is used for most communicating, information and organization:

- **Calendar** - Sync with other online calendars
- **RSVPs** - for activities/Events
- **Chat** - for scouts and adults
- **Photos** - share your own and see others
- **Files** - Pack lists and other files readily available.

Band can be accessed through a web browser or mobile app so families can pick the method that works for them. It is important that your scout has his own account so he can RSVP for events.

FIND US ON BAND!



SUBSCRIBE TO THE TROOP BAND CALENDAR:

FIND US ONLINE

All internal troop communication is done on Band and through email. Our website and social channels can be shared with friends and family members to see what our troop is doing.



[WEBSITE](https://www.troop281scouts.com)

<https://www.troop281scouts.com>



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FL | Facebook](#)

[FACEBOOK](#)

FEES AND DUES

INITIAL FEES

These initial fees are due in order join the troop.

Troop Materials Fee Includes: handbook, neckerchief, 281 numerals, epaulets, camping totem	Annual	\$100
Troop Annual Dues New scouts pay \$50/year (\$4.16/month prorated). Returning scouts pay \$100/year. Annual dues are collected in December.	One Time (Annual amount \$100)	\$ _____ (Number of months left this year x \$4.16)
Total Due to Troop 281 Today		\$ _____

BSA Fees - Scout This fee is due annually on the same date each year. Scouting America waives the \$85 national youth registration fee for children of active-duty, Reserve, and National Guard families starting June 1, 2026 <i>**NOTE: By February 2028, all units and members will have a single common renewal month (February) nationwide**</i>	Annual	\$85
BSA Fees – Adult Leader Optional for parents who want to become involved with the leadership of the troop. This fee is due annually on the same date each year.	Annual	\$65

ONGOING FEES - SCOUT ACCOUNT

Upon registration the Troop establishes a Scout Account (SA) for each family. Activities are charged to this account, and fundraising or reimbursements are deposited into this account.

- Payment plans are available, particularly for extended trips.
- Costs for campouts are determined and charged to Scout Accounts within seven days of return.
- Request reimbursement for expenses such as camp food by sending receipts to the Treasurer within 14 days of expenditure.
- Fundraising earnings can be used to purchase uniforms or gear by submitting receipt to the treasurer.
- Scouts whose registration lapses forfeit any remaining balance.
- **Contact the Troop Treasurer if you have questions: Troop281Payments@gmail.com,**

MY.Scouting.ORG

A Scout can access Scoutbook if they have a [my.Scouting.org](https://my.scouting.org) account. Do not share accounts or give a Scout the login information for a parent or guardian, every [my.Scouting](https://my.scouting.org) user needs to have their own unique account.

Make sure you have your Scout's Member ID for the account creation process. The committee can get it for you.

How to make a my.scouting.org Account for you or a Scout

You will then go to my.scouting.org and be prompted to log in or create as account if you do not have an account.

Create an Account is on the Left - Log in to existing account is on the Right.

Welcome to my.Scouting

New to Scouting or don't have an account?

Creating a my.Scouting account allows access to various tools to help manage your involvement in Scouting, including your youth.

Review Privacy Policy

CREATE ACCOUNT

Login my.Scouting

Username

Password

LOGIN

Forgot username / password?

OR

Sign in

Sign in with Apple

Using Google or Apple Login

YOUR INFORMATION

Full legal first name and last name required*

If you are creating an account to register your child in Scouting, enter the parent or guardian information below. If you are creating an account for a youth, enter the youth's information below.

* First Name: First Name

* Last Name: Last Name

* Date of Birth: MM/DD/YYYY

* ZIP Code: ZIP Code

* Are you outside the US?: ☐ Yes ☒ No

RECORDS MATCH

We found a match in our file with your information. Select the appropriate record and retrieve your information. If you do not have an account tied to this record you will be prompted to create one.

Donovan McNeil
q*****@scouting.org
Date of Birth: 09/17/****
ZIP Code: 76655
Member ID: 137
Council: Grand Canyon Council 010

Donovan McNeil
q*****@scouting.org
Date of Birth: 09/17/****
Recover Account
ZIP Code: 76655
Member ID: 137
Council: Lansham Council 662

NONE OF THE ABOVE

RETRIEVE INFORMATION

Once you enter in your data the system will see if it finds any matches.

If the person is Registered as a Scout or a Scout Leader - and a Match is not found make sure the information you entered is correct.

If it finds matches based on First Name, Last Name, Date of Birth and Zip Code, you will be asked if it is you. You may not know you had a number.

Here are 2:
This one is a BSA # that does not have a login which you could claim

This one with "Recover Account" has a log in and you would need to provide data to recover

If no matches are found you will not see this interface.

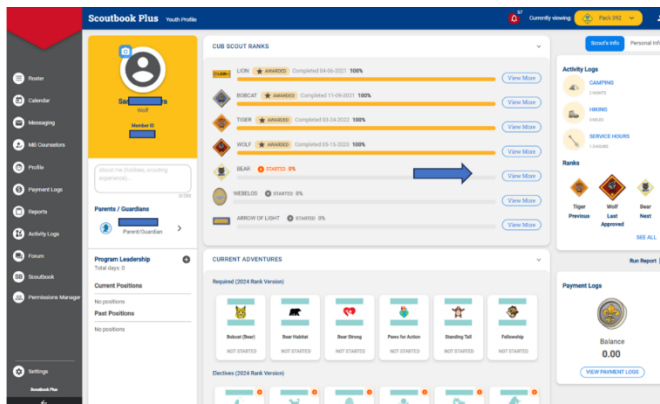
If there are no matches but you know one should be, it means something is wrong and you might need to stop and check

SCOUTBOOK PLUS

Logging in to Scoutbook Plus for the first time

Parents should already be connected to their Scouts in Scoutbook Plus. Scoutbook Plus can be found at <https://advancements.scouting.org> Use your my.Scouting.org account (username and password) to login. This is the account you used to register your Scouts. If you need assistance, please contact your unit leaders or local council.

Viewing/Editing your child's profile



- Now click your child's name (note the examples are for a Cub Scout, but they will be similar for Scouts BSA youth) This will open the Scout's Scoutbook page where you can see the Scout's rank, advancements, and awards.

If your child is not there, contact your local council Registrar.

- As the Scout's parent, you have full control and can edit the Scout's profile. Please click on Edit Profile and verify the information is correct. You may also upload a photo of your child to their profile.

- PLEASE DO NOT change First / Middle / Last name or Member ID number. These must match what you wrote on the official Scout application. You are welcome to add a Nickname and contact information. Changes here will be reflected in your official Scouting America records for your Scout.

UNIFORMS

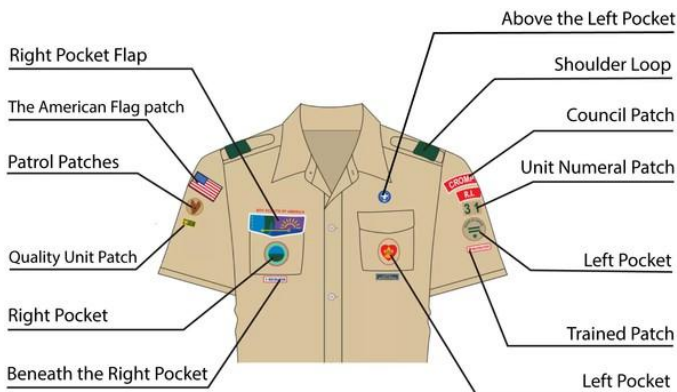
Scouts are required to wear a "Class A" BSA uniform. The uniform is to be worn for Troop meetings, travel to and from camp, and for special events. It includes a khaki shirt, green pants or shorts, belt, neckerchief and slide, and socks. Please encourage your scout to wear it to all outings. Additionally, our "Class B" t-shirt is for wearing during summer meetings, at service projects, camp and for casual activities.

The general rule is to wear "Class A" uniform unless it is announced otherwise.

THE TROOP PROVIDES:

- Central Florida Council patch
- 281 Numerals
- Patrol Patch
- Dark Green Epaulettes
- Awards, Badges, Rank, patrol patch

Patches may be sewn on, or glued on with "Patch Magic". The scout shop has sewing services.



Central Florida Council Scout Shop

1951 S Orange Blossom Trail

Apopka, FL 32703

407.889.4403

Or online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/>



YOU'LL NEED TO PURCHASE:

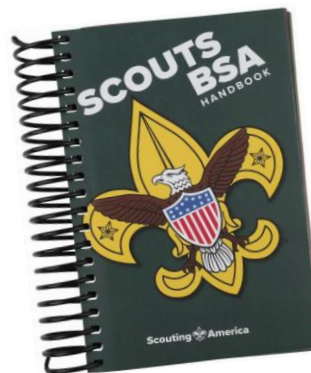
Doesn't have to be BSA brand. Can be any green pants.

- Scout Shirt: \$50-\$70
- Scout Pants or Shorts: \$30-\$60
- Scout Belt: \$20
- Scout Socks: \$12 (optional)
- Merit Badge Sash - \$15
- Class B T-shirt - \$20-\$24

CLASS B T-SHIRT

Our Troop T-shirts are designed by the scouts and available on demand at www.bonfire.com/troop281irls.

Your scout will need at least one. There is an optional hoodie and hat. Adults may want one as well!



SCOUTS BSA HANDBOOK

The Scout Handbook should be brought to all activities. One book is used throughout the entire Scouting career, so mark their name on it.

Book covers are highly recommended.

TROOP 281 GUIDELINES

Approved January 28th, 2025

1. All Troop activities must have a minimum of two adult leaders who are fully trained and current in SAFEGuarding Youth training.
2. The Scoutmaster has the authority to cancel campouts if the minimum participation isn't reached.
3. Activities should be considered non-refundable. Any funds spent by the Troop must be covered by the participants. Cancelling an RSVP does not guarantee a full refund.
4. Negative Scout Account balances should be brought current within 30 days. The Troop reserves the right to restrict activities for scouts with unpaid balances.
5. Sign-ups are closed before activities to allow the youth to plan. Cancelling after the deadline does not guarantee a refund, and signups after the deadlines are not always possible.
6. Packing lists are developed for Scout's safety. A pack inspection may occur prior to departure for scouts below 1st class. Parents will be notified when gear is missing or inadequate and are responsible for ensuring that their scout is prepared.
7. An active scout and their family may borrow Troop equipment if it doesn't interfere with planned activities. The family is financially responsible for returning the equipment in the same condition as it is taken.
8. Scouts can be held financially responsible for Troop equipment in the case of negligence or loss. Cots may not be used in troop tents as it damages waterproof floors.
9. An Annual Health and Medical record must be completed for all youth and adults participating in Troop activities.
10. Any activity performed as a Scout activity must have prior approval of the Scoutmaster. This includes patrol meetings, hikes, projects, and other outings.
11. A scout is expected to attend as many Troop meetings as possible. At the Scoutmaster's discretion, inactive Scouts may be removed from positions of responsibility.
12. No open flames (stoves, lanterns, candles, matches, etc.) are permitted in tents.
13. **Scouts should always practice the Buddy System.** Scouts should not leave a camping area or meeting space without permission from the Senior Patrol Leader. Meetings will last until the scheduled end time, followed by a brief clean-up of the gathering space. The SPL will do their best to release scouts within 15 minutes after the meeting concludes.
14. Scouts must earn Totin' Chip before using any knife, saw, ax or hatchet.
15. Scouts must earn Fireman Chit before they can carry a fire starter or build a campfire.
16. Scouts are not permitted in the Adult Leadership area(s), and adults are not permitted in the Patrol Area(s) without permission. Adult leaders are not permitted in the Patrol Area(s) without permission. Under no circumstances are adults allowed in youth tents or youth in adult tents. ***All safeguarding youth and barriers to abuse policies are strictly enforced.***
17. Scouts should be picked up promptly after activities at designated locations. The Adult Committee will post estimated arrival/release times on Band when possible. Inform adult leadership on Band of any alternate pickup arrangements (IE Uber, walking, etc). The Troop is not responsible after the activity's end time.
18. The Scoutmaster, ASM's, JASM, and SPL have the authority to modify the phone policy to meet the needs of the Troop. The Troop is not responsible for damaged phones or electronics.

GUIDELINES FOR CAMPING PARENTS

Approved August 15th, 2026

1. The main role for adults in the Troop is to maintain safety. Activities are monitored to ensure that the Scout Oath & Law and the Outdoor Code and the Guide to Safe Scouting are abided by.
2. BSA Registration and background check is required for adults attending any overnight event.
3. Adults attending a camp must provide proof of Safeguarding Youth Training and Medical Record.
4. New parents should step back and allow youth to become independent. If you feel inclined to show a scout how to do something "better" or more "efficiently", resist the temptation until you have been trained in the Scout Method. This can be difficult but will reward you in the future with strong capable scouts.
5. Adults sleep separately in their own tents. If available, the Troop can provide a tent for adults needing one. We camp in tents only—No RVs or campers are allowed. No pets allowed.
6. Adults cook and eat together in the Adult campsite. Each meal is assigned to an adult volunteer to purchase and prepare. Adult campers pay only \$10 for weekend campouts unless there are activity costs (IE, rafting, horse riding, etc.).
7. Cooking equipment includes a stove, pots, pans, coffee pot, common cooking utensils, and cleaning supplies. Special cooking items, for example Dutch ovens, extra-large kettles, etc. may be available, but cooks should ensure they get packed.
8. The following staples are provided by the Troop, and cooks do not need to purchase them: coffee, salt, pepper, aluminum foil, paper towels, lighters.
9. Parents should follow the same equipment packing list as the Scouts. This should include eating utensils, appropriate footwear, water bottle and sun protection.
10. Alcohol and recreational drugs are prohibited at all Scouting activities per National BSA regulations.
11. National Scouting America Policy indicates youth not registered in the unit may not participate in camping programs of the troop.
12. Smoking, vaping or other tobacco is banned at most camp facilities. If you must use these products, it must be out of view of the scouts and in a safe area.
13. The Scoutmaster is the main point of contact to the scouts. Directions, suggestions and comments should not be provided directly to the scouts as it can undermine the Scout Method, cause mixed signals, and breakdown the team hierarchy.
14. If an unsafe condition or activity is observed, do step in and correct it. Adult Leaders should remain positive with the Scouts, follow the Guide to Safe Scouting and Youth Protection guidelines. The Scoutmaster in charge of the activity should always be notified if an unsafe condition was observed or if a scout was injured.

SCOUT ONBOARDING CHECKLIST

STEP 1: Pay supply fee and troop dues to Troop281irls via Venmo

STEP 2: Register your scout with BSA (Scouting America)

Pay the \$85 registration fee

STEP 3: Turn in a copy of ALL Health Forms (A, B and C)

- Turn in Parts A & B as soon as possible.
 - Part C (doctor signed) needed for camp over 72 hours.
 - 2 Copies of Insurance Card.
 - Keep digital copies of your forms so you can print additional copies later when requested.
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STEP 4: Get on the Band App!

- Visit www.band.us and create an account for yourself (the adult).
 - Scan the QR to find Troop 281 (or search Band) to find us and request to join.
 - !! Adult Bio needs to list their scout's name and adult cell phone number (*example: Jenny B. - Maddi, 555-555-5555*)
 - Create a second account for your scout (do not use "Band For Kids" account, they won't have proper access)
 - !! Be sure the Scout's profile uses their First Name and Last Initial (*example: Maddi B.*).
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STEP 5: Purchase a Uniform from the Central Florida Scout Shop

1951 S Orange Blossom Trail

Apopka, FL 32703

407.889.4403

Or online at <https://www.scoutshop.org/>



STEP 6: Purchase a Class B t-shirt.

Hoodies and hats are optional.

ADULT ONBOARDING CHECKLIST

Optional, for adults who want to participate in scout events and camps.

STEP 1: Register yourself with BSA (Scouting America)

- Visit the same BSA link you used to register your scout.
 - Choose "Adult" instead of scout.
 - Fill out the fields to register yourself with BSA.
 - There is an annual \$65 fee.
 - There will be a background check
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 - Keep digital copies of your forms so you can print additional copies later when requested.
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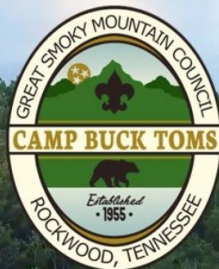
STEP 3: Complete the Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT)

- Visit my.scouting.org and log in
 - From the dashboard, below the dark blue box, click on the Safeguarding Youth Training (SYT) and complete the training course.
 - Additional instructions can be found here:
<https://my.scouting.org/Documents/YptGuidance.pdf>
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STEP 4: Complete the Parent Talent Form

STEP 5: Optional - Become a Merit Badge Counselor

This requires taking an additional training course, and submitting your request to the Council for approval. Full instructions can be found at the link in the QR code.

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Troop 281 is going to Camp Buck Toms in Rockwood, Tennessee for Summer Camp 2027!

Camp Buck Toms is a premier 750+ acre Boy Scouts camp owned and operated by the Great Smoky Mountain Council. The camp sits along the shores of a private cove on Watts Bar Lake. It serves as the flagship long-term summer camp property for the council, accommodating more than 600 Scouts at a time.

This will be an 8-day trip with travel included in those days. We will spend Saturday night at Lost Sea Cave Camping (TN) where we will sleep in an actual cave.

Cost includes camp registration and transportation. Scholarship opportunities are available.

JULY 5-12, 2027

Estimate: \$500 per Scout

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- 12/01/2025 - \$100 DEPOSIT
- 01/01/2025 - \$100 PAYMENT
- 02/01/2025 - \$100 PAYMENT
- 03/01/2025 - \$200 PAYMENT

\$100 deposit secures your spot. Spots are first come, first served. Once your spot is reserved, it's not refundable unless there's a scout to take it. The official cost is not yet posted, we expect \$500 will cover everything but spending money. Overages will be refunded after the trip.



MERIT BADGES!

- Archery • Astronomy • Camping • Climbing • Fish & Wildlife
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- Kayaking • Lifesaving • Mammal Study • Nature • Orienteering • Pioneering • Pottery • Rifle • Rowing
- Search & Rescue • Shotgun • Swimming • Weather
- Wilderness Survival • Emergency Preparedness • Environmental Science • First Aid • First Nuclear
- Woodcarving • Woodworking *(And Lots More!!)*