



First Steps



Linked Troops 870/5870



QUESTIONS?

If you have questions contact:

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- **Outreach Chair:** Michael Cook 503-806-6077 michael.cook@gmail.com

WHAT HAPPENS AT A TROOP MEETING?

- Troop meets on Mondays from 7:00 PM through 8:30 PM
 - Murray Hills Christian Church
 - 15050 SW Weir Rd. Beaverton, OR 970007
- Run by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)
 - Assisted by Scout Leaders, Scoutmaster (SM) and Assistant Scoutmasters (ASMs)
- Typical agenda:
 - Pre-opening activity
 - Opening ceremony
 - Skills instruction
 - Patrol meetings
 - Troop/Patrol activity
 - Closing ceremony
- The first Monday of every month is the Patrol Leaders Council Meeting (PLC)
 - This is for youth elected as leaders and is NOT A TROOP MEETING
- The Parent Meeting is held on the second Monday of each month in conjunction with the general Troop Meeting. We strongly encourage parents to come to these meetings.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO FIRST?

COMPLETE A SCOUT APPLICATION

- Fill-in the Scouts of America youth application in your folder provided. If you need additional copies the application is also located on the troops' websites www.beavertontroop870.org and www.beavertontroop5870.org under Organization > Documents > BSA > Scout Application
- Don't forget to sign the application and review the Boy Scouts Of America Pamphlet, "How to protect your children from child abuse" online at [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/100-015\(18\).pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/100-015(18).pdf)
- Costs to Join: \$91 a year per Scout due in October, \$35 troop dues per year due in March.
- If your scout wants the Boy's Life Subscription magazine \$12 is added on to the cost in October.
- Turn in the completed application to Troop 870's Scoutmaster, Larry Steagall or Troop 5870's Scoutmaster, Tina Sturmer

COMPLETE A MEDICAL FORM FOR YOUR SCOUT

- The form consists of 3 parts. A, B & C and is provided in your folder.
 - Additional copies are located on the troops' websites www.beavertontroop870.org and www.beavertontroop5870.org under Organization > Documents > BSA > Medical Form
 - Part A & B turn in with the scout application
 - Part C (Physical) needed for outings longer than 3 days (such as Summer Camp)
 - Typically you can fax this to your provider if your scout has had a recent physical in the last year and they can send it back. These are good for a year from the date they are filled out by the Doctor
- Make a copy for yourself and provide a copy to Troop 870's Scoutmaster, Larry Steagall or Troop 5870's Scoutmaster, Tina Sturmer

SETUP SCOUTBOOK ACCOUNT

- Look for an invitation email ONCE you turn in your application and it's processed by Council, usually 2-3 weeks.
 - Check your spam folder if you do not see one.
- A parent is the only one who can give a Scout access to their records online
- While waiting for access to Scoutbook be sure to check the calendar on www.beavertontroop5870.org or www.beavertontroop870.org for calendar updates.

WHY SHOULD I GIVE MY SCOUT ACCESS TO THEIR SCOUTBOOK ACCOUNT?

- Scoutbook is a Scout's "Advancement Book in the Cloud" (it is a virtual Scoutbook accessible anywhere with internet access)
- Scouts can...
 - Track advancement and milestone achievements for Rank and Merit Badges
 - Stay informed and RSVP to meetings and events
 - Link the calendar to the one on their phone
 - Track service hours, hiking mileage, and camping nights

HOW DO I GIVE MY SCOUT THAT ACCESS?

- In Scoutbook > My dashboard > Click on your child's name > Edit Profile > Bottom of the page click, Invite To connect.
 - The Scout will need their own email account.
 - A temporary password will be sent to them.
- Here is a link to a single-page PDF walking you through providing your scout access: <http://bit.ly/2dqurQP>

UNIFORM

TROOP 870/5870's "CLASS A" UNIFORM CONSISTS OF:

- Class A shirt
 - This is the official Scouts BSA shirt worn at all meetings, and to and from when the scouts travel to any scout function.
 - Make sure to get a large enough shirt to fit your scout for many years.
- Scout BSA neckerchief (supplied by the Troop).
- Pants or shorts (Green, tan/khaki or jeans)
 - No holes, saggy pants, sports pants or cutoffs
 - You can purchase green official Scouts BSA pants at the Nor'West Scout Shop and LaHaies if you choose.
 - Recommended pants to purchase there are the pants that have a belt built in and zip off into shorts.
- Scouts BSA belts, hats, and socks are NOT required
 - We recommend at least 2 socks and 2 slides if you are to purchase these as they tend to get lost/dirty.
 - They are available at the Nor'West Scout Shop and LaHaies if you want them.
- "Class B" uniform/T-Shirt (supplied by the Troop)
- Scout name tag *optional*, which can be adhered to your scout's shirt, may be purchased from Jennifer Venable, committee chair
 - They are approximately \$10 depending on how many are ordered.
- Patches
 - "870" (Supplied by the Troop)
 - Council Patch (Cascade Pacific)
 - Sunset Trails (Placement is on the Left Pocket)
 - World Crest Patch

*Badge Magic is a great way to get patches on easily without having to sew them on and can be purchased at the scout shop.

*Our clothes closet is brought to every parent meeting, the second meeting of the month, where your scout may have any items that fit. Spare pants, shorts and extra socks for outings as scouts can get dirty and are rough on them.

- Boy Scout Handbook
 - Provides complete advancement info and tracks completion

Available for purchase at either:

The Norwest Scout Shop	2145 SW Naito Pkwy, Portland	503-243-5022	http://www.cpcbsa.org/information/scoutshop/locations.html
LaHaie's	277 E. Main St. Hillsboro	503-648-2341	http://lahaies.com/contact.htm

UNIFORM ITEMS TO PURCHASE-TAKE WITH YOU

- Class A Shirt
- Cascade Pacific Council Patch
- Sunset Trails Patch
- World Crest Patch
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Optional: Scouts BSA Pants, Hat, Belt, and Socks

PATCH PLACEMENT

