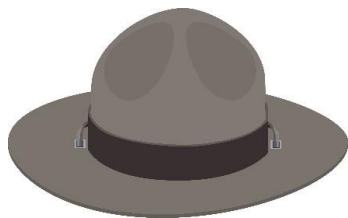


# Welcome To Troop 1857



We are an all-inclusive, co-ed, scout-led troop. We focus on skills, merit badges and rank advancements. We are committed to serving our community by serving schools, philanthropies, and Eagle service projects.

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| <b>Meetings</b>         | Troop meets Monday 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM  |
| <b>Outings</b>          | 1 (sometimes 2) outings per month  |
| <b>Troop Size</b>       | ~70 scouts   |
| <b>Committee Chair</b>  | <b>Brett DeVore</b> , <a href="mailto:brett@kiddosclubhouse.com">brett@kiddosclubhouse.com</a>   |
| <b>Communication</b>    | <a href="http://www.troop1857.org">www.troop1857.org</a> , Email, Newsletter, Private Facebook, Parent GroupMe   |
| <b>Costs</b>            | BSA <i>Annual Dues</i> ~ \$100/ year, includes Scout's Life subscription<br>New/Crossover Scout Fee - \$30<br><i>Summer Camp</i> - ~ \$350 Fund raising can offset cost<br><i>Friends of Scouting</i> - Tax Deductible donation - \$100(Recommended)<br><i>Outings</i> ~\$25-30 per scout, additional for activities/ special campouts<br>Most Troop costs supported by 5-Holiday Flag Posting   |
| <b>Medical Forms</b>    | Required annually for all adults and Scouts. Link to Med form A,B,C (Form C only required for 72+ hour camps) form is on the troop website.  |
| <b>District Council</b> | Northern Ridge District, <a href="https://www.northernridgebsa.org/">https://www.northernridgebsa.org/</a><br>Atlanta Area Council, <a href="https://www.atlantabsa.org/">https://www.atlantabsa.org/</a>  |
| <b>Contacts</b>         | 1857M Scoutmaster: <a href="mailto:troop1857bscoutmaster@gmail.com">troop1857bscoutmaster@gmail.com</a><br>1857F Scoutmaster: <a href="mailto:troop1857gscoutmaster@gmail.com">troop1857gscoutmaster@gmail.com</a><br>Blue Cards: <a href="mailto:Troop1857bluecards@gmail.com">Troop1857bluecards@gmail.com</a><br>Board of Review (BOR): <a href="mailto:Troop1857BOR@gmail.com">Troop1857BOR@gmail.com</a><br>Treasurer: <a href="mailto:troop1857treasurer@gmail.com">troop1857treasurer@gmail.com</a> |

## Some key terms and definitions

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| SM – Scoutmaster (adult)           | ASM – Assistant Scoutmaster (adult)                           |
| SPL – Senior Patrol Leader (youth) | ASPL – Assistant Patrol Leader (youth)                        |
| PL – Patrol Leader (youth)         | PLC – Patrol Leader Council (adults & youth planning meeting) |

**Ready to Join?** Focus camera on the QR Code to start.  
Check off boxes below as you complete the steps.



Scout:

- 1. Troop Registration Form
- 2. Scouts BSA Registration
- 3. Pay Troop fees either PayPal or Venmo
- 4. Purchase Uniform - can wait up to 30 days

Adult Expectations

- 1. Complete Youth Protection Training
- 2. One parent complete Merit Badge Counselor Training
- 3. One parent sign up as a Merit Badge Counselor
- 4. Think about a small role in the Troop
- 5. Participate in Friends of Scouting at Feb Court of Honor
- 6. Help us ensure your child has fun!

**ADVANCEMENT TO EAGLE**

Ranks

- Scout
- Tenderfoot
- Second Class
- First Class
- Star
- Life
- Eagle

Merit Badges

- 14 Eagle Required
- 8 Elective

Once you have completed steps #1-3 for Scouts, your Scout will receive:

- Official Scouts BSA Handbook
- Troop 1857 blue activity shirt
- Troop 1857 number patch
- Troop 1857 neckerchief
- Patrol Patch
- Rank Patch (once earned)
- String backpack
- Neckerchief Slide (a.k.a. Waggle)

**What are the Ten essentials?  
(in Handbook)**

1. Pocketknife
2. First-aid kit
3. Rain Gear
4. Water bottle (hard plastic 1 liter)
5. Flashlight/headlamp
6. Trail food
7. Matches & fire starters
8. Sun protection
9. Compass
10. Extra clothing

**Adults:** We invite parents to join us at meetings and outings. As with any organization, the more you are involved the more your scout will succeed. While on campouts and outings, we expect scouts to follow direction from the troop's youth leadership and not their parents. Parents and scouts are not allowed to share tents.

**Youth:** We are a youth-led troop to provide our scouts with true, authentic leadership experiences. Our meetings and outings may not run the most efficiently but that is not the point. We want our scouts to have a safe place to learn from opportunities they experience.

**Basic Camping gear:**

- Sleeping bag
- Backpacking mattress
- Tent (2-person) or share with another scout
- Mess kit (plastic plate, fork, cup and spoon)
- One large duffle bag 120+ liter (i.e. Osprey Transporter 120) all items MUST fit inside