

Choosing a Troop

What You Need to Know

Troop Activity/Presentation

- What was the Troop campsite like?
- Boys run the presentation?
- Was the activity/presentation fun?
- Did all the boys in the troop participate and what were non-participants doing?

About the Troop

- When do they meet? (day of week / time)
- Where do they meet?
- How large is this Troop? (6-100+ boys)
- Is the Troop active? Going places and doing things?
- What is the troop's age ratio of the boys? Mixture of ages from 11 to 17 years old?
- Is this a boy lead troop? Do the older scouts (leaders) help the new (younger) scouts?
- Does this Troop have a good reputation in the Community? Is it old or a new troop?
- **Who are the Adult Leaders? (Important) Am I comfortable about the adult leaders**
- How many active leaders are there?

Outdoor Program

- What is the Troop's Outdoor Activity Program? (car camping, backpacking, hiking, travel, adventure, nature)
- How frequent are (camping, hiking, backpacking) trips? Which weekend does the Troop normally go camping during the month?
- Where does the Troop go to summer camp? When? (Name(s) Dates)
- How frequent are Patrol Activities weekly, bi-weekly, monthly?

Do you know anyone in the Troop?

Are any friends also looking at this Troop?

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Parental Involvement

- Will I, as a parent, be able to help the Troop?
- Will I, as a parent, be required to help the Troop as a condition of joining?
- Do I, as a parent, have to go on all the camp outs/activities?
- Does the troop have a problem if I want to go on camp out/activities?
- Can Moms go camping?

Parental Concerns

- What do I think about the Troop and the adult leaders?
- Is my son comfortable around these guys? (**Very Important**)
- **Can this Troop deliver a quality Boy Scout Program for my son and his friends?**
(**Basic bottom Line**)
- How much is all this going to cost?
- How do I sign up my son?

Remember:

If you join and don't like the troop you can at any time switch to another !

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