



BSA TROOP 511
WAKE FOREST, NC



Welcome to Troop 511



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Units

- We are **Troop 511**
 - Website: <http://www.511scouts.org/>
 - Sponsored by Saint Catherine's Catholic Church in Wake Forest, NC
- We are a member of the **Neuse River District**
 - One of five geographical areas in the Wake County service area
 - Website: <http://www.neuseriverdistrict.org/>
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=107717258618>
- Which is a member of the **Occaneechee Council**
 - A subdivision of BSA covering central N.C.
 - Website: <http://www.ocscouts.org/home.html>
 - Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=219163120530>
- Which is part of the **Boy Scouts of America**
 - Website: <http://www.scouting.org/>



The Patrol Method

- The Boy Scouts are “Boy Led”
 - Boys run the scouts. Adults are there to help educate, guide, and protect
 - There are many leadership positions/jobs within the Troop and Patrol open to the boys
 - A troop is run by a Senior Patrol Leader overseeing several Patrols of boys led by their own Patrol Leaders
- Patrols
 - Made up of 6 to 10 boys run by a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader
 - Boys meet, camp, and work together as a patrol
 - Everything goes through the Patrol hierarchy
 - In **Troop 511**, boys are organized by age group
- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) & Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)
 - In **Troop 511** a boy is elected to Assistant SPL for six months and then assumes the position of SPL for the following six months (with the help of a newly elected ASPL)
- Troop Guide
 - An older boy is elected as Troop Guide to work with young scouts, especially the first year scouts who usually have “crossed over” from a Webelos den together and form a new patrol when they join the troop



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Troop 511 Leaders and Patrols for W2009-Sp2010

- Leadership group
 - George Vellaringattu, Senior Patrol Leader
 - Chandler Rechenberg, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
 - Matthew Wimberly, Chaplain's Aid
 - Jason Graf, Quartermaster
 - Will Cutchin, Scribe
 - Gerry Shepard, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
 - Ethan McAdams, Troop Guide
 - Jacob Miller, Librarian
 - Carter Rezac, Historian
- Road Kill Patrol
 - Patrick Ryan, Patrol Leader
 - Matthew Keith, Assistant Patrol Leader
- Viking Patrol
 - Sean Mortell, Patrol Leader
 - Zack Wiggin, Assistant Patrol Leader
- Armored Turtles Patrol
 - Nick Anderson, Patrol Leader
 - Spencer Cohan, Assistant Patrol Leader



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Ranks (pt. 1): The Road to First Class

- Concentrates on learning Basic Scouting Skills
- It is very important for first year scouts to try to go to Summer Camp to get most of the requirements for these done early.

- Ranks:

- Scout



- Tenderfoot



- Second Class



- First Class



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Basic Scouting Skills

- Fire starting & safety
- Knife & Axe handling
- Knot tying
- Citizenship
- Nature
- Orienteering
- First Aid
- Fitness
- Cooking
- Camping



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Ranks (pt. 2): The Road to Eagle Scout

- Concentrates on leadership skills, earning merit badges, and service
- Ranks

– Star Scout



– Life Scout



– Eagle Scout



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Merit Badges

- Can be earned by any scout regardless of rank and can be earned anytime throughout the year
- 21 total badges are required for Eagle Scout including 12 required and 9 optional badges
- Many more can be earned beyond those required for Eagle Scout
- Many can be earned at summer camp
- A boy starts a merit badge by “opening a blue card” with a merit badge counselor (an adult volunteer who helps with and oversees one or more merit badges)
- See the Advancement Coordinator for a list of counselors
- See the book for a list of badges



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Camping

- Weekend outings
 - **Troop 511** goes on a camping trip once a month (usually the second weekend of the month)
- District and Council Camporees
 - **Troop 511** attends the Neuse River District and Occaneechee Council Camporees each year
- National Scout Jamboree
 - Put on by BSA every 4 years
 - **Troop 511** will be having a weekend outing nearby to Ft. A.P. Hill next summer and will make a day trip to the Jamboree
- Summer Camp
 - A week long camp where the boys learn scout skills, earn merit badges, and have fun
 - Additional cost (usually around \$225 - \$250)
 - In 2010 we will be going to Camp Cherokee
- High Adventure trips
 - Trips such as Florida Sea Base, Northern Tier, Philmont, etc...
 - Usually once every two years
 - Boys must be at least 14 years old to attend



2009 – 2010 Planned Outings

- October – Camp Reeves, NC (council camporee)
- November – Camp Durant, NC (Webelos Overnighter)
- December – St. Catherine's, Wake Forest, NC (leadership training)
- January – Bull Run, VA (shooting training)
- February – Wintergreen, VA (skiing, winter camping training)
- March – TBD (Webelos Crossover)
- April – Camp Reeves, NC (district camporee)
- May – Gettysburg, PA (leadership and history theme)
- June – Cape Hatteras, NC
- July – Camp Cherokee, NC (Summer Camp)
- August – Ft. A.P. Hill, VA (daytrip to the National Jamboree)
- September – Grandfather Mt., NC



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Costs

- Dues
 - Troop dues are \$10 per month and are due at the first meeting of each month
- Fees
 - Campouts and other outings (including summer camp) usually require additional fees for food, site costs, and other essentials
- Fund Raisers
 - Popcorn – a yearly fund raiser where the scouts sell popcorn to raise money for themselves and the troop
 - Selling programs at NC State football and basketball games – a percentage comes back to the scout and to the troop
 - SCRIP – a fund raiser done by selling gift cards to various stores and establishments that give a percentage of the card back to the scout for his account
- Scout Account
 - An account is setup for each boy which all payments and money raised from fund raisers go into
 - Dues and fees are paid from the scout's account
 - Can be used to purchase equipment
- Equipment
 - Some items are required and many others are optional
 - Assistance for costs may be available for special needs



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Equipment

- Scout Handbook
 - it is very important for scouts and their parents to read this
- Uniform
 - Needs to be worn at all meetings & functions and when traveling to or from a campout
- Camping required equipment (not everything is needed right away)
 - Backpack
 - Mess kit
 - Sleeping bag
 - First aid kit
 - Decent hiking boots/shoes
 - Flashlight / light source
 - Compass
 - Pocket knife
 - See the Scout Handbook for more about camping equipment
- The troop provides a tent for all boys during campouts



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Adult Leaders (pt. 1): Troop Committee

- Committee meetings are held one Thursday night each month
- All parents are encouraged to join the Troop Committee
- The committee sets the course and steers the troop
- Committee members may attend campouts and wear uniforms
- There are many committee positions that help run the Troop
- We are always looking for Merit Badge Counselors
- Parents interested in joining the Troop Committee need to contact Mrs. Shepherd to fill out a form



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Adult Leaders (pt. 2): Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmasters

- Meetings and outings are run by the Scoutmaster who is selected by the Troop Committee and assisted by his Assistant Scoutmasters
- In **Troop 511**, the Scoutmaster and all Assistant Scoutmasters are required to earn their “Trained” patch within one year of becoming an adult leader
- Background checks are required
- Training information is available at:
<http://www.scouting.org/Training/Adult.aspx>
- Parents interested in becoming an ASM need to contact Mrs. Shepherd to fill out a form



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Troop 511 Adult Leaders

- Troop Committee
 - Mr. Rezac, Committee Chairman
 - Mrs. Shepherd, Advancement Coordinator
 - Mrs. Anderson, Secretary
 - Mr. Wiggin, Outdoor Activities Coordinator
 - Mrs. Yerry, Treasurer
 - Mr. Wimberly, Chaplain & Training Coordinator
 - Mr. Keith, Equipment Coordinator

- Scoutmaster / Assistant Scoutmasters
 - Mr. Rechenberg, Scoutmaster
 - Mr. Carter, ASM
 - Mr. Keyser, ASM
 - Mr. Anderson, ASM (Troop Grubmaster)
 - Mr. Hardee, ASM (*ScoutParent* Unit Coordinator)
 - Mr. McIntyre, ASM



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Additional resources

- US Scouting Service Project : <http://usscouts.org/>
- Merit Badges : http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Main_Page
- Knots : <http://www.animatedknots.com/indexscouting.php>
- Scoutorama: <http://www.scoutorama.com>



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