



Why Scouting?

On behalf of the Boy Scout Troops in Conestoga District, we would like to welcome you and your son to Boy Scouting. The Boy Scout troops of Conestoga District have an 80-year history of giving boys the opportunity to experience all Scouting has to offer while helping them mature into the leaders of tomorrow. Over the next few years, your son will likely be drawn to any number of activities and we hope he will consider remaining a member of Scouting in Conestoga District. Why do we feel that Scouting can be an important part of your son's life? To find that answer, we offer the following information regarding the typical experiences of one hundred boys who join the Boy Scouts of America. We suggest you reflect upon the impact this organization has had on the lives of these one hundred and the impact it can have on your son's life.

Of any one hundred boys who become Scouts, it must be confessed that thirty will drop out in their first year. Perhaps this may be regarded as a failure, but in later life, all will remember that they had been Scouts and the vast majority will speak well of the program. Of the one hundred, only rarely will one ever appear before a juvenile court judge. Twelve of the one hundred will be from families that belong to no church. Through Scouting, these twelve and many of their families will be brought into contact with a church and together they will continue to be active all their lives. Six of the one hundred will become pastors. Each of the one hundred will learn something from scouting. Almost all will develop hobbies that will add interest throughout the rest of their lives. Approximately one-half will serve in the military, and in varying degrees, profit from their Scout training. At least one will use it to save another person's life and many will credit it with saving their own. Three of the one hundred will reach Eagle rank, and one will later say that he values his Eagle above his college degree. Many will find their future vocation through merit badge work and Scouting contacts. Seventeen of the one hundred boys will later become Scout leaders and will give leadership to thousands of additional boys. Only one in four boys in America will become Scouts, but it is interesting to note that of this nation's business, religious and political leaders, three out of four were Scouts.

The Boy Scout Troops of Conestoga District stand ready to help your son as he begins his journey through Scouting. Please feel free to join us at meetings, on camping trips and other events. Please also know that we welcome and need your help as the adult and boy leaders work to present an exciting program for your son. Attached to this letter you will find a Troop Resource Survey. Please take a few minutes to indicate how you can help by completing the survey and returning it to one of your troop leaders. A few hours of your time each month can make all the difference!

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the adult leaders if you have any questions about Scouting. Please also check out our web site at www.conestogagpc.org.