



Boy Scouts of America Troop 290

Troop 290, Boy Scouts of America, has been chartered to Saint Cecilia's Roman Catholic Church since 1938. The Troop meets weekly on Monday nights in the School Lunchroom and goes camping nearly every month. The Troop is open to boys from ages 11 to 18 years and is staffed by a group of dedicated, trained adult volunteers.

As a boy joins Troop 290, he learns basic Scouts skills like how to tie knots, how to build a cooking fire, how to pitch a tent and how to prepare themselves for the outdoors. As they progress through the ranks from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout, they learn about Citizenship and Community Service. There are simple skills like how to cook a meal and more complex concepts like how to lead a group of Scouts. Adult volunteers work with the Scouts on Merit Badges that range from Art and Archery to Hiking and Pioneering to Swimming and Welding.

The rank requirements increase in complexity as they move up toward Eagle Scout. Along the way, Scouts learn about integrity, honesty and character. They learn to understand why it is important to serve the community they live in and to show others in the community that they care about where they live, their environment and the people that live around them.

Weekend camping trips give the Scouts the opportunity to learn about the environment and about wildlife. They experience the outdoors and get away from the distractions of television and video-games. This allows their imaginations to expand as they see nature and the world around them firsthand. Seeing wildlife in its natural habitat helps them appreciate what their life is like at home. Sitting around a campfire listening to and telling stories awakens their imagination. Each summer, the Troop goes camping for a week at a local Scout Reservation where they experience many outdoor opportunities that can only be had away from home. Our Scouts have completed the Mile Swim, canoed on lakes and streams, learned to climb and repel, learned to save lives in the pool or lake, and most importantly met other Scouts from around the area. The opportunity to learn from each other, both Scout skills and human interaction, is critical to their becoming a contributing member of society.

Activities like hiking and swimming help the Scouts to stay healthy. Learning skills like cooking and how to handle personal finances help prepare the Scouts for adult life.

Each year, Scouts are selected to attend Junior Leadership Training that provides additional skills in leadership. These Scouts move on to become the Youth Leaders of the Troop and to plan the activities and trips that the Troop will participate in the years to come.

Troop 290 Motto: "Burn Wood and Prosper!"