

How can I help?

We expect every family to help out in the troop. It is because of the many volunteers the troop has that we offer some many opportunities for the Scouts.

Here are some ideas:

- Driving for activities and events
- Joining us for hikes and camping trips
- Helping out with food or setup at a Court of Honor.
- Sitting in on a Board of Review.
- Coordinating a camping trip or other event
- Helping with Troop equipment
- Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor.
- Camping with us at Summer Camp.
- Designing, managing or contributing to our website.

Please contact our Committee Chair (committeechair119 "at" troop119 "dot" com) if would like to volunteer. Please pitch in!

How to help run a camping trip:

For each camping trip that we go on, we need an adult trip coordinator who will get involved in the planning of the trip at least 6 weeks in advance, which includes:

- Attending the PLC meeting the first Thursday of the month PRIOR to the month of the trip. Help guide the boys through the thought process in planning the trip.
- Assuring that the permission slip is released ONE MONTH prior to the trip. Permission slips should ideally be due 3 weeks before the trip to give the boys time to make their plans. A second assistant can be responsible for this if necessary.
- Reporting attendees and drivers to the Camping coordinator at least two weeks in advance of the trip, so that he/she may apply for the tour permit.
- ATTEND THE CAMPING TRIP. Having worked with the PLC in planning the trip, you are in the best position to advise the SPL and ASPL's if they need any counsel during the trip.

Boards of Review

All rank advancements, except for the Scout badge, require a Board of Review. The members of a Board of Review are adult leaders in the troop except for the Scoutmaster or any of his Assistant Scoutmasters. The main purpose of the Board of Review is not to retest the skills a Scout has learned, but to see what the Scout's spirit is and how the troop is doing is helping the Scout along and meeting Boy Scout objectives.

We need adults as Board of Review Members. Please contact the Advancement Chair (119advancement "at" gmail "dot" com) if you would like to help out with this rewarding task.

Summer Camp Chaperone

So, you've volunteered for summer camp, and now you have questions. This should help.

1. Be a registered Scouter - fill out an adult application if you haven't yet. This accomplishes a CORI check, done by the council, and offers some assurance to the Chartering organization that you are not a criminal 😊. All summer camp chaperones MUST be registered with the BSA.
2. Schedule an appointment with your doctor for a physical. Leaders over the age of 40 must have a physical on file with the troop done within the year preceeding the last day of camp; leaders under the age of 40 need one within two years.
3. Fill out a [class 3 medical form](#) to take to your doctor when you go. Make sure you SIGN it in Section II, as this gives the other troop leaders the right to seek treatment for you if something happens while on a scout outing. **NO ONE WITHOUT A CURRENT CLASS 3 FORM ON FILE IS ALLOWED TO STAY AT CAMP.**
4. Get in shape. The Daniel Webster Council camps are quite hilly, and they are hiking camps - you could be walking several miles over the course of the day. No need to run wind-sprints, but you should be able to comfortably walk up a 30 degree incline.
5. Complete the online [Youth Protection](#) training. This is REQUIRED!!! Do it even if you've already done it before.
6. Do the online [Fast Start Training](#) if you are not already trained as a Boy Scout Leader. Cub Leader training doesn't count - the programs are quite different.

How do I become a Merit Badge Counselor?

Adults with an appropriate interest or skill are encouraged to become registered as a merit badge counselor. It is a wonderful way to share your expertise, have fun with a topic you enjoy and help the scouts and the Troop. Periodically we will run counselor training and other counselors are always available to give you advice. Contact Stann Chonofsky (spc001 "at" rcn "dot" com) for information about how to apply to become a counselor.

Check out the wide variety of merit badges at: www.meritbadge.com