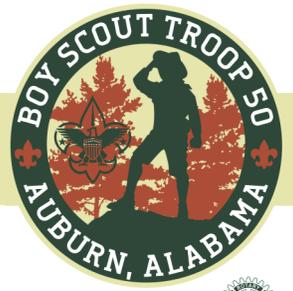


Prospective Member Information



Chartered by the Rotary Club of Auburn
boyscout50.org

Troop 50, chartered by the Auburn Rotary Club, was founded in 2012. The mission of Troop 50 is to *gather* young men into a quality Scouting program, *grow* them into servant leaders, and *go* into the community in service and fellowship.

Meetings and Outings

A Scout's *active participation* in troop functions—weekly meetings and monthly outings—is essential to his learning and retaining Scout skills, earning merit badges and advancing in rank, qualifying for leadership opportunities, and generally benefitting from all that Scouting offers.

Between August and June, the troop *meets weekly* most Mondays from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 143 E. Thach Ave., in Auburn. A majority of what a Scout learns and needs to advance is tied to or introduced through their participation in troop meetings.



Monthly outings and activities help Scouts master troop meeting concepts and promote fellowship. These activities typically consist of either one- or two-night campouts under the supervision of trained leaders and within a two-hour drive of Auburn, or fellowship, service, or

advancement events limited to a day or part of a day. While the troop relies on parent transportation to many of our weekend events, these outings typically are limited to male leaders and parent volunteers due to the logistics and constraints of our camping locations.

Summer activities

include daytime and family-oriented events that allow us to maintain a sense of troop community during our weekly troop meeting hiatus.

The troop currently takes an *extended weekend trip* during the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend in January, which usually includes options for families to participate with their Scouts. The troop also attends a *week-long summer camp* in either June or July.

Visit BLOG.BOYSCOUT50.ORG and our online calendar linked from BOYSCOUT50.ORG for greater insight into our troop activities.

Service

Serving our fellow Scouts, our troop, and our community are vital to living the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Therefore, *service is a vital component* of our troop's mission of growing our Scouts into servant leaders. While requirements of many merit badges and Scouting ranks include a service element, our troop expands its service focus into our troop activities. Many of our campouts and weekend activities include our own service projects or participating in those conducted by First Presbyterian Church, which provides us meeting space, or the Auburn Rotary Club, which sponsors our troop. As our senior Scouts near the final stages of completing the requirements for the Eagle Scout rank, their leadership service projects offer our Scouts an additional opportunity to benefit their community.



Troop Administration

The troop follows the nationally recommended troop structure, with a *scoutmaster* who oversees weekly programming and mentors our youth leaders; a *troop committee* that serves as the troop's board of directors; and a *chartered organization representative* that represents the interests of our sponsoring organization. Our scoutmaster, troop committee chair, and chartered organization representative comprise the troop's top leadership positions, or "Key 3."

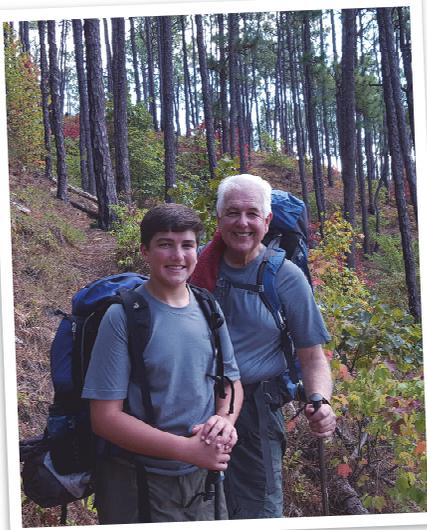


While these adults are responsible for the troop's administrative functions, the *Patrol Leaders Council*—the troop's elected youth leadership—is charged with making decisions ranging from meeting activities to outing locations. The troop operates in patrols led by elected patrol leaders who work under the direction of an elected senior patrol leader. These and other appointed positions of responsibility allow Scouts to hone their leadership skills while feeling ownership in how the troop operates.



New-to-Boy Scouts Start-Up Kit

Troop 50 provides a *start-up kit* of items Scouts will need as new members of the troop. The kit includes specialized troop uniform items—such as a "Class B" cotton T-shirt, neckerchief, hat, and numeral uniform patch—as well as a pair of Boy Scout shoulder loops and the *Boy Scout Handbook*. The total retail cost of these items is \$56 and



should be paid after a Scout's membership request is approved and prior to the kit's presentation at his pack's crossover ceremony. Boys transferring their membership from another troop or who previously have been Boy Scouts may purchase these items individually as needed.

Uniforms

Scouts wear the "Class A" **uniform**—an official Boy Scout uniform shirt and either Scout pants or shorts—to all meetings and during portions of each troop outing. A "Class B" **uniform**—a troop T-shirt and either Scout pants or shorts—is worn during specified troop meetings and during a majority of our troop outings. Troop T-shirts and hats can be ordered periodically throughout the year, and Scouts are encouraged to have more than one troop T-shirt. Visit BSAUNIFORMS.ORG for more details about the Boy Scout uniform.

Parents' Roles

The troop encourages parents to be involved along with their Scouts while at the same time allowing them some autonomy to develop self-reliance and leadership skills. **Parent volunteer opportunities** include:

- providing transportation and additional supervision for outings as needed
- committing to regular service as a troop committee member or trained assistant scoutmaster
- sharing their vocational or hobby experience as a merit badge counselor

Fundraisers

The troop currently offers **three voluntary fundraisers** throughout the year, thereby providing Scouts with sales commissions they can apply to annual dues or event fees. These include selling Trails End popcorn and holiday wreath sales in the fall, and Chattahoochee Council discount cards in the spring. The commissions for which each Scout is eligible vary based on the fundraiser as well as the type and volume of product he sells.

Individual Troop Expenses

The precise cost of troop participation depends on several factors. **Anticipated troop expenses** provided here will



vary based on annual planning, as well as a Scout's participation in monthly outings and troop fundraisers, and the type of uniform and camping equipment he currently owns.

In addition, **annual troop dues**, set by the troop committee in the spring and assessed each fall, underwrite costs related to annual membership renewals, equipment, supplies, recognitions, and awards. Only Scouts pay troop dues; volunteer leaders do not.

How do I join Troop 50?

We believe the real measure of a troop's "fit" for a prospective member is witnessed during his visit to a troop meeting. We also believe it's helpful to visit *more than one* troop before making a decision to join *any* troop. To that end, the process of ultimately requesting to join the troop, after your initial troop visit, includes:

- ❶ **Schedule a follow-up visit with Troop 50, if desired**, with the scoutmaster
- ❷ **Visit other local** troops, if you'd like, to evaluate your membership options
- ❸ **Request to join** by emailing the troop committee chair at TROOPCOMMITTEE@BOYSCOUT50.ORG

Estimated Individual Troop Expenses

2020 START-UP COSTS

Start-Up Kit \$56

Troop Dues up to \$125
waived for Webelos crossing over and prorated for boys joining during the calendar year

Uniform approx. \$100
if your Scout doesn't already own the khaki/green-styled BSA uniform

ANNUAL ESTIMATES

Troop Dues \$125

Outings approx. \$200
7-8 monthly outings ranging between \$10-\$30 each

Extended Weekend

Trip approx. \$275
based on previous trips; dependent on destination, itinerary, etc.

Summer Camp approx. \$300

Troop 50's "Key 3" Leadership

Andrew Baird | Scoutmaster

Rob Stanford | Troop Committee Chair

Michael Tullier | Chartered Organization Representative



Troop 50 Links of Interest

Website | boyscout50.org

Blog | blog.boyscout50.org

Facebook | facebook.com/boyscout50

Charter Organization: Auburn Rotary Club | auburnrotaryclub.com