



Troop 1028 and Troop 1029 Parent Info Packet



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- Troop Quick Facts and New Scout Integration
 - Joining our boys and girls program – 1028 and 1029
 - Meetings and outings
 - Phoenix Patrol concept
 - Cub Scout vs. Scouts BSA program
- Scouting Costs
 - Troop dues and national BSA fees
 - Scout account concept
 - Uniforms and gear guidance
- Typical First Year
- Contact Information

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Troop 1028 (Boys) Quick Facts



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- Troop 1028 history and Chartered Organization
 - Our Troop was founded in 2002, originally chartered by the Moose Lodge 1028 in Keswick
 - Moved to our current STAB Belfield location in January 2015
 - Chartered by the Rimora Foundation, affiliated with STAB
- We currently have 12 active Scouts
 - We are Scout-led, our Scouts choose and plan a wide variety of themes and outings throughout the year
 - We operate with two permanent Patrols, plus up to three temporary “Phoenix” Patrols for new Scout integration
 - We also have a Fossils + Retro-Fits Patrol for adult leaders and parents

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Troop 1029 (Girls) Quick Facts



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- Troop 1029 history and Chartered Organization
 - Our Troop was started unofficially in August 2018, and was officially chartered in February 2019 (1st in VAHC !)
 - We share meetings, events, and outings with Troop 1028, but also have independent events and outings
 - Also chartered by the Rimora Foundation, affiliated with STAB
- We currently have 6 active Scouts
 - We are Scout-led, our Scouts choose and plan a wide variety of themes and outings throughout the year
 - We operate with two permanent Patrols, plus up to three temporary “Phoenix” Patrols for new Scout integration
 - We also have a Fossils+ Retro-Fits Patrol for adult leaders and parents

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Starting in Troop 1028/1029



- The Scouts BSA program is open to all boys and girls aged 10 or older but not yet 18 (note: age 10 requires being in 5th grade and registered after March 1, OR having earned Arrow of Light award in Cub Scouts)
 - Both Troop 1028 and 1029 share the same Chartered Organization and Troop Committee, but each has their own independent Scoutmaster, and most other adult leadership is shared between the Troops
 - Each Troop elects its own Scout leadership (SPL, PL, etc.)
 - All other aspects of the Scouting program are shared
 - Same Troop meetings, same events, same outings, etc.
 - Troops and Patrols often hold independent events/outings as well
- Current Webelos are encouraged to start attending Troop meetings right after their Blue and Gold cross-over ceremony

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Troop Meetings and Events



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- Troop 1028/1029 has year-round meetings every Monday night from 6:30-8:00pm at STAB Learning Village Dining Hall (799 Faulconer Drive, Charlottesville)
 - No meetings on school holidays or snow days
 - Often special meetings (e.g. kayak training) are held off-site
 - Check our on-line calendar at www.troop1028.org
 - Upcoming events: www.troop1028.org/events.html
- We have hiking/camping outings or major events every month, all selected and planned by our Scouts
 - Always at least one major outing a month, lots of opportunities – Scouts attend what interests them
 - **Most critical: Scout Skills Campout and Summer Camp**

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Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 1: Leadership



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1. The Scouts BSA program is Scout-led

- Scouts lead the program, plan all events, and elect their own leadership
- Adults (Scouters) provide mentoring, skills training, and support
- Scouter oath:

On my honor,

I will do my best

To smile;

To be patient;

And to let the youth lead.

- Scouts learn from mistakes so we intervene only when absolutely necessary
 - An obvious critical adult function is safety supervision

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March: Start Scouting Skills Training in Phoenix Patrols



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- New Scouts typically cross-over in late February or early March and are placed in a temporary new Scout Patrol called the Phoenix Patrol
- Phoenix Patrols have an experienced Troop Scout who serves as Patrol Leader plus an adult Patrol Mentor
- Scouts stay in Phoenix until June/July and concentrate on core Scout skills requirements to quickly complete Scout and Tenderfoot ranks
- Scouts still participate in all Troop meeting and event activities and get to know the other Scouts
- In June/July, Scouts pick a regular Patrol they want to join

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Ice



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March/April: Scout Skills Campout, Camp Shenandoah



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June / July: Move to your Regular Patrols – Troop 1028



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- Before summer camp, Phoenix Scouts move to their choice of one of our two permanent Patrols



Honey Badgers



Vikings

- Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), Quartermaster (QM) and an adult ASM Patrol Mentor
 - Some activities and all event planning are organized by Patrol

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June / July: Move to your Regular Patrols – Troop 1029



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- Before summer camp, Phoenix Scouts move to their choice of one of our two permanent Patrols



Platypus



White Tigers

- Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Patrol Leader (APL), Quartermaster (QM) and an adult ASM Patrol Mentor
 - Some activities and all event planning are organized by Patrol

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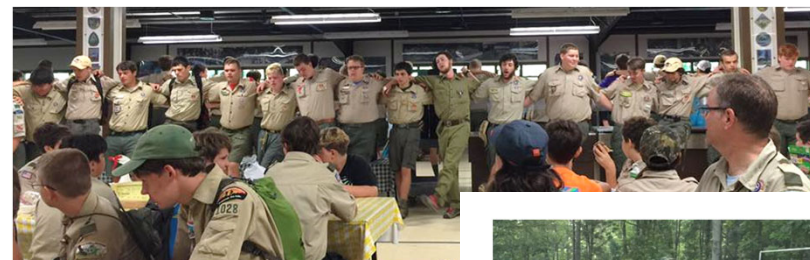


June/July: Summer Camp (alternate years in/out of Council)



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Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 2: Cost



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2. A Scout can easily pay their way via a Scout Account

- New Scout 1st year total cost is **\$159** (as of 1/2024), broken down as follows:
 - \$80 BSA annual registration fee (\$60 for adult leaders)
 - \$27 VAHC Council Program fee (\$18 for adult leaders)
 - \$12 BSA annual insurance (same for adult leaders)
 - \$40 Troop start-up materials (Handbook, most patches, neckerchief, slide, loops)
 - Not included above: \$15 Scout Life magazine subscription (optional)
 - Not included above: \$25 new Youth fee (only if not previously registered with a Pack or Troop)
 - If you rechartered with your previous Pack, then you only pay the \$40 fee
 - Adult leaders in multiple units pay fees only with their main unit, others free
- After 1st year: Troop Fees: \$200 per year (\$90 for Adult leaders) which covers all BSA fees plus Troop operating expenses

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Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 2: Cost, con't



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2. A Scout can easily pay their way via a Scout Account, con't

- We operate on an “outing accounting” system and set fees for each event based on actual meal costs, any registration fees and gas expenses. Payments collected after each event.
- All fundraising profits go directly to Scout Accounts based on each Scout's sales or hours of work
 - Scout accounts are then used for paying dues and activity fees, so with a little fundraising effort all Scouting costs can be covered
- We cover Troop operating expenses via annual dues, including:
 - Awards for Scouts – rank patches, merit badges, special awards
 - Leader training fees
 - Recharter fees (\$100 per year for both Troops)
 - Annual dues also include all BSA program fees paid each recharter
 - Dues adjusted each year to “break even” point, no “profit” is made

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Uniforms and Gear

- We have a uniform handout
 - Scouts need tan shirt (sized a little large) and some patches
 - Scout shop can sell you shirt with patches already sewn on
 - Troop provides patches, shoulder loops, handbook and later a neckerchief (at Scout rank)
 - We have a free-cycle box !!
- Gear – don't buy anything now !!**
 - We have shared gear
 - Best to observe other Scout gear to see what works best



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Troop 1028/1029 New Scout Shopping List

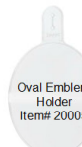
(note: some miscellaneous items (but likely no uniform shirts) may be available for free in Troop free-cycle box – check before shopping)



Step 1: Get your uniform shirt and patches. Scouts BSA wear the standard tan shirt, available in cotton or a performance blend.
Note: buy your shirt a little big so that you can use it for several years.



If you earned your Arrow of Light as a Cub Scout, wear it proudly!



Oval Emblem Holder
Item# 20005

Patches – Sew-on or Glue?

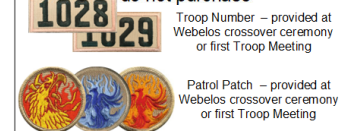
If you don't like sewing, the shop sells special adhesive for the patches. However, it doesn't stand up as well and makes a black mess when patches are removed. You can also consider using a rank badge pocket hanger instead of glue to minimize the messy areas.

Troop 1028/9 Patches to Purchase

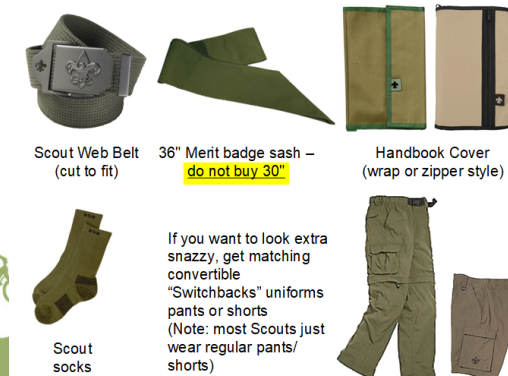
(placement guide comes with shirt or see Troop 1028 website)



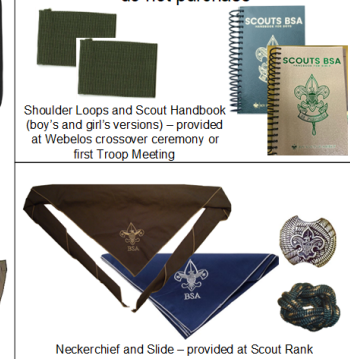
Troop 1028/9 Provided Patches – do not purchase



Step 2: Get your OPTIONAL accessories (some of these you really may not need for a while if you want to wait).



Troop 1028/9 Provided Accessories – do not purchase



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Cub Scout versus Scouts BSA Programs – Point 3: Pace



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3. In Scouts BSA, a Scout sets their own pace
- Most rank requirements can be completed at Troop meetings and on outings and other Scouting adventures
 - Merit Badges are earned at summer camp, camporees, and during some monthly Troop themes
 - Our Adult Patrol Mentors work with Scouts to keep everyone on a steady pace but can also help a Scout to advance faster
 - Scouts must seek their own balance of Troop activities with sports, school and other pursuits
 - We believe Scouts should enjoy a diverse life !!

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Scouts BSA Ranks: Scout to Eagle



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Scout



Second Class



Star



Tenderfoot



First Class



Life



Eagle



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Four Steps to Advancement



1. You learn
 - At Troop meetings and on outings you learn and practice skills
2. You are tested
 - When you are ready, a leader tests and passes you on your new skills for each rank requirement. When you finish all requirements for a rank, you sit for a Scoutmaster Conference.
3. You are reviewed
 - You meet with a Board of Review to go over your achievements and you provide them feedback on your Scouting experience.
4. You are recognized
 - You receive your award at the next Court of Honor (COH)



Typical First Year Calendar

(normal monthly hikes/outings not shown)



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- Mid April – Scout Skills Campout
 - Very critical for Patrol bonding and rank advancement
- April – Mulch Sale Fundraiser
- May – Camping, hikes, ziplining, caving
- June – Backpacking, move to regular Patrols
- July – Summer Camp
 - Very critical for new Patrol bonding and early Merit Badges
 - We alternate years in/out of Council
 - In 2023 we did Camp Shenandoah, so 2024 is out of council
- August – Kayaking / Whitewater camping trip
- September – PopNut fundraiser, more hikes

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Typical First Year Calendar

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- October – VAHC Apple Harvest Camporee
- November – Scouting for Food service project
 - Working with Pack 77, we collected over 3,000 pounds of food this year
- December – Toy Lift Service Project and Christmas Tree Fundraiser, Winter Camping
- January – BSA Klondike Camporee
- February – Backpacking and Cabin Campout
- March – Welcome new Phoenix Scouts and repeat !

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Eagle Scouts and Statistics



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- Since our Troop inception in 2002, we have awarded the rank of Eagle to 57 Scouts
 - 2021 was a new record with 9 Eagles, and our first in T1029
- Although we won't hold back an ambitious Scout, we feel it is better to take your time when earning Eagle
 - Our youngest Eagle was age 14
 - Some skills and Merit Badge requirements are much better appreciated and absorbed by older Scouts
 - A focus on Eagle can create early and unnecessary stress – take your time to enjoy the Scouting experience !!



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Suggestions for Open House



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- Talk to Troop Scouts and parents about their experiences
- Check out our adventure stations and information posters
 - Earning Merit Badges
 - Home Repairs, Archaeology, and Engineering Merit Badges
 - Typical first year experience
 - Scouting advancement
 - Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (STEM) program
 - Eagle Scout projects
- Collect information for the Webelos Scouting Adventure pin
- Take home our uniform guide, newsletter and other handouts
- Visit other Troops and pick the one that best matches your Scout's interests and goals

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 - www.troop1028.org/calendar.html
 - www.troop1028.org/events.html

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