

Troop Parents

The role of parents within Troop 282 is to be supportive of the Troop's efforts and to provide the atmosphere Scouts need to learn and excel.

The Troop cannot function without adult leaders who have been trained either to be Adult Committee members or Trained in Outdoor Skills. Troop 282 highly encourages each parent to become trained. Then as a Committee member, they can do Boards of Reviews for the Scouts or take on other important support roles of the Troop. Or, a parent can become trained to participate in outdoor activities with the Scouts and attend campouts.

Parents will:

1. Read their Scout's handbook and understand the purpose and methods of Scouting. Parents should take the Fast Start for Boy Scouting on line at <http://www.myscouting.org>
2. Actively follow their Scout's progress (or lack thereof) and offer encouragement and a push when needed.
3. Show support to both the individual Scout and the Troop by attending all Troop Courts of Honor.
4. Assist, as requested, in all Troop fundraisers and other such activities. All such assistance lowers the cost of the program we offer to the Scouts and, therefore, lowers each family's cash outlay for their Scout(s).
5. Be aware of the Troop program and annual calendar, which is updated regularly on the Eugene Boy Scouts Troop 282 Facebook Page.
6. Attend "circle time" which is the last 5 minutes of each Troop meeting. It is at this time when announcements are made for Scouts and parents alike about the Troop activities and program.
7. Parents are encouraged to attend Troop campouts. Without parents, the Troop cannot function. However, Troop 282 wants parents trained in the BSA methods of camping to model the correct methods and so that if a Scout asks and adult advice, the parent would be able to demonstrate the BSA method of camping. Therefore, parents are required to become trained Adult Leaders to attend Troop campouts. For the first six months after the Scout has joined, the Troop waives this requirement. The Troop will pay for the expenses of parents to attend Troop campouts if they are qualified as a "Star Scouter" (See: Required training for Adult Leadership for additional information)

Required Training for Adult Leadership

Adults who wish to attend campouts with the Troop are required to become BSA trained leaders. The training consists of online courses and outdoor camping. The following are the steps required to become a trained adult with Troop 282:

1. Go to <http://my.scouting.org> and create an account. It's free to do.
 2. After creating the account, take "Youth Protection Training." Do this by clicking "My Dashboard" from the menu, then click "My Training." If you did not do this upon creating an account at my.scouting.org, you can come back and sign into my.scouting.org. Once completed, inform the Advancement Coordinator that you have completed the training.
 3. Fill out, sign, and turn in an Adult Application. (See the Advancement Coordinator for Application)
 4. Complete part A and Part B of the BSA Medical Form. Be sure to give a copy of the form and to the Medical Director. These first four steps must be taken prior to attending any campouts, even in the first six months after the Scout has joined Troop 282..
 - 5a. Take "Scouts BSA – Troop Committee Training" Online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org> . There are multiple sub-courses and will take approximately 4 hours to complete. This does not need to be done at one sitting, but can be done in parts and return where left off. Also take "Outdoor Ethics" Online which takes about 15 minutes.
- 5a OR 5b --
- 5b. Take "Scouts BSA – Scoutmaster-Position Trained" Online at <https://myscouting.scouting.org> . There are multiple sub-courses and will take approximately 5 hours to complete. This does not need to be done at one sitting, but can be done in parts and return where left off.
 6. Attend the "Outdoor Essentials" class offered on campouts with Troop 282 or through Oregon Trail Council. This is a training course about camping with Troop 282. This training will be offered during Troop meetings and additional information will be taught on Troop Campouts.
 7. Receive your "Trained" patch to wear on your uniform.

In order to attend Summer Camp, Troop High Adventure or a National High Adventure with Troop 282 you will need to have completed the following:

1. Complete the training listed above.
2. Complete part C of the BSA Medical Form. Be sure to give a copy of the form and to the Troop's Medical Director.

Note that Troop 282 discourages parents attending Summer Camp during the Scout's first BSA Summer Camp. There is great personal growth and bonding with other Scouts that occurs when the Scout is away from their parents at their first Summer Camp experience. However, parents are encouraged to attend the Friday Dinner when it is common for parents to visit the camp. No training is required for this visit.

