



Meeting at Ft. Settlement Middle School, Sugar Land, TX

Meetings

Troop Meetings:

Mondays, 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Ft. Settlement Middle School



Patrol Leaders Council:

Monthly

Parent Committee Meetings:

Monthly

Troop Campouts:

Monthly

Court of Honor:

Quarterly

Camping

Both Mom and Dad are welcome to join us on our monthly weekend campouts, but not required. Each campout has a theme with scouting skills and rank advancement as the focus.

We're always looking for new and exciting places to camp, so Troop 1631 does not have a set rotation of camping destinations. We tend to lean toward Boy Scout camps where the boys can have more freedom to explore since the area is closed to the public, but we've enjoyed plenty of state parks and area campgrounds as well. Locations are chosen by the junior leadership.

A sample of recent destinations:

- Quintana State Beach Park
Near Surfside, TX
- Brazos Bend State Park
Needville, TX
- Enchanted Rock State Park
Fredericksburg, TX
- Lost Pines State Park
Bastrop, TX (near Austin)
- Mauritz Scout Reservation
Ganado, TX (near Victoria)
- Hamman Scout Camp
near Bandera, TX
- Bovay Scout Ranch
Navasota, TX
- Lake Somerville, Welch Park
Somerville, TX (near Brenham)

Welcome!

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 1631. We're a long standing, stable organization that will celebrate 30 exciting years in Sugar Land in 2012.



We're excited to introduce our troop to you, and hope you'll find the information you need here. Please don't hesitate to contact one of the leaders listed on the back page.

Troop 1631 was formed in 1982 by Clyde Jacks, former City of Sugar Land councilman. We are chartered by the Ft. Bend Optimist Club.

Boys of this age have varied interests, and scouting will be just one of your son's activities. We understand he may not make every scouting event, and that's okay.

Each scout advances at his own pace. Rank achievements are encouraged, but not mandatory.

We monitor advancements, and stand ready to support every scout who has Eagle ambitions. Our program will see him to the Eagle's Nest if he actively participates!

Registered Members, Aug 2011:

Scouts - 56, Adults - 76

Eagle's Nest, Aug 2011:

128 Eagle Scouts, and counting!

Initial Registration Dues for 2011:

\$125 - includes registration for 1 scout & 1 adult, *Boys Life*, awards, troop equipment and admin costs.

Themed Activities

Each month has a theme that we build on at the troop meetings and incorporate into the campouts. Of course rank requirements are addressed, but we try to do it within the context of themed activities. Recent themes include: Fishing, Rock Climbing, Boating, Shooting, Cycling, and more.

Annual Camps

In addition to our monthly campouts, Troop 1631 attends week long camps in summer and winter, at varied locations in- and out-of-state. Older scouts can choose to attend a high adventure camp, and are actively prepared for the physical challenge. Recent destinations are listed below.

Summer/Winter Camps

Fun activities and an opportunity to earn a variety of merit badges for scouts of all ages. Destinations have been as far ranging as North Carolina, Colorado, and Big Bend. Here's a sample of recent camps:

- 2011 Summer: Camp Pioneer, Western Arkansas
- 2010 Summer: Camp Alexander, Lake George, Colorado
- 2009 Winter: Camp Karankawa, Sweeny, Texas
- 2009 Summer: El Rancho Cima River Camp, Wimberley, Texas
- 2008 Winter: Camp Strake, Texas
- 2008 Summer: Camp Tom Hale, Oklahoma

High Adventure Camps

Adventurous, once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for older scouts (13+) seeking a physical and logistical challenge, a truly unique and rewarding experience.

- 2012: Florida Sea Base (Islamorada, FL) - snorkeling, SCUBA, boating, beach camping
- 2011: Philmont Scout Ranch (Cimarron, NM) - backpacking, rock climbing, hiking, rugged camping
- 2010: National Jamboree, VA
- 2009: Northern Tier (Ely, MN), Canoe Base in Bissett, Canada - canoeing, hiking, fishing, wilderness camping

Come Camp With Us

Webelos are invited to camp with us on Sep 23-25, Oct 28-30, or Nov 11-13. Contact Lisa Davis, 281-536-7098, lisadavis01@windstream.net

Boy-Led?

Boy Scouts is intended to be a program that puts boys in command of making their own decisions. Troop 1631 takes that vision seriously, and we gear our program toward helping the boys learn how to lead, follow, and participate. We believe the best way to learn is by doing and teaching others and that is our guiding philosophy.

Troop 1631 is a boy-led troop with adult supervision. What exactly does that mean?

- Junior leaders are elected by the scouts. Elections are held twice a year. There is a Troop Leadership Training (TLT) weekend after every election where a 6 month plan is established.
- Junior leaders plan the monthly activities and trips in detail at a monthly Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meeting.
- Meetings are run by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) or an Assistant Sr. Patrol Leader (ASPL).
- Every scout has the opportunity to lead a group of boys, whether it's a patrol or the whole troop.
- Camping meals are planned by the scouts in each patrol, who also purchase/prepare the food.
- Campouts follow the patrol method, meaning that boys in the same patrol sleep, eat, and go to cool places in groups together.

What is the adult supervision?

- Activities are supervised by adults who are properly trained, starting with the BSA's Youth Protection certification.
- When the SPL has a question, he can turn to one of the many BSA trained adult leaders in the troop.
- Meetings are supervised by the Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmasters for safety and to avoid any dangerous situations.
- Adults attend the PLC, acting as mentors/advisors. The final decision is made by the junior leaders, adults do not vote.
- Adults provide transportation, and handle all funds, insurance, advancements, and forms.

Adult Leaders

All parents are encouraged to actively support the troop, starting with simply monitoring your son's advancement, attending his Court of Honor, and reading/responding to the information that is sent to keep you informed.

When you enroll your son in Troop 1631, please give serious consideration to registering yourself as either an Assistant Scoutmaster or a Troop Committee member.

Assistant Scoutmasters focus on the "operational" aspects of the troop by assisting the Scoutmaster, advising the scouts, serving as role models, participating in campouts and troop meetings, overseeing equipment, and more.

Committee members have more of an "administrative" focus, including: secretary, treasurer, communications, training, advancements, t-shirts, records, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, health/safety, advisors, merit badge counselors, etc.

Sign Me Up!

Is Troop 1631 the right place for your son to continue his scouting adventures? Then let's sign him up!

1. Complete a Youth Application.
2. Submit the application and check for \$125 dues, payable to BSA Troop 1631:
Lisa Davis, 281-536-7098
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Sugar Land, TX 77479.
3. We'll follow up with you and provide details about the crossover.

Contacts

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Scoutmaster

Alan Davis became the Scoutmaster in 2009, succeeding Scoutmaster Hank Wedelich after many successful years of service with Troop 1631.

"Hank is the second Scoutmaster who has had a positive influence on my life. As a Life Scout in Troop 44 in central New York State, I was fortunate to have a Scoutmaster who was committed to Scouting and truly exemplified Scout Spirit. Many of the enduring memories I have of my childhood stem from Scouting.

"My interests include snow and water skiing, sailing, and cycling. ... We have a rich diversity of interests and skills among our adult leaders, and I hope we can continue to tap into those resources and apply them to the program. To me, transferring our passions, whatever they are, is one of the key objectives of Scouting and one of the ways in which everyone has something to offer.

"Scouting has a hidden secret, which is that the adult leaders get as much out of it as the boys do: friendships, skills, adventure, and leadership."

Committee Chair

Lisa Herzog is the Committee Chair for Troop 1631 and has been an adult scouter for more than 10 years.

"As Committee Chair, my key responsibility is to recruit and involve parents in our Scouting program. I am encouraged by the energy and dedication of our adult leaders in guiding our sons and providing both a nurturing and challenging environment. The reward for me as an involved parent is to see the personal growth in our scouts after completing a week in the outdoors at camp, a high adventure trek or a service project helping others in the community. I am inspired by their confidence, mastery of outdoor skills, stewardship of the environment, and building of lifelong friendships. It is wonderful to watch our scouts learn to live the words of the Scout Oath and Law, and be assured of its influence through their future."