



# Developing tomorrow's leaders today

## Welcome!

Troop 171 is a **Scout-led** and **Scout-run** troop that conducts **weekly meetings** year-round every Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Eastland United Methodist Church, 10718 Courthouse Road in Fredericksburg.

**Monthly outings and activities** help Scouts to master troop meeting concepts and promote fellowship. These **activities vary based on scout input** but often include a *one or two night campouts* under the supervision of trained leaders often within a two-hour drive of Fredericksburg; events such as participation in Naval Academy scout day, Air & Space museum, or service, or advancement events generally local to the area. Campouts have involved a wide variety of activities including **caving, white-water rafting, rifle shooting, fly fishing and backpacking.** The troop currently takes an **extended weekend trip** over the Martin Luther King Jr. Day weekend in January. The troop also attends a **week-long summer camp** typically in July. The troop has also taken senior scouts to Philmont Ranch in New Mexico and Northern Tier in Minnesota.



## Service

Serving our fellow Scouts, our troop, others, and our community are vital components of 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 incorporates that core value into our troop activities.

Troop 171 does trash pickup on a local roadway each quarter. We volunteer each Memorial day Luminaria at the Fredericksburg National Battlefield cemetery and at other events such as the Marine Corps Historic Half Marathon and Civil War re-enactments. 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 the weekly programming; 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.

While these adult leaders are responsible for the administrative functioning of the troop, the elected **Senior Patrol Leader** is **responsible for the troop's overall operation.** With guidance from the Scoutmaster, he takes charge of troop meetings and activities. **Patrol Leaders Council** — the troop's senior youth leadership — are charged with making decisions ranging from what we do at meetings to where we go for outings. The troop operates in patrols led by appointed patrol leaders who work under the direction of the senior patrol leader. These and other appointed positions of responsibility allow Scouts to hone their leadership skills while experiencing ownership in how the troop operates.





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## Leadership

### Scoutmaster

Curtis Tammany  
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### Troop Committee Chair

Robert Kirkpatrick  
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### Chartered Organization Representative

Jerry Orndorff

## History

The troop was founded prior to WWII, but as with a number of units, "went dark" with the mobilization during the war. In 1950 the troop was reestablished in Fredericksburg, Virginia and subsequently moved to Chancellor Baptist Church in Spotsylvania. In March of 1997, we moved again to Spotsylvania Presbyterian Church. We have won numerous awards and have had many great leaders come out of our Troop. We have also produced many Eagle Scouts and expect many more to come!

## Contact

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## Parents' Roles

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

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

## Individual Troop Expenses

The cost of troop participation depends on several factors. Anticipated troop expenses provided here will vary based on troop planning as well as a Scout's level of participation in monthly outings and troop fundraisers. Webelos bridging over to Troop 171 receive the *Boy Scout Handbook*, neckerchief and slide, numeral uniform patch and pair of Boy Scout shoulder loops at no cost. **The troop also has its own tents and cooking gear for the scouts to use.**

**Troop Dues** .....\$12/month or \$144/year prorated when joining mid-year. *Includes BSA registration and advancements*

**Outings** ..... Varies; avg: \$15-30 each

**Summer Camp** ..... approx. \$250-300

## How do I join Troop 171?

We believe the real measure of a troop's "fit" for a prospective member is during a troop meeting. We also believe it's important to visit more than one troop before making a decision to join any troop. We recognize the BSA's suggested approach to troop selection:

1. **Schedule a follow-up visit**, if desired, with the scoutmaster after your visit to our troop
2. **Visit other local troops** to evaluate your membership options—there are checklists of considerations that can help you decide
3. **Request to join** by expressing your interest by sending an email to the troop committee chair at ndrordr@gmail.com or the other leader contacts.

We welcome your visits. We will gladly have scouts and leaders available to answer your questions.

