

CHOOSE YOUR ADVENTURE WITH BOY SCOUT TROOP 2

Catch fish.
Earn badges.
Climb rocks.
Explore caves.
Take hikes.
Help people.
Raft whitewater.
Discover trails.
Ride bikes.
Play sports.
Canoe rivers.
Design games.
Hit targets.
Lead peers.
Snowboard slopes.
Grow better.
Camp out.
Work together.
Have fun.
Build campfires.



COME CHECK US OUT!

OPEN MEETING

Tuesday, February 13, 7:30 -8:30 pm

Lincoln School Multi-Purpose Room (Use Southwest entrance)

Boys and Parents are invited

Questions or RSVP: Karin Riggs, Karindianeriggs@gmail.com



www.Troop2oakpark.com

Facebook: Troop20akPark

Troop 2 Delivers Activities, Skills and Leadership You Won't Get Anywhere Else

We all want our boys to get out more, to do more fun stuff that's not electronics. To learn real world analog skills like first aid and fishing. We want them to actually be leaders, not be lectured about leadership. That's exactly what we do. And it doesn't require a travel-team-like commitment.

Here's what you want to know:

What age do boys need to be to join Boy Scouts?

Boy Scouts are between 6th grade and their 18th birthday. Sixth through 8th grade is great; 6th grade is ideal.

Do you need to have been a a Cub Scout to join?

No. Boy Scouts is its own program and no prior scouting experience is required.

How often do you guys do stuff?

We have a weekend outdoor activity about once per month; Troop meetings (with all boys) once a week to learn new skills, plan and have fun; and we go to summer camp for a week in late July. Older boys do more involved summer trips, like backpacking in the mountains or canoeing the Boundary Waters.

That seems like a lot – how will we fit Scouts into everything else?

This is where Boy Scouts is very different than Cub Scouts and almost every other activity in Oak Park – the program is totally flexible. No activities are required. Have a travel sport in the fall? No problem! Do the things you can and then come more regularly in winter and spring. Have a school program Tuesday night? See you next week. You can be an athlete, a musician, a roboticist AND a Scout.

What does it mean that the troop is “Boy-led”?

This is the cornerstone of Boy Scouts. The BOYS decide what types of activities they want to do (canoe, bike, hike...) and where. They plan and run the meetings. When we are out camping, boys set up and run camp; each patrol plans and cooks their own meals (even the 6th graders!). Of course, adult leadership is there to guide them every step of the way. In what other activity would your son get this experience?

What is the financial commitment to join?

There is a \$200 annual membership and we require a basic uniform (about \$50). For about the cost of a week of Park District summer camp, you get 9 months of programming – including all outdoor/camping activities. We want every boy and family that is interested in Troop 2 to participate, so financial assistance is available.

Is there fundraising? We may do a fundraiser from time-to-time, but it is not required.



CAN'T MAKE THE OPEN MEETING?

Come to one of our Troop meetings, Tuesdays at Lincoln School at 7:30 -8:30 pm.

Or contact Scoutmaster James Mahoney with questions: troop2scoutleader@gmail.com