



BSA TROOP 505 THE PRAIRIE TROOP Naperville, Illinois

www.troop505.org

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INTRODUCTION: Troop 505 "The Prairie Troop" was chartered in 1964 and has been a continuously active Troop in Naperville since its inception. Currently 100 boys are in the Troop and Crew. Many boys have graduated from the Troop with the skills, values, and self-confidence necessary to guide them through their entire adult life. Over 140 boys have earned the Eagle Scout Award, and in 2010-11 the Troop will graduate 2-3 Eagle Scouts. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.



The aim of Scouting is to build character, foster citizenship, and to develop fitness. Troop 505's program is planned and run by the boys with guidance from adult leaders. Scouting works best in the out-of-doors and Troop 505 supports a strong outdoor program



MEETINGS: Troop 505 is chartered by Knox Presbyterian Church Christian Education Department. The Scouting program is non-denominational. We meet almost every Monday night at 7:30 PM from September to May. Most meetings end between 8:45 and 9:00 PM Knox Presbyterian Church is located at 1105 Catalpa Lane (take Washington St. and turn west onto Gartner). Turn left onto Catalpa and then right onto Basswood. There is ample parking at the shopping center across from the Church.



FACILITIES: Large troop meeting room, gymnasium, breakout rooms, and kitchen are provided by Knox Presbyterian Church. The Troop supplies all the equipment needed for camping exception of personal gear, sleeping bags, and ground cover. This includes equipment such as tents, tarps, propane stoves, propane lanterns, cook kits, chef's kits, and dutch ovens.

ORGANIZATION: Troop 505's strong scouting program is a direct result of active Scoutmasters and other adult scout leaders. The Troop has over 40 registered leaders, including Scoutmasters and Committee Members. The Scouts are responsible for planning and running the Troop Program. The Patrol Leader Council (PLC) is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and Patrol Leaders. Each Patrol Leader represents his patrol on the PLC and brings back information to his patrol on decisions made by the PLC. Therefore, every Scout in the Troop is given a voice in the Troop's operation.

The Troop organization is tiered to ensure the boys develop strong skills that are appropriate within their rank and age group. By working within their peer groups they support and motivate each other as they learn and advance:

- **New Scout Unit – Cobras:** Scouts in the fifth and sixth grade are assigned to new boy patrols. For fifth grade boys, the Patrol Leader is a senior Scout. For sixth grade boys, the patrol leader is a different sixth grade Scout each month. An older Scout is also assigned as Troop Guide to assist the Patrol Leader and work with the new Scouts on basic Scouting skills.
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- **High School Unit - Venturing Crew:** The Crew is a high adventure program for boys in high school. This program provides more challenging and diverse activities (i.e. technical rope climbing, white water rafting).

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ACTIVITIES/ OUTINGS FOR 2010/2011

Outings:

September	Rock Cut State Park, Illinois – Hiking Biking & Fishing
October	Kettle Moraine State Park, Wi. (Webelos)
November	Climbing, Bloomington, Ill.
December	Survival Campout in Michigan (no tents or stoves)
January	Lock-in (Webelos invited) Skiing at Cascade
February	Family Night Dinner and Slide Show Klondike Campout, Pancake Breakfast Big Deal Outing (tentative)
March	EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wis.
April	Advancement Campout
May	Indy 500 Time Trials, Indianapolis, Ind.
June	Webelos Overnighter Campout, Thunderbird
July	Summer Camp – Ransburg Scout Reservation, 2011 High Adventure: Philmont AND/OR Sea Base



Service Projects and Fundraisers

Fall and Spring Service Projects at Knox: Outdoor Beautification, Clean-up,

Fall Von Oven Work Day: Scouts help prepare our local scout camp for the winter

Winter Service Project: Scouting for Food

Major Fundraisers: Popcorn, Wreaths, Ink Jet cartridges Recycling and Pancake Breakfast. Why so many? It ensures the troop is well funded, and creates an opportunity for the boys to earn money for their escrow accounts to pay for camping gear, camping outings, and high adventure trips.

Summer Camp

Summer camp is the first long term camping experience in Scouting. Troop 505 attends BSA Camp Ransburg in southern Indiana. We have reserved camp sites for approximately 50 Scouts. Several of our adult leaders guide the Scouts at camp, along with the Camp Staff. Ransburg also offers numerous high adventure activities for older scouts, and they can get 4 or 5 merit badges toward higher rank.

For more information, see our calendar and other pictures of our Scouts in action visit our web site at www.troop505.org.

The best way to get to know us is by visiting our Troop and meeting the boys and adult leaders. Your 2nd year Webelos can visit on: Oct. 25th, or Nov. 15th. You are welcome visit with your Webelos any Monday at 7:30PM by calling or e-mailing ahead to one of the contacts below.

Please contact: Mark Minter (Webelos Recruiting) at minter.m@comcast.net or 630-355-4726 to set up a visit date. If you have questions on the program, feel free to contact Mark Minter, Committee Chair, at minter.m@comcast.net (630-355-4726) or Jezza Sutton, Scoutmaster at Jezza.sutton@prodigy.net (630) 416-8427

