

AOL → SCOUTS BSA

Parent Transition Guide

Helping Your Scout Choose the Troop That Fits Them Best



WHAT TO EXPECT DURING THE TRANSITION



Troop Visits

Explore at Least 2 Troops



Joint Activities

Attend Campouts & Hikes



Crossover Ceremony

Celebrate the Move Up



Summer Camp

Plan for Adventure



Youth Independence

Scouts Lead the Way

HOW TROOPS DIFFER



Youth Leadership

Are Scouts Leading?



Outdoor Program

How Often Does the Troop Camp?



Troop Culture

Is It Welcoming?



Communication

Is Information Clear and Consistent?



Expectations

What Is Required of Scouts and Families?

PARENT CHECKLIST: CHOOSING THE RIGHT TROOP



Program & Activities

- ☐ Monthly Camping
- ☐ Active Meetings
- ☐ Outdoor Adventures
- ☐ Advancement Opportunities



Leadership & Culture

- ☐ Scout-Led Program
- ☐ Welcoming Environment
- ☐ Positive Adult Mentorship
- ☐ Youth Leadership Opportunities



Logistics & Costs

- ☐ Clear Communication
- ☐ Annual Cost Information
- ☐ Fundraising Opportunities
- ☐ Convenient Meeting Schedule



Your Scout's Experience

- ☐ Felt Comfortable
- ☐ Connected with Other Scouts
- ☐ Excited to Participate
- ☐ Wants to Join

QUESTIONS TO ASK TROOPS



Outdoor Program

- How often do you camp?
- What outdoor activities are offered?



Meetings

- When and where are meetings held?
- What are attendance expectations?



Gear & Costs

- What equipment is required?
- What are the annual costs?



Summer Camp

- Which camp does the troop attend?
- How many Scouts participate?



Family Support

- How can families help?
- What volunteer opportunities are available?

FINAL MESSAGE



Pick the Troop Where Your Scout Feels



Welcome



Included



Challenged



Excited to Grow

