

## Benefits of Scouting

### Personal Growth

As Scouts plan their activities, and progress towards their goals, they experience personal growth. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others.

### Leadership Development

Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.



### Advancement

The scouts learn basic skills and leadership through advancement. They learn these skills in an environment that fosters team work, and they have fun doing it. The Boy Scouts have seven steps or ranks of advancement. The first four ranks involve learning scout skills; the last three ranks teaches advanced Scouting Skills, leadership and service.



Scout



Tender



Second



First  
Class



Star



Life



Eagle

## Boy Scout Ideals

### Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor I will do my best To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

### Scout Law

A Scout is:

Trustworthy Loyal Helpful Courteous Kind  
Obedient Cheerful Thrifty Brave Clean Reverent

### Mission Statement

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetime by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

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## Boy Scouts of America

### Troop 159

Belcher, Louisiana



## Troop Facts

### About our Troop

I would like to introduce and invite you to join Troop 159 of the Norwela Council. The Troop is sponsored by the Belcher Presbyterian Church and meets at their Outreach Center on Gray Street in Belcher every Tuesday night from 6:30-8:00 pm.

- Lane Carlisle, Scoutmaster

### The Patrol Method

Patrols are the building blocks of a Boy Scout troop. A patrol is a small group of boys who are similar in age, development, and interests. Working together as a team, patrol members share the responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership. All patrol members enjoy the friendship, sense of belonging, and achievements of the patrol and of each of its members.



### Leadership

Sr Patrol Leader  
Assistant Sr Patrol Leader  
Buck Patrol Leader  
Roadrunner Patrol Leader  
Quartermaster  
Scribe  
Librarian  
Chaplain

Kade Stewart  
Alex Tibbit  
Jordon DeArmond  
Michael Miller  
Alex Johnson  
Caleb Cowan  
Josh Welch  
Cody Crump

## Boy Scout Outdoor Program

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose.



In the outdoors, boys have opportunities to acquire skills that make them more self-reliant. They can explore canoe and hiking trails and complete challenges they first thought were beyond their ability. Attributes of good character become part of a boy as he learns to cooperate to meet outdoor challenges that may include extreme weather, difficult trails and portages, and dealing with nature's unexpected circumstances.

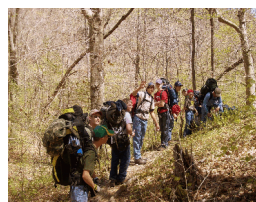


## Types of Outdoor Activities

What are typical Scout outdoor activities? For younger Scouts, less-rugged activities are more appropriate as they begin to acquire outdoor knowledge and skills.

These may include:

Day hikes—Reasonably short hikes (3 to 10 miles) in terrain without a lot of elevation gain or loss.



Service projects

—Daylong projects that may be related to conservation, food collection, building shelter, or healthy living activities.

Patrol activities—A Boy Scout patrol or Varsity Scout squad may hike or camp with other patrols or squads in the unit or, with the permission of their Scoutmaster and parents or guardians, may hike or camp on their own.

Weekend overnights—Troops that plan and carry out outings once a month attract and retain boys at

a much higher level than those that have fewer outings during the year.

Camporees—Councils and districts plan camporees and other outings during the year that give Scouts an opportunity to test their

knowledge and skills in competitive events with other troops and patrols.



Summer camp—Summer camp is what many Scouts enjoy most. Camp programs provide numerous opportunities for Scouts to earn merit badges along their advancement trail.

Resident Scout camping includes at least five nights and six days of fun outdoor activities.

