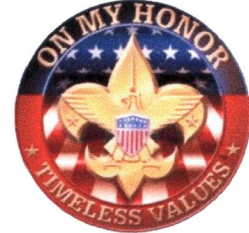




**Boy Scouts of America
Lyme-Old Lyme Troop 26**

Michael E. Gentry - Scoutmaster
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Old Lyme, CT 06371



April 22, 2008

Dear New Scout Family,

Welcome to Troop 26! We are excited to have you join us!

The information in this packet is designed to answer many of your questions. We also added a website this year at www.troop26lymeoldlyme.org which has loads of information about upcoming events, forms that you can download and links to other resources. If you have questions after reviewing these resources, please e-mail or call me, or one of our leaders from the enclosed list.

Please refer to the checklist on the outside of the envelope. As soon as possible (and before your Scout participates in any Troop activity), please complete the requested forms and return them to Tony Lynch, our Committee Chairman. It is imperative that you fill the forms out accurately and completely. We may need to rely on this information in a medical emergency when you are not available.

You will note that numerous fields on the Scout Personal Data Collection Form have been crossed out. We either don't need this information, or will get it from another form. We DO, however, need your driver's license and automobile information. We provide this information to our Council when you are one of the drivers for a Troop event.

Thank you in advance for your time and your prompt response. We look forward to your participation in our growing Troop family!

Yours in Scouting,

Home: 860-434-1587
Cell: 860-608-3223
e-mail: gentrme@nu.com

Lyme-Old Lyme Boy Scout Troop 26
2008 Annual Permission Slip and Waivers

Scout name: _____

Informed Consent and Hold-Harmless Agreement: I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves risks. In consideration of the benefits to be derived and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational organization in which membership is voluntary, I hereby consent to my son/ward's full participation in all Troop 26 activities in 2008. I hereby waive all claims against the volunteer leaders of Troop 26, its Chartered Organization and the Boy Scouts of America, except for clear acts of negligence or non-adherence to BSA policies.

Medical Waiver and Emergency Treatment: I hereby give permission to the leaders of Troop 26 to render First Aid, should the need arise. In the event of emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by a Troop 26 leader to treat, hospitalize, secure anesthesia and order injection or surgery for my son/ward. I understand that the leader will make reasonable efforts to contact me, using the information on the attached Personal Data Form.

Medical Information and Limitations: I understand that the Troop will use the medical information provided by me on the attached Personal Data Form and from the BSA Class I/II/III Medical Form I provide. I have included any medications and special limitations affecting my son/ward's participation.

Information updates: I understand that the Troop will ask me to review my son/ward's Personal Data and BSA Medical forms annually and I agree to notify the Scoutmaster promptly if any of the information on these forms changes.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

Printed Name

Scout Personal Data Collection Form

Name: _____

Nickname: _____

Sex: M / F

Address: _____

Mailing: _____

Phone Home: () _____

DOB: ____/____/____
Grade: _____
School: _____

Email: _____

Joined Unit: ____/____/____ Boys' Life: Y/N
Cub From: ____/____/____ Cub To: ____/____/____ Highest Cub Badge: _____

~~Emergency Contact(s)~~
Emergency Contact(s): _____ Phone: () _____ ~~Class 4 Phys.~~ _____
_____ Phone: () _____ ~~Class 2 Phys.~~ _____
Doctor: _____ Phone: () _____ ~~Class 3 Phys.~~ _____
Insurance: _____ Phone: () _____ ~~Totals~~ _____
Insurance Policy: _____ Group: _____
Medications: _____
Allergies: _____
Other: _____

Prior Experiences:

From	To	Level	Unit #	Council #
____/____/____	____/____/____	____	____	____
____/____/____	____/____/____	____	____	____
____/____/____	____/____/____	____	____	____
____/____/____	____/____/____	____	____	____

Father: _____ Mother: _____
Nickname: _____ Nickname: _____
Guardian: Y/N Guardian: Y/N

Phone(s) Work: _____ Phone(s) Work: _____
CELL : _____ CELL : _____
OTHER : _____ OTHER : _____
Email: _____ Email: _____

Drivers Lic: _____ ST: ____ Drivers Lic: _____ ST: ____
Employer: _____ Employer: _____
Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Income (in thousands) _____

Vehicle(s) (year/make/model)	# Belts	Lic Plate	Hitch	Has Person	Has Accident	Property
_____	____	____	Y/N	____	____	____
_____	____	____	Y/N	____	____	____

Remarks: _____



PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD

CLASS 1 AND CLASS 2

Height _____ Weight _____ Eye color _____ Hair color _____

CLASS 1 PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HISTORY

(To be filled out annually by all participants)

To be filled out by parent, guardian, or adult participant. Please print in ink.

IDENTIFICATION

Name _____ Date of birth _____ Age _____ Sex _____

Name of parent or guardian _____ Telephone _____

Home address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Business address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

If person named above is not available in the event of an emergency, notify

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Telephone _____

Name of personal physician _____ Telephone _____

Personal health/accident insurance carrier _____ Policy No. _____

Check all items that apply, **past or present**, to your health history. Explain any "Yes" answers.

ALLERGIES: Food, medicines, insects, plants Yes No Explain: _____

GENERAL INFORMATION:	Yes	No		Yes	No		Yes	No
ADHD (Attention-Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Convulsions/seizures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hemophilia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asthma	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High blood pressure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cancer/leukemia	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Heart trouble	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kidney disease	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Explain: _____

Please list ALL medications taken in the 30 days **prior** to arrival at the Scouting activity where this form is to be used: _____

List any **medications to be taken at camp**, including drug, dosage, route (oral, injection, etc.), and frequency: _____

List any physical or behavioral conditions that may affect or limit full participation in swimming, backpacking, hiking long distances, or playing strenuous physical games: _____

List equipment needed such as wheelchair, braces, glasses, contact lenses, etc.: _____

Immunizations: (Give date of last inoculation.)

Tetanus toxoid _____ Measles _____ Polio _____

OR DPT _____ OR MMR _____

Hepatitis A _____ Varicella _____ OR Chicken pox _____

Hepatitis B _____

I give permission for full participation in BSA programs, subject to limitations noted herein.

In case of emergency, I understand every effort will be made to contact me (if participant is an adult, my spouse or next of kin). In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my permission to the licensed health-care practitioner selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child (or for me, if participant is an adult).

Date _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

Date updated _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

Date updated _____ Signature of parent/guardian or adult _____

Some hospitals require the parent/guardian signature to be notarized. Check with your BSA local council.

NAME

TROOP

CAMPSITE

Boy Scout Troop 26 – Lyme-Old Lyme, Connecticut

Troop Handbook

About this Handbook

Note: This handbook is “under construction”, so not all of the referenced sections exist yet. When complete, copies will be distributed to all Scout families.

This is a handbook for Scouts and their parents. It explains the things you should know about Boy Scout Troop 26 of Lyme-old Lyme, Connecticut. The topics include a Troop history, description of outings and activities, our summer camping program, what equipment is needed by each Scout and what is provided by the Troop, requirements for Scout advancement, and how to prepare for a Board of Review. In addition, Troop 26 policies on uniforms, attendance, conduct and discipline are included.

Parents should review this handbook with their son. A "Membership Agreement" is included at the end which must be signed by each new Scout, certifying that he agrees to abide by the rules contained herein. There is also a place for a Parent/Guardian to sign, acknowledging their responsibility to their Scout and the Troop.

Boy Scouts of America Mission, Aims and Methods

Our youth must make mature decisions about many things that they're limited experience with life has not prepared them for. Many of these decisions will have long-term consequences.

Boy Scouting offers young men a unique opportunity to practice and learn teamwork, leadership and citizenship. Since 1910, it has been the mission of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to prepare young men to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

Boy Scouting works towards three Aims:

- *Growth in moral strength and character* - we define this as what the boy is-his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.
- *Participating citizenship* - The relationship and obligations a boy has to other people, to the society he lives in and to the government that presides over that society.

- *Development of physical, mental and emotional fitness* - Fitness includes a well-tuned and healthy body, a mind that is able to think and solve problems and positive emotions such as self-control, courage and self-respect.

To accomplish these Aims, the boy Scouting program uses eight Methods:

- **Ideals** - The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout oath, law, motto and slogan. Each Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve.
- **Patrols** - the Patrol Method gives Scout's and experience in group living in participating citizenship it places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and then increases it as the boy learns.
- **Outdoors** - Boy Scouting is designed to primarily take place outdoors. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at Troop meetings come alive with a purpose.
- **Advancement** - Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through the advancement method. Each Scout progresses at his own pace, overcoming challenges and gaining self-confidence as he is rewarded for achievement.
- **Adult Association** - Boys develop by learning through their association with adult leaders of high moral character.
- **Personal Growth** - By planning their activities, progressing toward their goals, participating in community service projects and doing Good Turns for others, boys experience personal growth.
- **Leadership Development** - Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Understanding the concepts of leadership guides boys toward the citizenship Aim of Scouting.
- **Uniform** - The uniform makes the Scout Troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive use image and the community. Wearing his uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform also provides identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals.

Troop 26 Organization

Troop 26 of Lyme-old Lyme has been in existence since 1945 and is organized in accordance with BSA policies as defined in the current Scoutmaster's Handbook and Troop Committee Guidebook. The Troop is sponsored by the Lyme-old Lyme Chamber of Commerce. Responsibility for Troop policies and organization lies with the Troop Committee, which is overseen by the Committee Chairman.

The Scoutmaster and his Assistants oversee the Troop's operations, which are planned and run by the Patrol Leader's Council (PLC). The PLC is comprised of the Patrol Leaders and other youth leaders, with the Senior Patrol Leader in charge.

The Troop is made up of Patrols, which are groups of six to eight boys who work together as a team. Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader. Scouts are expected to support their Patrol and to be responsive to directions given by Patrol Leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader.

Troop 26 Vision

“To foster an exciting, self-sustaining, program-driven and boy-lead organization that benefits our community by producing leaders and outstanding citizens.”

Troop 26 Goals: 2007 – 2008

- To improve our program planning and organization.
- To reinstitute the Boy-led Patrol Method.
- To select appropriate candidates for youth leader positions and train the youth leaders to run the Troop.
- To get everyone wearing complete class A uniforms to Scouting events.

Activities

Troop activities consist of the following:

- Weekly Troop meetings
- A monthly Troop event
- Several community service projects
- Eagle Scout work project activities
- Old Lyme Memorial Day parade
- Summer camp for a week in July (participation recommended)
- One or more high-adventure trips for older Scouts (participation optional)
- Parking cars at the Hamburg Fair in August for a Troop fundraiser
- An additional fundraiser for Scouts to raise money for their personal Scout Account

Participation and Attendance Policy

An objective of our Troop is to have our Scouts plan their own activities, create a fulfilled, healthy environment, discipline themselves and become good citizens by being good leaders and followers with minimal direction from our adult leaders.

Just as a sports team relies on its players to wear their uniforms and participate in practices and games, a Boy Scout Troop will only function correctly if its members

regularly attend meetings and activities and wear uniforms. A Boy Scout Patrol is as important, as complicated and requires as much loyalty as any other team.

If a Scout doesn't participate regularly, he loses interest, becomes a disruptive bystander and the meetings suffer. Additionally, if a youth leader doesn't attend a campout or other activity, his friends frequently do not go. If the youth leaders don't go, the younger Scouts are left in mid-air or they do not go and the Patrol method breaks down. Further, if the older Scouts do not actively participate in meetings and go on outings, there is no way that the Scouts can run their own Troop.

In discussions, the Troop committee acknowledged the direct relationship between the active participation of its members and the quality of the Troop's programs and decided to set forth its expectations on attendance for youth leaders and the Troop as a whole.

It is Troop 26's policy that active participation in meetings and events is expected of each Scout. Scouts should arrive at least 10 minutes before an activity begins, in full uniform and with their Scout Handbook. If a Scout isn't interested in attending and doesn't think Scouting is fun, for his sake and the sake of the Troop, let him do something else.

Attendance for advancement in rank: Advancement in rank generally requires that a Scout be active in his Troop. It is Troop 26's policy that a Scout attends at least 70% of the Troop activities for the time period specified in the Boy Scout handbook in order to satisfy the rank requirement.

Attendance for youth leadership positions: For the ranks of Star, life and Eagle, there is a leadership requirement that is, in part, to "serve actively for a period" of X months in one or more of a defined list of leadership positions. At Troop 26, we have defined "active" as attending the majority of meetings each month and the major activity for that month.

Excused absences - if a Scout is unable to attend a Troop meeting or activity due to an important school, church, or family obligation, he should provide as much advance notice as possible to his youth leader (e.g. Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader) and the Scoutmaster.

Family Support

A Troop with the level of programs, outings, advancement and service that Troop 26 provides, requires the support of family and friends. It is expected that parents will support their Scout's participation in the Troop, as well as their advancement and that each family in Troop 26 will support the activities of the Troop in some way during the year. Many parents find that this is an enjoyable way to spend quality time with their son and his peers.

Advancement

Advancement through the ranks is one of the most important parts of Scouting. The extent to which a boy participates in the advancement program largely determines the benefit he gains from membership and the length of time he stays in Scouting. Boys join the Troop as a Scout and then advance through the ranks in the following order: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and then Eagle. A summary of the complete requirements for each rank can be found in the current Boy Scout Handbook.

Parents should encourage their son to make advancement his own personal goal and he should progress at a pace that is comfortable for him. Scouts, not parents, should contact Troop Leaders and Merit Badge Counselors concerning advancement and appointments.

Parents can help their son get started on the right track by:

- Making sure he has a Boy Scout Handbook with his name boldly marked on the outside and inside and reminding him to bring it to every Troop activity.
- Sitting down to review the requirements of his next rank with him. Do not sign off the requirements, but help them learn them. Establishing a little momentum early on as your son advances through the First Class rank will usually carry him through Star and beyond.
- Encouraging him to participate in Troop meetings and activities.
- Encouraging him to attend summer camp with the Troop. A large percentage of rank advancement typically occurs during the weekly summer camp session. The program is well-organized and the mixture of outdoor experience, personal achievement and learning offered at Camp is unmatched elsewhere.
- Not using Scouting as a disciplinary measure or as a reward for getting good grades in school. Scouting is as much an educational program at school or work. If you feel you must restrict your son's participation, please discuss it with the Scoutmaster.

New Scouts: If a boy he reaches the First Class rank within the first 12 months after he has joined the Troop, he is likely to stay in Scouting longer. The Scout will also benefit and enjoy his Scouting experience more if this objective is attained. During the first year, Scouts can achieve the rank of First Class if they actively participate in Troop activities. If they are not First Class by the time of attending summer camp, they can often achieve it during camp, if they conscientiously work at it.

Star, Life and Eagle: After the rank of First Class, Scouts work on Merit Badges. Other requirements for advancement include tenure in rank, leadership experience, service hours or project, a conference with the Scoutmaster and a Board of Review.

Merit badges: Troop 26 maintains a library of Merit Badge pamphlets and a list of Merit Badge Counselors in our area. Scouts should contact the Troop Librarian for assistance. Families are encouraged to donate Merit Badge pamphlets to the Troop 26 library when they are finished with them.

What a Scout decides to pursue a Merit Badge, he should obtain a "blue card" from the Scoutmaster, Advancement chairman, or Committee chairman. The card needs to be signed by the Scoutmaster before the Scout meets with the Merit Badge Counselor. Then, the Scout should contact the Merit Badge Counselor to review the requirements, set appointments and establish an approach to complete that specific Merit Badge. Note that BSA Youth Protection guidelines must be followed to ensure that a Scout is not alone with an adult. Another Scout, or a family member or friend must accompany the Scout at Merit Badge Counselor appointments.

Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor: If you have expertise and would like to register as a Merit Badge Counselor for one or more badges, please contact the Advancement chairman.

Uniforms

Uniforms make the Boy Scout Troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform also signifies membership in a world community of like-minded youth and provides an opportunity for Scouts to wear badges that show what they have accomplished.

We strongly recommend that all articles of clothing be labeled with your son's name and "Troop 26".

Class "A" uniforms, which consist of a Scout hat, a Troop 26 neckerchief (given to each Scout when they join the Troop), slide, BSA shirt with proper insignia and BSA pants or shorts (or other khaki or green pants or shorts) are to be worn to most Scouting events, including weekly Troop meetings, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, parades, summer camp and other activities as specified by the Scoutmaster. If shorts are worn, the Scout should also wear BSA socks.

Uniforms are available on-line at www.Scoutstuff.org and at authorized Scout Shops and resellers which can be found by clicking on "Find a Store" at the bottom of the web page.

Class "B" uniforms, which consist of a Troop 26 green T-shirt (given to each new Scout who attends summer camp or an event that requires a Class "B" uniform and available for purchase from the Scoutmaster), Scout hat and BSA pants or shorts (or other khaki or green pants or shorts) may be worn to certain activities, such as local campouts, only when authorized by the Scoutmaster.

Conduct and Discipline

We expect our Scouts to strive to uphold the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, while also recognizing that Scouting is a learning experience. Mistakes will be made and unacceptable behavior will manifest itself from time to time. Scouts should, as much as possible, be given the opportunity to learn from their errors in judgment.

Troop 26's policy is to ensure a measure of orderliness and control that is necessary for:

- The safety of Troop members and others
- Assuring that meeting and activity goals are met
- Delivering a fun and meaningful experience to all participants

Scouts are expected to follow the Troop Rules, as outlined below, and to be responsive to directions given by youth and adult leaders. Failure to comply will result in the following sequential measures:

- A verbal warning from the Patrol Leader or other youth leader for the first infraction.
- A second verbal warning from the Patrol Leader or other youth leader for the second infraction and a 10 minute "time out" away from the Troop.
- A third warning, which will require the Scout to review his actions with the Scoutmaster.

Dangerous activity will not be tolerated and will be stopped by the Scoutmaster or any adult leader(s) by any means necessary as soon as it is discovered.

Whenever a situation requires that the Scoutmaster get involved he will, after consultation with the Scout, decide on an appropriate course of action that may include:

- Temporary isolation from the Troop or activity
- Removal from the activity by asking the Scout's parents to take him home
- Scheduling a parent conference to work together to solve the discipline issue
- Recommending to the Troop Committee that the Scout be suspended or ejected from the Troop

Certain actions will be cause for a Scout's immediate removal from a Troop activity:

- Willful violation of Federal or State Laws
- Threats or actions that could result in harm to himself or others
- Threatened or actual damage to equipment, property, or the environment

In this situation, parents/guardians will be notified and are responsible for arranging to transport the Scout home promptly. Any extra costs involved are the responsibility of the parents/guardians. The Scout will not be allowed to leave the meeting/activity until the parents/guardians, or their designated representative, arrive.

Troop 26 Rules

The following rules apply to youths and adults at all Troop 26 functions:

- Show respect for others, verbally and physically (e.g., no obscene language or gestures, keep your hands to yourself, no fighting, no disruptive behavior)
- Obey the Scout Sign
- Follow directions given by youth and adult leaders
- Do your best to follow the Scout Oath and Law
- Adhere to the Outdoor Code when outdoors

Prohibited items:

- Firearms, oversize, sheath or stiletto-style knives and firecrackers
- Electronic devices of any kind, except as specifically authorized by the Scoutmaster
- Alcohol and any other controlled substances are not permitted at any Troop activity where Scouts are in attendance, or at any time when in uniform.
- Smoking by Scouts is prohibited. Adults are encouraged not to smoke and may do so only when outdoors and out of the view of Scouts.

Finances

The Troop Treasurer maintains a checking account at a local bank and uses a software program called TroopLedger to manage the Troop's finances. This software enables us to track income and expenses, prepare and monitor an annual Troop budget and manage and report on individual Scout Accounts.

Dues and Fees: Troop 26 will collect a nominal amount each year to cover registration with our Council, insurance and to "jump start" each Scouts Scout Account (see below). Other than that, the Troop and each Scout are expected to be self-sufficient through group and individual fundraising efforts. The Troop pays for a subscription to Boys Life for every member family.

Fundraising: Fundraising is vital to the success of Troop 26's active program. It helps us pay for equipment, awards and badges, costs associated with special events and administrative expenses. Our main fundraiser is providing parking for the Hamburg Fair in August and we expect all Scouts to support this annual effort. Depending on our resources and needs, there may be an additional Troop fundraiser during the year. We also provide at least one individual fundraiser so that Scouts can raise money to deposit in their Scout Account (see below) to pay for individual expenses. Last, but not least, we actively seek and greatly appreciate donations and grants from citizens, local businesses and employers.

Scout Accounts: While all monies received by the Treasurer are deposited to the Troop bank account, each Scout has his own “virtual” account, which is tracked by the Treasurer via our TroopLedger software. A portion of the Scout’s annual dues are deposited to this account, as are any monies he elects to deposit, the results of his individual fundraising efforts and, on occasion, a pro-rated share of Troop fundraisers. Scouts can make withdrawals from their account to pay for uniforms, Scouting equipment and Troop-sponsored events, such as summer camp and high-adventure trips. Scouts are encouraged to develop financial management skills by learning to pay part of their way and they are provided with individual fundraising opportunities to help them. When a Scout leaves the Troop, any balance remaining in his Scout Account reverts to the Troop’s general account.

Other documents that should be distributed with this handbook:

- Current listing of Adult Leaders
- Current Troop calendar

Troop 26 Membership Agreement

This agreement summarizes the mutual expectations of our Scouts, Parents and Troop.

The Troop, comprised of the adult and youth Leaders, Scouts and their families, agrees to do its best to provide a meaningful and exciting program that supports the Aims and Methods of the Boy Scouts of America and benefits our community by producing leaders and outstanding citizens. We will make every effort to provide each Scout with opportunities for physical, mental and emotional growth.

Scoutmaster

Date

As a member of Troop 26, I understand that my enthusiastic participation in Troop activities is vital to the success of the Troop, my Patrol and my fellow Scouts. I agree to regularly attend meetings and activities, to do my best to live by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan, to wear my uniform in support of the worldwide brotherhood of Scouts and to challenge myself to achieve higher rank and leadership goals. I reviewed the Troop 26 Handbook with my parent/guardian and agree to abide by the rules in it.

Scout

Date

As my Scout's parent/guardian, I understand that his participation in Troop activities is at least as important as being a member of a sports or other team and that his fellow Scouts are counting on him. I will do my best to support his participation and to encourage his advancement in rank and leadership responsibility. Though it is his ultimate responsibility, I will do my part to ensure that he is on time, in uniform and has his Scout Handbook with him. I also agree to assist the Troop in some way each year. I have read and understand the Troop 26 Handbook.

Parent/Guardian

Date

Troop 26 Adult Resource Survey

We invite you to share your skills and interests, which we will translate into meaningful contributions to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and your participation in Troop activities will provide you with opportunities to deepen your relationship with your son and his peers. We request that parents commit to helping the Troop at least once each year.

Name: _____ Home phone: _____

Street address: _____ E-Mail: _____

Circle one: Lyme Old Lyme

1. What hobbies do you enjoy? _____

2. What sports and activities do you enjoy? _____

3. Please check off any specific items you would be willing to assist with:

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending a campout | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography / Videography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping organize a fundraiser | <input type="checkbox"/> I have advanced first aid certification |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Going on a hike | <input type="checkbox"/> I have a pickup truck or van to transport gear |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing transportation for an event | <input type="checkbox"/> I have a large passenger van |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Typing / word processing | <input type="checkbox"/> I have a commercial drivers license |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Carpentry projects | <input type="checkbox"/> I have access to a bus |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing refreshments for an event | <input type="checkbox"/> I have access to a print shop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping organize an event | <input type="checkbox"/> I have access to a copier for large projects |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative tasks / deskwork | <input type="checkbox"/> I have access to a unique activity or property: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making phone calls | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Helping manage troop equipment | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic arts / desktop publishing | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website design / updating | |

4. Please check any areas that you are reasonably proficient in that you would be willing to teach to younger Scouts (We'll provide the books to teach from).

- | | | |
|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rope work (knots and lashings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Map and compass use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife and ax handling | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Star study | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship | |

5. Do you know someone who has a skill, hobby, equipment or access to something that might be of use or interest to our Troop? _____

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MERIT BADGES

Please check off any merit badges that you would be willing to help Boy Scouts earn

Bold = Required badges

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| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Disability | <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Skiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Boat Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Atomic Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneur | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the | <input type="checkbox"/> Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Skiing |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper | <input type="checkbox"/> Survival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphics Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroading | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile/Amphibian | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore | <input type="checkbox"/> Study | |

Other skills and activities that I could assist with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> Geocaching | <input type="checkbox"/> Nordic skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Windsurfing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cross-country skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba diving | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Downhill skiing | <input type="checkbox"/> Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Spelunking | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter camping | |

Thank you for helping our Scouts!!

Lyme - Old Lyme Boy Scout Troop 26

2008 Calendar of Events

Updated: April 22, 2008

Check our website at www.troop26lymeoldlyme.org for the latest details on upcoming events!!

Remember... No school, no Scouts!

Every Thursday from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM – Weekly Troop meeting at Lyme Firehouse

Saturday, April 26 – Sunday, April 27 – Campout and Webelos crossover ceremony at Nehantic SF

Friday, May 2 – Sunday, May 4 – Mohegan District Spring Camporee at Patchaug SF

Saturday, May 10 – Assist VFW with flag change at Duck River Cemetery

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day parade

Friday, June 6 – Sunday, June 8 – Campout at Nehantic SF. New Scout indoctrination

Friday, June 27 – 29 – High Adventure – Kennebec River rafting trip

Sunday, July 20 – Sunday, July 27 – Summer camp week at Camp Yawgoog

Sunday, July ??? (TBA) – Old Lyme Midsummer Festival cleanup service project

Friday, August 15 – Sunday, August 17 – Hamburg Fair parking fundraiser

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SF = State Forest

TBA = To Be Announced

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