

## About Troop 65

How does my boy become a member of Troop 65?

Any boy who has completed fifth grade or who has earned the Arrow of Light or is eleven years of age but not yet 18 can apply for membership with Troop 65. In addition, all parents are encouraged to participate in Troop activities. Adults interested in being involved should see a Committee Chair for more information.

Tell me about Boy Scout Troop 65.

Troop 65 is a chartered partner with Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, Stockbridge, GA. The Troop is a part of Tussahaw District of the Flint River Council. The administrative body is known as the Troop Committee.

Who runs the Troop?

The scouts themselves run the troop, with the guidance of the Scoutmaster his assistants and Troop Committee. The boys select and decide on monthly activities and outings for the year. The Senior Patrol Leader and the other troop leadership positions are elected by the Troop for a six month tenure. The Senior Patrol Leader and his assistants run the meetings and outing.

What are the requirements to hold a leadership position in the Troop?

All scouts in leadership positions serve at the discretion of the scoutmaster. Senior Patrol Leader should be at least Star rank or higher. The troop will elect the SPL, ASPL, Quartermaster, librarian, scribe, Chaplain Aide, and Bugler. SM will appoint the Junior Assistant Scout Master, if applicable. Patrol leaders are elected by their fellow patrol members for six month terms.

What is the Patrol Leaders' Council?

The Patrol Leader Council (PLC) is made up of scouts who have been elected by the troop to be the leaders of the troop. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) leads the PLC committee. The Scoutmaster and the Committee Chair act as advisors to this group. The PLC makes the agenda for the troop for the activities, lists the badges to be offered, and the upcoming campouts.

When does the Patrol Leaders' Council meet?

The PLC committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:00pm. Only scouts holding troop leadership positions attend the PLC.

How are Patrols determined?

The Scoutmaster assigns new scouts into patrols. The scouts in each patrol elect a patrol leader and an assistant patrol leaders. Leadership positions are subject to final approval by the Scoutmaster.

What is the Patrol Method?

The patrol method is one of the "Methods of Scouting" that teaches boys the importance of teamwork. Our troop is organized into patrols in order to facilitate teamwork. Each patrol will have its own organization, leadership and equipment.

Who do I contact if I have any questions?

Call the Committee Chair. His name and phone numbers is Gene Ingram (H) 770 957-0397.

When are the Troop Meetings?

Troop meeting are held every Tuesday night from 7:00pm to 8:30pm at the Stockbridge Presbyterian Church, North Henry Blvd. Stockbridge, GA. Parents should make sure that they deliver their scouts no later than 6:50pm so that the meeting can begin on time! Every attempt is made to end meetings promptly at 8:30pm. The scoutmaster or assigned adult will not leave the church until all the boys have been picked up. Being late is a inconvenience to the scoutmaster or assigned adults who must stay until the last parents arrives. Please be on time.

Do scouts need to attend every meeting?

Advancement opportunities and skill training occurs at meetings. Missed meetings mean a lack of advancement, the scout will lag behind other boys. Meeting attendance bears a direct relationship not only to advancement, but to how well the scout handles camping and gets along with other scouts. Missing meetings could cause the scout to become listed as a nonparticipant.