

More about our Troop:

Our troop roster has 40 active scouts and a very committed set of adult leaders. We are very fortunate to have beautiful facilities available at Jordan UCC. These facilities include our own camping and outdoor meeting place in the wooded area behind the church. Our troop is four years old and our program continues to grow and offer more opportunities for the boys to learn and have fun!

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Some additional background information about Scouting can be obtained using the following web sites:

Boy Scouts of America – www.scouting.org
Minsi Trails Council – www.minsitrails.com



Troop 1600

**Minsi Trails Council
Boy Scouts of America**

Jordan UCC, Allentown, PA

The Scout Oath

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.

The Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous,
kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Troop 1600

We are a scout-run troop and part of the Boy Scouts of America. We are chartered and sponsored by Jordan United Church of Christ in Allentown, PA. Troop 1600 is part of the North Valley District of the Minsi Trails Council.

What are the Boy Scouts?

In 1907, Lord Robert Baden-Powell invited a group of boys to the first Boy Scout camp on Brownsea Island. He soon wrote *Scouting for Boys*, a book intended to pass on his ideas. It became an instant bestseller, and boys joined by the thousands.

On February 8, 1910, William Boyce and others founded the Boy Scouts of America. Since then, millions of boys have enjoyed and benefited from scouting in the US.

If you were in Cub Scouting, you will notice a major difference between that and Boy Scouting. In Cub Scouts, adults planned and ran the program. In Boy Scouts, the scouts themselves plan and organize the troop. The role of the adult leaders is to assist them in doing so.

The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make moral and ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Boy Scouts is a year round program for boys age 11-18.

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are held from 7:00-8:30 p.m. each Monday night at Jordan UCC. Our normal meeting place is the Church Social Hall. During the summer months (Memorial Day through Labor Day) we meet at Camp Jordan on the Church grounds weather permitting.

Uniform



Scout uniforms are an important part of the program. Each boy gets to be part of a group demonstrated by their uniform and each Troop has a personal sense of identity. The scout uniform is also a display case for a scout's individual accomplishments and recognitions. We wear the uniform to associate ourselves with the principles to which we are committed - character development, citizenship training, and physical and mental fitness. The uniform is not intended to hide our individuality, but it is a way we give each other strength and support.

Advancement

Every rank in scouting is reached by accomplishments by the scout. These requirements are age-appropriate activities that help grow and mold the boy into a self-sufficient, confident, able man.



Activities

Our Troop goal is to hold one outdoor outing per month (primarily camping and/or hiking).

- Camping is one of the cornerstones of advancement and learning within the Boy Scout program. Where possible, the Troop will attend outdoor programs sponsored by the Council and North Valley District (i.e. Jamboree's, Snowbound, First Aid meets, etc.)
- A one week summer residence camp is a primary Troop activity. This experience really helps facilitate advancement and build leadership skills.
- Helping other people is a key part of the Scout Oath and scouts are expected to complete service hours as part of their rank advancement. The Troop actively plans service projects to help both Jordan UCC and the community. In 2007, Troop 1600 provided service to the Miracle League of the Lehigh Valley as a primary activity.

Troop Calendar

Our troop is planned by the youth-led Patrol Leaders Council. A yearly calendar is planned and published each October. Some highlights from our recent year include:

- ✦ Snowbound Camporee and Sled Race in January
- ✦ Winter Cabin camping at Camp Trexler (council camp)
- ✦ Hikes... Appalachian Trail, historic trails, and our annual 20 mike hike
- ✦ Beaver Weekend and Spring Camporee
- ✦ Camping at our own Camp Jordan – on the grounds of Jordan UCC
- ✦ Summer Camp – this past year at Ravenknob in North Carolina!
- ✦ District Historic National Treasure Hikes in Philadelphia & New York
- ✦ Camping and Hiking at Gettysburg Civil War Battlefield

Troop Finances

The scouts are responsible for financing the troop. Troop dues are \$60.00 per year. These are Dues should be paid on a semi annual basis in April and October.

The troop runs two main fundraiser each year. We sell Boy Scout Popcorn in the fall and Hoagies in the early spring. Proceeds from these sales are split between the troop and the individual scout accounts which can be used for paying scout-related expenses: uniform costs, equipment, activity fees or dues.

"I can't afford it" is not a reason to avoid scouting. If you have problems with costs of the program, talk to the Scoutmaster or a troop committee member.