

Boy Scout Troop 480

New Scout Information Book



Boy Scouts of America Troop 480
The Church of St. Paul
820 Carbon Road
Greensburg, PA 15601

March 2023

Introduction to Troop 480

BSA Troop 480 has been affiliated with The Church of St. Paul, Carbon, PA, since the 1960's.

We are proud of our various awards that have been received for example: yearly quality unit. Over the years the troop has been involved with community service, such as: Scouting for Food, tire cleanups, the PA Cleanways Dept., and annual participation in the Westmoreland County Memorial Park Memorial Day Service, including placing approximately 2,500 American flags on our war veteran's gravesites at the cemetery.

We are proud of all young men who earn the rank of Eagle Scout, in particular those who have earned this rank as members of Troop 480. They have become outstanding citizens in our communities, going on to serve as firemen, paramedics, military personnel and college graduates who obtain employment in various fields.

The program for Troop 480 is focused on providing regular meetings, the Patrol Method, monthly activities, and recognition for the scouts as they progress through the program. Recent activities have included The Army Heritage Center, Klondike Derby, Bike trip and campout, and our annual Webelos Weekend.

Troop 480 is proud to play a role in the lives of our future leaders.

The Troop is run by its youth leaders. With the guidance of the Scoutmaster and assistants, the scouts plan the program, conduct troop meetings, and provide leadership among their peers.

"Training boy leaders to run their troop is the Scoutmaster's most important job. Train Scouts to do a job, then let them do it. Never do anything a boy can do."

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell



Mission Statement

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

Vision Statement

The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.

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.

Scout Law:

A Scout is:

Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, Reverent

The Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to –

- Be clean in my outdoor manners.
- Be careful with fire.
- Be considerate in the outdoors.
- Be conservation minded.

Youth Protection

Youth Protection training is required for all BSA registered volunteers. Youth Protection training must be taken every year. If a volunteer's Youth Protection training record is not current at the time of re-charter, the volunteer will not be reregistered and will not be permitted to attend scout functions until Youth Protection training is current.

The Boy Scouts of America takes great pride in the quality of our adult leadership. Being a leader in the BSA is a privilege, not a right. The quality of the program and the safety of our youth members call for high-quality adult leaders. We work closely with our chartered organization to help recruit the best possible leaders.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

The adult application requests background information that should be checked by the unit committee or the chartered organization before accepting an applicant for unit leadership. While no current screening techniques exist that can identify every potential child molester,

we can reduce the risk of accepting a child molester by learning all we can about an applicant for a leadership position—his or her experience with children, why he or she wants to be a Scout leader, and what discipline techniques he or she would use.

The BSA has adopted the following policies to provide additional security for our members. These policies are primarily for the protection of our youth members; however, they also serve to protect our adult leaders from false accusations of abuse.

- **Minimum two-deep leadership on all outings required.** Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a parent of a participating Scout or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings. Appropriate adult leadership must be present for all overnight Scouting activities.
- **One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is prohibited.** In any situation requiring a personal meeting, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths. This also includes electronic communications.
- **Separate accommodations for adults and Scouts required.** When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his or her own parent or guardian. Councils are strongly encouraged to have separate shower and latrine facilities for females. When separate facilities are not available, separate male and female shower times should be scheduled and posted. Likewise, youth and adults must shower at different times.
- **Privacy of youth respected.** Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers, and intrude only to the extent that health and safety require. Adults must protect their own privacy in similar situations.
- **Inappropriate use of cameras, imaging, or digital devices prohibited.** While most campers and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it has become very easy to invade the privacy of individuals. It is inappropriate to use any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected by participants.
- **No secret organizations.** The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- **No hazing.** Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- **No bullying.** Verbal, physical, and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting.
- **Youth leadership monitored by adult leaders.** Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by youth leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed.

- **Discipline must be constructive.** Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- **Appropriate attire for all activities.** Proper clothing for activities is required. For example, skinny-dipping or revealing bathing suits are not appropriate in Scouting.
- **Members are responsible to act according to Scout Oath and Law.** All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Physical violence, theft, verbal insults, drugs, and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership.
- **Units are responsible to enforce Youth Protection Policies.** The head of the chartered organization or chartered organization representative and the local council must approve the registration of the unit's adult leader. Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of youth members and interceding when necessary. The parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed and asked for assistance.
- **Mandatory reporting of child abuse.** All involved in Scouting are personally responsible to immediately report to law enforcement any belief or good faith suspicion that any child is or has been abused or exploited or endangered in any way. No person may abdicate this reporting responsibility to any other person.

For more information or to complete Youth Protection Training visit:
<http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

Troop Structure - Scouts

The Patrol Method

Boy Scout troops are organized using the patrol method. The scouts are placed into smaller groups called Patrols. Each Patrol consists of 5-8 scouts of various ranks and ages. Each Patrol is led by a **Patrol Leader**. This is a leader elected by the scouts in each Patrol every six months. The Patrol Leader also selects an **Assistant Patrol Leader** for backup purposes. Patrol leaders learn how to manage troop activities by working under the direction of a **Senior Patrol Leader** and **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader**.

Troop leadership

Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

The leader of the troop. He is responsible for the troop's overall operations. He runs the weekly meetings, patrol leader's council and all troop activities. This is an elected position, voted upon by all scouts every six months, in February and August. He appoints the other positions except patrol leaders.

Assistant Patrol Leader (ASPL) Appointed by the senior patrol leader as a backup.

Patrol Leader (PL) The leader of a patrol. Elected by the individual patrol every six months (February and August) must be at least First Class rank.

Troop Guide Must be First Class or higher rank. Mentors new Scouts teaching required scouting skills.

Quartermaster The troop's supply boss. Keeps tabs on the troop's equipment.

Scribe The troop's secretary. Keeps minutes of the patrol leaders' council meetings, keeps attendance for campouts and meetings.

Order of the Arrow (OA) Representative Liaison between the local OA lodge and the troop.

Historian Collects photos, news articles and such relating to the Troop.

Librarian Oversees the troop library, which mostly consists of merit badge pamphlets.

Chaplain's Aide Coordinates the troop's religious observances and promotes the religious emblems program.

Den Chief Works with a den of Cub Scouts.

Troop Structure - Adult Leadership

as of 3-18-2023

Troop Committee

Chairperson – Sara Zebrowski
Treasurer – Rob Hoffman
Activities - Kate Horensky
Fund Raising - Juliann Kuczynski
Training - OPEN
Social Media - Stacy Miller
Advancement - Julie Hoffman
High Adventure - Mike Hanawalt / Mike Buric
Fundraising - Juliann Kuczynski
Popcorn - Jen Jendrasik
Quartermaster - Chad Stoup
Merit Badge Counselors - Rob Bojarski
Eagle Scout Coordinator - Rob Bojarski
Party Planning - OPEN
Webmaster - Bob Bereit
Charter Org. Rep - Theresa Very

Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster

Scoutmaster – Mike Cernuska
Assistant Scoutmaster - Robbie Belton
Assistant Scoutmaster - Robert Bereit
Assistant Scoutmaster - Michael S Hanawalt
Assistant Scoutmaster - Jacob Rzempoluch

Meeting information

Scout meetings:

Weekly Scout Meetings: (All scouts)

Troop Meetings are every Wednesday - 6:45 PM to 8:30 PM

(Except Ash Wednesday; Summer Camp; Thanksgiving & Christmas Breaks)

September – May: Meet in Parish Hall June-August: Meet in outside pavilion

Patrol Leaders Council meetings: (Only Youth Leadership)

Third Wednesday of month at 6:00 PM

September – May: Meet in Parish Hall June-August: Meet in outside pavilion

Campouts:

As Scheduled, please check website calendar. We usually leave Friday night and return Sunday morning, making phone calls for pickup on our way back.

Adult Leader Meetings:

Program planning meeting: Last Tuesday of the Month - 6:00 PM

September – May: Meet in School Classroom June-August: Meet in outside pavilion

Troop Committee meeting: Last Tuesday of the Month - 7:00 PM

September – May: Meet in School Classroom June-August: Meet in outside pavilion

Any interested parents are always encouraged to join the Troop Committee Meeting

Meeting Agenda

We follow Roberts Rules of Meeting Etiquette and the meeting usually runs as follows:

Gathering, Call to Order, Opening Ceremony (including the Pledge of Allegiance, Boy Scout Oath, Boy Scout Law, and Outdoor Code) Attendance, SPL makes announcements and dismisses scouts to Patrol meetings, Inter-Patrol activity, and then at the end we will have our Scoutmaster's Minute and Closing Vespers.

Advancements

BOY SCOUT RANKS



Boys will usually join Boy Scouts after earning the Arrow of Light or being 11 years old. Experience as a Cub Scout is not required. The Scout rank is earned by demonstrating the understanding of scouting basics and is the first earned rank. The next three ranks (Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class) must be obtained in order, but they may be worked on at the same time. Scouts should be working toward achieving the First Class rank by the end of their first year in Scouting. During the first-year scouts will learn basic scouting skills but will also learn to work together which is more important than rank advancement.

Up through First Class rank, a scout was busy learning skills and becoming a self-sufficient scout. He now moves from being a learner to being a leader. The Star rank is attained with participation, leadership, service, and self-directed advancement through merit badges.

The Life Scout rank is earned by fulfilling additional leadership positions, service hours, and merit badges. A Life Scout will continue to develop leadership skills, and is expected to be a role model and leader in the troop, providing guidance to new scouts and helping the troop however he can. Being a good leader can only be learned by doing and leadership positions allow the scout to make decisions, lead discussions, and encourage others.

Attaining the Eagle rank is often the end goal of a scout and his parents. It looks good on a resume and shows commitment to a program over an extended span of time. But, just like each rank advancement before it, the Eagle rank is a major advancement milestone, but not the culmination of scouting. Please remember, it is not a race to earn Eagle rank!

After reaching Eagle, a scout can continue to earn merit badges and be rewarded with an Eagle Palm for each 5 additional merit badges.

Earning Merit Badges

No merit badges are required to reach First Class rank! The first year of scouting should concentrate on learning scouting skills and learning how the Troop and Patrol operates. This does not mean that you cannot work on Merit badges however.

Completing on your own

- 1) Determine which badge you are interested in. You can do this by talking to a leader, fellow scout or research one online.
- 2) The scout (not the parent) should the Scoutmaster for a **blue card**.
- 3) Find a merit badge counselor. The Troop has a number of merit badge counselors in the troop. If not we can find one through the council. Some merit badges you can start before seeing the counselor others you will need to see the counselor on prior to starting. See any leader in the troop and we will point you toward a counselor. You may need to email or call the counselor.
- 4) Most merit badge requirements and worksheets can be found on line. Most of the merit badge worksheets can be found in word format. We would encourage you to type out the requirements (using spell check) as opposed to hand writing them.
- 5) If the scout has questions ask your counselor or another leader in the troop - we are always here to help.

Summer Camp

All First year scouts will participate in the Pathfinder Program and a few select merit badges at summer camp.

After the first year we encourage scouts take at least two Eagle required badges every year. Some merit badges require prerequisite be done before summer camp. Please ensure prerequisites are completed before summer camp or you will not get the merit badge.

Merit badge days

Various organizations throughout the area put on Merit badge days can be found throughout the year. Usually there are prerequisites involved.

After the merit badge is complete and signed off on by the counselor, turn the Blue cards into the advancement chair.

You will be given one section of the blue card back with your badge. You need to keep this portion indefinitely. This is your record of completing the badge.

If something happens such as it is not recorded by the troop, we have a computer crash, or you transfer troops, you may need to show this card. Take care of it and keep it safe. If you cannot show the card you may need to repeat the badge.

Scoutmaster Conference

A Scoutmaster conference is a meeting between the Scoutmaster and a Scout. Typically, it is held after the Scout completes all requirements for a rank, and before the board of review. The Scoutmaster conference determines if the Scout is ready to go before the board. Once the Scoutmaster has signed off on the conference, the scout should see the **Committee Chair** to schedule a Board of Review.

You MUST have a printed copy of your Board of Review checklist, advancement report, attendance sheet, and your Scout Handbook to complete a Scoutmaster Conference. Please remember to log all camping and service hours in your book!

Board of Review

The board of review is a group of three to six members of the troop committee and is the final approval process for Scout rank advancement. The board reviews the Scout to ensure all requirements are met and attempts to determine the Scout's attitude and his acceptance of Scouting's ideals and their application.

Equipment

Uniform(s):

Class A: (Required meeting uniform while school is in session)

Uniform Shirt, jeans, Scout pants, or shorts with belt loops. Any hat worn need to be a BSA hat – Philmont, Sea Base, Jamboree, Conestoga, OA, or Troop hat.

Class B: (required meeting uniform during summer months)

Any Boy Scout T Shirt, jeans, Scout pants, or shorts with belt loops (Two Class B T Shirts provided by Troop)

Formal Uniform: (Special events, ceremonies)

Class A Uniform + Neckerchief & Slide (One neckerchief provided by Troop)

No camo, plaid, or jeans are to be worn in a formal situation. Merit badge sash should be worn.

All uniform badges should be kept up to date for quarterly uniform inspections.

The Boy Scout Handbook

Scouts (and parents) should become familiar with the Boy Scout Handbook, because it can give answers to most of your questions. Please be aware that different Troops can require different criteria for rank advancement so do not go by Internet pages but go by the Boy Scout Handbook. There are details on all the requirements needed for each rank. As the Scout advances, he will get the requirements signed off on by a **HIGHER RANKING SCOUT** or an adult leader (not the parent.) The Handbook should be taken on all scout activities (weekly meetings, camping events, summer camp) because requirements can be completed at any time, sometimes without prior planning. The Scout Handbook is very important and serves as a record for individual achievements, camping, and service hours, and if lost can set a scout back if those requirements are not recorded in the Troop database. You will have this book for your entire scouting career so please use a cover or store in a Zip-Lock bag.

The Troop will provide Tents, tarps, coolers, water jugs, and cooking equipment.

On a typical weekend campout the required clothing items will be based on the weather so please pack accordingly. Other important items are: Toiletry items (toothbrush / toothpaste, comb, hand sanitizer, toilet paper) sleeping bag / pillow, sleeping mat, mess kit, flashlight, water bottle, pocketknife, rain gear, and scout handbook.

General Committee Guidelines

Pocket Knives (policy approved by committee 3/25/08)

Pocket knives will have blades no longer than 3". Sheath knives are unacceptable

Troop Policy on Cell Phones at Troop Meetings. If you bring a cell phone to the Troop meeting, turn it off when you arrive and keep it in your pocket or coat. If any of the Leaders see the Scouts using cell phones during the meeting, it may be taken away and returned at the end of the meeting. In certain instances, the Troop or Scoutmaster will permit cell phone usage, but the Troop accepts no liability for cell phones being lost or damaged during any Troop activity.

BSA Troop 480 Website

<http://www.bsatroop480.org>

Please check the website frequently for current information as it is much easier to update the website than it is to make announcements or pass out flyers or handouts.

Registration for all activities is done on the website under the Activities tab

Under the Resources tab of the website there are numerous forms that can be used for all aspects of the scouting program, from Patrol forms to medical forms to Troop forms. In addition to the public information on the website, there is a **Members only** section which contains adult and scout leadership information, attendance information, scout contact information, a Merit Badge Counselor list, as well as individual scout advancement reports which are needed for Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review. Access to this section is controlled by a Web Access Request form. Please enter the Members only section, and then click on "Access Request Form", print the form out, complete it, and turn in to the Webmaster for Troop 480. You will be assigned a username and password. Please do not share this login information.

Definitions

Advancement. The process by which a Boy Scout meets certain requirements and earns recognition. These are found in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Arrow of Light Award. Highest rank in Cub Scouting. The only Cub Scout badge that may be worn on the Boy Scout uniform.

Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). A Boy Scout in the patrol appointed by the patrol leader to help him and to take his place in his absence.

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM). A commissioned volunteer Scouter, 18 or older, who helps the Scoutmaster by working with the troop when and where needed.

Assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL). A troop youth leader, who helps the senior patrol leader with details of his role. Not to be confused with Assistant Patrol Leader.

Baden-Powell, Robert Stephenson Smyth. Founder of the worldwide Scouting movement. Known as Lord Baden-Powell of Gilwell, Chief Scout of the World, and B-P.

Be Prepared. The motto of Boy Scouting.

Blue Card. A two-sided tri-section document, which is formally known as The Application for Merit Badge. It serves as an official record documenting the progress towards the completion of a merit badge. Please keep these safe.

Board of Review. A review held to determine if a Boy Scout has satisfactorily completed rank requirements after a Scoutmaster Conference.

Boy Scout Handbook. The required book for Boy Scouts. It contains details about all areas of scouting and contains records for advancement, camping hours, service hours. Do not lose this book!

Bronze Palm. An Eagle Scout may receive this recognition by earning five additional merit badges and completing certain other requirements.

Brotherhood membership. The second and final induction phase of membership in the Order of the Arrow.

Camping Record. A listing of all nights spent camping with the Troop or Patrol. This is located in the Boy Scout Handbook. Certain numbers of nights are required to advance.

Camporee. A district or council troop activity to demonstrate the techniques of living in camp.

Commissioner. A volunteer Scouter who works with troops to help them succeed. In addition to the council commissioner, there are district commissioners, assistant district commissioners, roundtable commissioners, and unit commissioners.

Council. An administrative body chartered to be responsible for Scouting in a designated geographic territory. We are in the Westmoreland-Fayette Council.

Council Service Center. The business center for the local administration of Scouting. This is located in Greensburg for the Westmoreland-Fayette Council.

Court of Honor. A recognition ceremony for those who have met the requirements of any one of the Boy Scout ranks, merit badges, or other awards. We have these twice a year, in February and in August.

Den Chief. A Boy Scout who helps direct the activities of a Cub Scout den. A position of responsibility.

District. A geographic administrative unit within a council. We are in the Laurel Hills District.

District Committee. A group of key volunteer Scouters who, through the chartered organization, work to ensure the success of the units.

Eagle Scout. The highest rank for Scouts.

Fifty-Miler Award. A recognition given to Scouts who have taken part in a wilderness trip of at least 50 consecutive miles over at least five consecutive days, and fulfill requirements for group service projects on the trip.

Firem'n Chit. A recognition given to Scouts who know and understand fire safety rules.

First Class rank. The rank above Second Class and below Star in Boy Scout advancement.

Gold Palm. An Eagle Scout who holds the Bronze Palm may receive this recognition by earning five additional merit badges and completing certain other requirements.

High Adventure. Refers to National Council or local council high-adventure activities or programs for older Scouts. Most of the programs are listed in the publication Passport to High Adventure.

Jamboree. A term chosen by Baden-Powell to describe the first international gathering of Scouts camping together in London in 1920. The term is restricted to indicate a national or world jamboree.

Klondike Derby. A competitive event conducted by patrols to demonstrate proficiency in scouting skills, traditionally conducted in the winter.

Leave No Trace. A commonsense set of guidelines that allows Scouts to camp, hike, and take part in related outdoor activities in ways that are environmentally sound and considerate to others using the same areas. A Leave No Trace Awareness Award is available to Scouts who fulfill certain requirements.

Life Scout rank. The rank above Star and below Eagle Scout in Boy Scout advancement.

Lodge. A local council Order of the Arrow group chartered annually by the National Council.

Merit Badge. A recognition given to a Scout for completing the requirements for the badge.

Merit Badge Counselor. A registered adult volunteer who is expert in a merit badge field, has the ability to work effectively with Scouts, and certifies that requirements are met.

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). A six-day training course for youth leaders conducted at the council level. This is held at Camp Conestoga.

Order of the Arrow (OA). The national honor society of the Boy Scouts of America. It uses American Indian-styled traditions and ceremonies to bestow recognition on scouts selected by their peers as best exemplifying the ideals of Scouting. Scouts are voted on by their fellow scouts once they meet the necessary requirements.

Order of the Arrow Lodge. At the local level, lodges exist to serve BSA councils and individual units. Our local Lodge is Wagion Lodge #6.

Patrol. A group of five to eight boys who belong to a troop and work together in and out of troop meetings. There are usually several patrols in one troop.

Patrol Leader (PL). The youth leader of the patrol, elected by its members. Not to be confused with Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)

Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). Each patrol leader, representing his patrol, meets with the other patrol leaders and the senior patrol leader to plan their troop program. The Scoutmaster acts as an adviser.

Quality Unit Award. Recognition given each charter year to troops that commit to and meet specified national standards pertaining to leader training, service, advancement, camping, and membership growth.

Rank. There are Seven ranks for Boy Scouts: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

Registration. The payment of an annual registration fee; one of the requirements for membership in the Boy Scouts of America.

Scouter. A registered adult member of the BSA who serves in a volunteer or professional capacity.

Scout executive (SE). The professional staff leader and secretary of a local council.

Scoutmaster. The commissioned volunteer leader, 21 or older, of a Boy Scout troop; appointed by the chartered organization.

Scoutmaster conference. A distinctive feature of the troop advancement plan in which a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster helps a Scout accept responsibility for his own growth toward each rank.

Scoutmaster's Minute. A part of the closing ceremony of a troop meeting or campfire in which the Scoutmaster uses a brief story to inspire Scout like conduct.

Scribe. An appointed officer in the troop or patrol who keeps the troop or patrol records.

Scout Vespers. The song is usually sung at the end of the scout meeting or evening campfire, often as people are filing out of the circle.

Second Class rank. The rank above Tenderfoot in Boy Scout advancement.

Senior patrol leader (SPL). The elected boy leader who runs the troop meetings and the patrol leaders' council meetings, with the guidance of the Scoutmaster.

Service patrol. The name given to a patrol that has accepted an extra work assignment for the good of the troop.

Service Record. This is a record of all community service performed. The chart is located in the Boy Scout Handbook. Certain numbers of hours are required to advance.

Service star. An insignia worn over the left shirt pocket of the uniform to denote number of years of service.

Silver Palm. An Eagle Scout who holds the Gold Palm may receive this recognition by earning five additional merit badges and completing certain other requirements.

Star rank. The rank above First Class and below Life in Boy Scout advancement.

Tap Out / Call Out. A ceremony where boys are recognized for being elected by their peers to become OA ordeal members

Tenderfoot rank. The first rank in the Boy Scout advancement program.

Totin' Chip. A recognition given to Scouts who subscribe to the Outdoor Code and understand and can demonstrate the proper handling, care, and use of woods tools.

Troop. The unit that conducts Boy Scouting for the chartered organization.

Troop committee. The committee appointed by the chartered organization to administer the affairs of the troop.

Vigil Honor. A recognition for distinguished service in the Order of the Arrow.

Paperwork

Registration

All new scouts and adult leaders must complete a registration form

Dues

For 2023, re-charter costs are \$120.00 per scout. (\$82 to national and \$38 to the troop)

Discounts: \$10 discount if this scout is the second to be registered with Troop 480 from the same family. \$20 discount if this scout is the third to be registered with Troop 480 from the same family

18th Birthday: If the named scout will reach their 18th birthday during the coming charter Troop 480 will prorate the troop portion of the member's dues based on the birth date.

O/A Dues: (For those members of the Order of the Arrow) \$25

Scouts joining the Troop after rechartering will be charged a prorated amount, based on the month they join. Adult fees are not prorated.

Camping / Activities / Summer Camp registration

Registration for all camping trips and other activities is done on the Troop website - <http://www.bsatroop480.org> under the Activities, Coming section.

Health forms

Parts A and B are required **yearly** for all scouts. Part C is required for participation in events lasting longer than 72 hours such as Summer Camp.

The forms may be obtained on the Troop website or at the following website:
<http://www.scouting.org/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

Volunteer Information

Any adult is encouraged to volunteer for a position with the Troop. Assistant Scoutmasters work with closer with the Scouts and Committee Members work more "behind the scenes." We have many positions available no matter your skills, we appreciate the help!

If you are interested, please contact:

Sara Zebrowski - saraanddavez@hotmail.com – 724-689-5865

Mike Cernuska - mikecernuska@gmail.com - 724-757-1883