

Welcome to Troop 243 !!!

On behalf of our Troop, we'd like to welcome you to Boy Scout Troop 243. We are excited about having you join our Troop! Our Sponsor is the North Naples United Methodist Church, and between a dedicated group of parent volunteers and the high level of commitment our sponsor gives us, we are able to bring a great Scouting program to the Scouts in our Troop.

Troop 243 was established in April of 2000. We pride ourselves on being an active Troop by holding Monday Troop meetings, a Patrol meeting once a month, a monthly campout, a quarterly service project, and attending summer camp in the mountains (out of state!) each year. We have traveled north of Tampa and south to Key West to camp on our monthly outings. Summer camp has taken us to California, Georgia, North Carolina, Colorado and Philmont in New Mexico.

Our Troop is a "boy lead" Troop. This means the Scouts are the ones to plan and lead Troop and Patrol meetings. The Scouts decide on where we camp and where we go to summer camp. They also plan and lead campouts. At times during the camping year we'll split the Troop into two groups, allowing the newer Scouts to camp alone as a group. This will give your son extra time to work on rank advancement and his basic camping skills.

Being an active Troop would be impossible without the commitment and support of a great group of parents. We ask that at least one adult from each of our families steps forward to volunteer with the Troop in some way. This allows each of us to participate in a small way in our boy's scouting experience.

We are excited about you joining our Troop and becoming a part of our Scouting family. We look forward to getting to know you as we walk your son's trail to Eagle together.

Please feel free to visit our Troop Website at any time to learn more about our Troop and its activities – [http://www.bsatroop243.com!](http://www.bsatroop243.com)

Sincerely,

John King, Scoutmaster 514-4660

Pat Stanton, Troop Committee Chairperson, 513-0960

Troop 243
New Member Sign up Checklist
September 23, 2008

_____ 1. Name, phone number and sign-up meeting date of new scout:

Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Sign-up date: _____

_____ 2. **Membership Coordinator, Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair** will give overview:

- a. Review Troop Annual Calendar.
- b. Our Troop's Website is as follows: www.bsatroop243.com.
- c. Our Troop provides fundraising opportunities and believes that no scout should be left behind.
- d. The scout cannot participate until all the money is collected, forms are completed and one adult has selected an open volunteer position.
- e. The **Membership Coordinator** and new scout parent must set-up their meeting to process the paperwork and collect funds.
- f. Start-up costs are approximately \$183. (Summer camp \$800-\$1000 addl.)
- g. We have a very active program, which runs about \$100 a month that usually includes a weekend campout.
- h. Go over equipment to be purchased by scout family or Troop.

_____ 3. **Membership Coordinator:** Advise Troop Committee Chair about new scout. The Membership Coordinator will give the new scout parents the forms and review them:

- a. BSA Form - [Boy Scout Application](#)
- b. BSA Form- Medical Form - Class 1 and Class 3 (with immunization blue form)
- c. Troop Form - [Discipline and Behavior Agreement](#)
- d. Troop Form - [Medical Information Form](#)
- e. Troop Form - [Medical Release](#) - **must be notarized**
- f. Troop Form - [Permission to Participate with Firearms](#) - **must be notarized**
- g. Troop Form - [Scout Family Information](#) Form
- h. Copy of Insurance and Dental Insurance information
- i. Copy of photo ID or just a recent picture.

_____ 4. **Membership Coordinator** will collect a check for approximately \$183 and covers the following start-up costs:

- a. Minimum Scout Account Balance \$50
- b. Initial Membership Costs \$25
- c. Dues for year \$9/month or \$108 – From August to July – prorated.

_____ 5. **Membership Coordinator** will collect a check for the purchase of Troop 243 Class B t-shirts at \$10 each. The t-shirts are located in the Scout Closet.

_____ 6. **Membership Coordinator** will collect a check for the first activity in which the new scout would like to participate. The costs vary depending upon type and location of activity. Membership Coordinator will let the Event Coordinator know that the new scout would like to sign-up for the upcoming activity.

_____ 7. **Membership Coordinator** will give the new scout's family a "Welcome Package" as well as send an email to the whole Troop welcoming the new scout and his family. The new scout's email address will be indicated as well as indicating that all his contact information will be entered on ScoutTrack once the new scout has been assigned to a Patrol.

_____ 8. **Membership Coordinator** will make 1 copy of the forms for the Traveling Medical Book and file the originals in the Scout Files located in the Scout Closet. A second copy of the BSA Boy Scout Application will be given to the Treasurer along with the sign-up checks.

_____ 9. **Scoutmaster** will assign Patrol and contact Patrol Advisor.

_____ 10. **Advancement** will enter new scout on Scout Track and ensure that the new scout is properly set-up on the BSA – Southwest Council Advancement Schedules. Advancement will determine if any existing scout has earned a "Recruiter Patch".

_____ 11. **Treasurer** deposit all checks collected from the new scout. Treasurer will send a copy of the Boy Scout Application along with a check for his new registration fee as determined by BSA - Southwest Council OR transfer fee of \$1 to Ft. Myers BSA office. Treasurer will verify receipt and set-up of Scout after a week.

_____ 12. **Event Coordinator** will add the new scout emails to his troop emails and Sign-up Checklists.

_____ 13. **Membership Coordinator** will report all changes to the Troop Roster to the Troop Committee Chair and the Secretary will incorporate any new scouts in the Minutes of the next Troop Committee Meeting.

_____ 14. **Troop Committee Chair** will meet with parents to go over Troop 243's policies and procedures and sign up the parent volunteer.