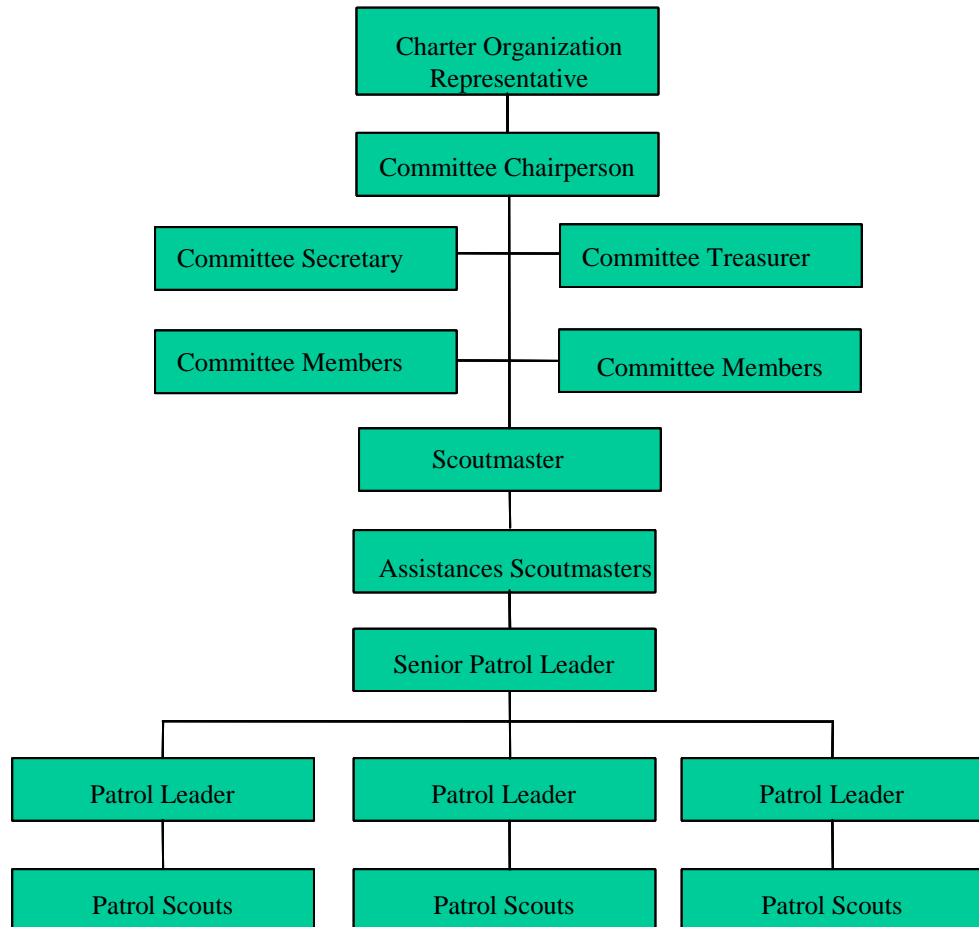


Policies

Troop Organizations

The following is the "chain of command" for Troop 162.



The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) will be elected on a bi-annual basis, generally in the fall. Patrol Leader elections will generally be held immediately after the SPL elections, but may be held more frequently due to advancement or Scouts leaving the troop.

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Meetings

- a. Troop 162 will generally hold weekly meetings on Thursdays (following the school calendar).
 - b. Committee meetings will usually be held once a month, at a time and location determined by the Committee.
 - c. Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster meetings will be held as necessary and as determined by the Scoutmaster and his assistants.
 - d. All meetings are open to parents or guardians.
 - e. Patrol Meetings - Patrol meetings are optional, at the discretion of the patrol.
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Uniforms

Wearing the Scout uniform is a major part of being a Boy Scout. It signifies that a boy is a member of one of the largest and most worthwhile youth organizations in the world.

A **Full Class A** uniform is required to be worn to Scoutmaster conferences, Boards of Reviews, Courts of Honor, and other activities as indicated. The **Class A** uniform is to be worn to Troop meetings and other activities as indicated. The **Class B** uniform is allowed for other times as directed by the Scoutmaster. (Community service activities, summer camp, and other casual activities)

Full Class A uniform consists of:

- Scout shirt with American flag, Troop numerals, council strip, red shoulder loops, present rank, including Arrow of Light if earned, badge of office, and patrol patch. Please check the inside cover of the Boy Scout Handbook for correct placement of all patches.
- Scout pants or shorts (as specified by Troop - TBD)
- Scout belt
- Neckerchief with slide
- Scout Hat (except in Church)
- Merit badge sash – worn over the right shoulder or folded in half and draped over the belt with merit badges showing.
- OA sash (if earned)

Class A uniform consists of:

- Scout shirt
- Pants or Shorts (as specified by Troop - TBD)
- Scout belt

Class B uniform consists of:

- A Scout tee shirt
- Jeans or shorts

Troop 162 operates an “experienced” uniform exchange for the convenience of the parents of growing Scouts. Parents are encouraged to donate outgrown serviceable uniform parts to the exchange. Items in the uniform exchange are available at no cost.

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Advancement

- a. The troop shall endeavor to hold regular Scout Board of Reviews on a monthly basis, as posted in the calendar. The Scout is responsible to schedule the Board of Review with the Committee Chairperson once the Scoutmaster Conference is completed.
- b. It is troop policy that to advance, in addition to fulfilling all the requirements for that rank the Scout must have demonstrated spirit by:
 - a. Having all financial obligations paid in full. This includes dues, campout fees, funds collected in fundraisers, etc.
 - b. Having participated in at least 50% of troop meetings *and* 50% scheduled troop activities in the six months prior to their advancement board of review. Troop activities include troop meeting, service projects, fundraisers, Eagle projects and other events as approved by the Committee.
- c. The master will post and update an advancement Chart for the Troop.

Annual Calendar

Each year, the Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmasters, PLC will meet to evaluate the year's activities to date, and to develop theme and activity ideas for the following scouting year. The Scouts will select program topics with input from the adult leaders, along with national, council and district program & Columbia School System Calendars. This information will then be passed to the Committee. The Committee will approve monthly themes, campouts and activities. The Committee will then approve of Scoutmasters/Parents who will coordinate each month's activities. In approving the annual calendar, The Committee will approve activities after ensuring they follow The Guide for Safe Scouting. The Treasurer will ensure sufficient funds exist (or sufficient income is expected) to conduct the activities therein. The Calendar will be available to the troop by October 1st of each year.

Finance

- a. Budget: The Committee will develop and approve an annual budget at the beginning of each scouting year (September), which supports the activities on the annual troop calendar. The Treasurer must approve all expenditure of Troop 162 funds.
- b. Dues: Scouts will pay dues weekly, regardless of whether they attend meetings or not, and regardless if a meeting was scheduled. The Committee shall set the amount after consideration of the annual budget. Scouts who have been inactive (*see Scouts for description*) will be required to pay the rechartering fee if they wish to remain registered. They will not be responsible for paying back dues during the time they are inactive. Scouts must expressly request to be placed on the inactive list through the Scoutmaster.
- c. Fundraisers: The Committee shall approve and submit Unit Money Earning application to Council, required to ensure a viable troop-scouting program. These fundraisers shall be either in conjunction with National, Council or District guidelines, or as fundraisers, which the troop has organized on its own. Thirty-three percentage of funds raised by the Scouts will be placed in an individual Scout-Bucks account and Seven percent into a Scout Activity Fund, exception: Recycle Funds are divided equally once enrolled into scouting. The Scouts to can use Scout-Bucks: pay dues, pay camping fees, or purchase camping/scouting equipment. They cannot be used for personal (non scouting) expenses. Funds revert to the troop if the Scout transfers or resigns. The Scoutmaster & Asst. Scoutmasters will use the Scout Activity Fund for fun nights determined by the Scout & Approved.

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Behavior	One of the main principles of Troop 162 is that each person is entitled to be free from harassment or abuse, physical or verbal, from others. All Troop 162 Scouts will signed and follow The <i>Troop 162 Code of Conduct</i> . This Code of Conduct will be sign at the first Meeting each September.
Camping Gear	<p>The troop provides: Cooking Equipment & Tents. The troop does not provide individual camping gear such as sleeping bags or backpacks.</p> <p>For each Camping Activity Troop 162 will use a Tent Check in – Check Out Procedure. On a rotational basis one Scout from each tent will be assigned responsibility of the tent by the Quarter Master. The day of the outing, prior to departure, the Scout will be assigned a tent number and sign the check out form. It will be their responsibility to check the condition of the tent, work on the tent set-up with other tent buddies, and ensure all tent pieces are packed at the end out the outing. Upon arrival back home the Scout is to take the tent home to clean out and air dry. The Scout is to return the tent to the Scoutmaster at the next troop meeting and the Scoutmaster will sign the check in form.</p>
Merit Badges	<p>All Merit Badge work must discussed and pre-approved by the Scoutmaster. The Scout must receive the Blue card from the Scoutmaster prior to stating his work on a Merit Badge. Parents are strongly encouraged to work with the Scoutmaster to obtain Merit Badge Counselors to work with their children and whenever possible open it to other Scouts.</p> <p>All Merit Badge Counselors within our Troop must be registered with the CT Rivers Council through the Committee Chairperson.</p>
Charter Organization	Troop 162 is chartered with the Columbia Lions Club.
PLC	Patrol Leader Council (PLC) is combined of a Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders. The PLC is responsible for providing Scout leadership in the operation of the troop, including the planning and coordination of Scout participation in troop activities.

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Scouts

Boy Scouts who are registered with the troop.

Inactive Scouts - If a Scout fails to attend eight consecutive troop activities (or two months, whichever is greater), he shall be presumed to be inactive. Scouts may also request inactive status if they know they will be absent for an extended period of time (e.g., two months or more). Inactive status means the Scout cannot advance in rank. Dues are also waived during the inactive period, but the Scout is responsible for paying all dues not paid prior to becoming inactive.

Amendments

These policies may be amended only by a 75% majority of the registered adult members of Troop 162 Committee & Scoutmasters. Suggested Amendments must be submitted 10 days prior to the Committee Meeting.
