

Troop 40 - Hopewell Junction, New York



BSA Mission Statement

"It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential"

Troop 40 has been sponsored by the St. Columba Parish of Hopewell Junction since 1964. Since that time many young men have had the rewarding experience of learning skills, enjoying fellowship, and gaining knowledge that has assisted them in becoming leaders in our community. Troop 40 is proud of the 50 Eagle Scouts we have graduated, with 44 of them earning the rank in just the last 11 years. We are part of the Dutchess District of the Hudson Valley BSA Council.

We presently meet at Gayhead Elementary School on Thursday Evenings (excluding July and August) from 7:15 - 8:45 pm. Since we meet in a school, meetings are not held during school holidays and cancellations (WCSD calendar)

Costs: Our dues are \$50 per year, low compared to many Troops (After holding steady for over 10 years dues were increased this year in response to a significant increase of our fee to BSA National). Several fundraisers are run per year to defray troop equipment expenses. Outings are run at a cost to the participant which is usually very reasonable. The troop runs a uniform bank of used uniforms available to all Scouts in the troop.

Scouting is an outdoor program. Our troop goes camping monthly and attends summer camp for one week in the summer. We usually do one Troop and one family ski trip per year. We have a high adventure trip every year for Scouts who have reached First Class and above. This trip is an incentive for the Scouts to advance. The latest high adventure trip was a canoe trip to the remote Lows Lake in the Adirondacks, only accessible by portaging or by float plane! (we canoed). The previous trip was a hike to the top of Mt. Marcy in the Adirondacks, the highest peak in New York State.

In the past we have also visited Scotland and attended the High Adventure Seabase in the Florida Keys.

For further information: contact Scoutmaster Don Zeigler at zeiglerdw@yahoo.com or 845-227-5898, or feel free to attend a meeting.

Troop Website: Troop40Hopewell.org