Troop 8 | First Baptist Jackson
Overview of the Troop 8 Way

1. Organization Structure

- Men's Mentoring Ministry. Chartered by First Baptist Jackson since 1921
  - Troop 8 Boy Scout Committee – Richard Rebich, Chair - Approved by Deacons
- Troop 8 – Approx. 80-100 scouts on the Roster
  - Scout-led – Leader is called "Senior Patrol Leader" – 1 year term.
  - Organized into Patrols – Scouts elect a Patrol Leader for 6 month terms
  - 1st years are the "Fox" Patrol – Red Fox (Spring) and Grey Fox (Fall)
    - After 1 year, these scouts are "handed off" to a Patrol Advisor
  - Patrol Leader Council – Meets weekly
- Troop 8 Scout Leadership positions
  - Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
  - Quartermaster, Chaplain, Scribe, Historian, Bugler, Webmaster
  - Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leaders
- Troop 8 Adult Leadership – Meets Monthly
  - Scoutmaster – Bill Spence
  - Adult Leadership for Fox Patrol – Ken Booker
  - Adult Patrol Advisors – 2nd Year and following
  - Quartermaster, Advancement Team & Campout Coordinating
- Andrew Jackson Council - http://www.bsa-jackson.org
  - Four Rivers District (Hinds, Issaquena, Sharkey, Warren counties)

2. Keys for Success

- Patience. It's a fun system of leadership and growth with increased responsibility
- Attend the Meetings
- Be Committed to the group
- Parent Participation

3. Requirements to Join

- 11 years old, completed 5th grade, or earned Arrow of Light and at least 10 years old
- Turn in BSA Application & Complete T8 Online Registration with Dues Payment

4. Adult Leader Requirements

- We need your help! Every parent is a Leader.
- Adult BSA Application
- Complete Troop8 Online Registration (No Separate Dues)
- Mandatory Youth Protection Training – within 30 days (my.scouting.org)
  - Cannot turn in BSA Application without it.

5. Boy Scout Handbook and Uniforms

- Official Advancement Record – log Campouts and Service Hours
- Patches and Badges – Sashes and Neckerchiefs and Slides
- Class A and Class B Uniforms

6. Communications

- Email List: Join by sending email to: troop8-fbcj+subscribe@googlegroups.com
- Website: www.Troop8-FBCJ.org – Resources page for Payment, Forms
- Parent's Guide – See summary

7. Meetings

- Monday Nights, 7 to 8:30pm. Open & Close in the 3rd floor Auditorium.
- Scoutmaster Conference & Board of Review - 60% attendance requirement checked
- Court of Honor – 3 a year; receive badges and rank awards
- International Missions Sunday in December and Scout Sunday in February @ First Jackson

8. Camping / Monthly Outings

- One campout per month – September through April
- Typically Two nights (except December) – Leave Friday at 5:00ish and return Sunday at noonish
- Tents and camping gear provided by Troop – required until First Class
- THE DUNGEON
- 60% Attendance Requirement – checked at Scoutmaster Conference

9. Rank Advancement and Merit Badges

- Scout – Tenderfoot – 2nd Class – 1st Class – Star – Life – Eagle
- Merit Badges – Eagle Required and Electives
- Goal is to make it possible for First Year Fox Patrol to achieve First Class in 12 months.
- Complete Forms for Merit Badges & Services Hours
- Advancement Records kept in cloud-based software called TroopMaster. Everyone has a userid.

10. Leadership & Attendance

- 60% attendance by each Scoutmaster Conference – Camping and Monday night meetings

11. Summer and Winter Camps

- Winter Camp at Camp Hood – Hazlehurst - *Very important to achieve First Class in first year.
- Summer Camp
  - Typically Camp Hood for 1st year
  - 2nd year something different – Local BSA camp or Troop Camp
- Summer Adventure

12. Calendar

- Online at www.Troop8-FBCJ.org/Calendar

13. Expected Costs

- Annual Dues/Activity Fee - $275 for Scout ($225 for sibling) – due end of September
  - Online Payment available at our website: www.troop8-fbcj.org/resources
- Uniforms – about $125.00; handbooks - $12.00
- Monthly camping meals – typically $5 per campout (6 campouts a year)
- Summer or Winter Camps – around $200 per camp – not mandatory, but helpful
- Scholarships Available. Contact Committee Chair or Scoutmaster for confidential inquiry.

Questions?

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