

# Troop 8 | First Baptist Jackson

## Overview of the Troop 8 Way

### 1. Organization Structure

- Christian Men's Mentoring Ministry. Chartered by First Baptist Jackson since 1921
  - Troop 8 Boy Scout Committee – Approved by Deacons
- Troop 8 – Approx. 90-110 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
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 & Campouts
- Be Committed to the Group – Not a Race – Invest in Every Scout
- Parent Participation

### 3. Requirements to Join

- 11 years old, completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, or earned Arrow of Light and at least 10 years old
- (1) Paper BSA Application AND (2) Online T8 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](http://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](mailto:troop8-fbcj+subscribe@googlegroups.com)
- Website: [www.Troop8-FBCJ.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Class – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> year
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> year something different – Local BSA camp or Troop Camp
- Summer Adventure

## 12. Calendar

- Online at [www.Troop8-FBCJ.org/Calendar](http://www.Troop8-FBCJ.org/Calendar)

## 13. Expected Costs

- Annual Dues/Activity Fee - \$425 for Scout (\$375 for sibling) – due end of September
  - Online Payment available at our website: [www.troop8-fbcj.org/resources](http://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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