

Pocket Program Guide

Carry this to every meeting and campout.

THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO

POSITION

YEAR

Scoutmaster: Jeff Martin

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Meetings & Schedule

WHERE WE MEET

Mike Onka Hall · 11520 Putnam St · Sugar Creek, MO 64054

MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting	When
Advancement	Tues 6:30–7:30 PM
Troop Meeting	Tues 7:30–9:00 PM
PLC	1st Tue 6:30–7:30 PM
Committee	1st Tue 7:30 PM

No troop meeting on the 1st Tuesday.

WHAT TO BRING

Scout Handbook · Uniform · **Water bottle (required)** · Pen

OPENING CEREMONY

- 1. Hollow square by patrol · PLs with their patrols
- 2. “Scouts to attention!”
- 3. Pledge of Allegiance · Scout Oath · Scout Law

CLOSING CEREMONY

Hollow square · Run by SPL
SPL remarks → SM announcements → any announcements → bad joke → Scoutmaster’s Minute → Benediction

Scoutmaster’s Benediction (SPL speaks):

“May the blessings of the heavenly scoutmaster rest upon us and every scout as we follow the trail that leads to him.”
“A good scout is always prepared.” · **“We are prepared, sir!”**
“A good scout has done at least one good turn every day.” · **“It has been done, sir!”**
“Now I charge you to carry on for your God, your country, your troop, and to bring that one young boy who’s looking for your guidance into Scouting.”
“Under Chieftains Piercing Arrow, Falling Branch, Big Burning Feather, and St. John Bosco.” · **“Scout on the trail!”**

Campout Quick Reference

PACKING LIST

Backpack (bag of bags) · Change of clothes · Extra socks (dry bag) · Flashlight · Pocket knife · **Poncho** · Mess kit · **Water bottle** · Small first aid kit · Toiletries · Scout Handbook
No open-toed shoes. Leave valuables home.

ARRIVAL AT CAMP

1. **Stop and listen to SPL** — don't grab your gear
2. Duffle line — unload all gear
3. Set up tents (SPL assigns spots)
4. Personal gear in tents · Troop gear set up
5. **Then** organize your own stuff
6. Get out of Class A — hang it up

DUTY ROSTER

Every patrol. Every meal. Everyone has a job. **Cooks don't clean. Jobs rotate.**

Codes: C = Cook · CL = Cleanup · F = Fire · W = Water

WASH WATER — 3 BUCKETS

Start **before** cooking. Heat one bucket, split between two, add cold water.

1. **Wash** — hot soapy water
2. **Rinse** — hot clean water
3. **Sanitize** — cool water + sanitizer

No floaties. Wipe all food off gear before it goes in the bucket. Use your finger and eat the leftovers.

CAMPSITE CLEANUP

1. Troop gear packed first
2. Tents dried out before breaking down
3. Personal gear in duffle line
4. Police line — walk slow, pick up everything
5. **We do not pick up cigarette butts**

TROOP SAYINGS

"A badge to wear is a responsibility to bear."

"A bag of bags and a sack of sacks."

"Plan B is Plan A with a Poncho."

"I love it when a plan comes together."

Troop 221 & Your Patrol

OUR HISTORY

Troop 221 was founded in **1939**. We were first chartered by St. Mary’s and today are chartered by Parents for Scouts of 221. We go to summer camp at **H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation every year, without exception**, and have camped at all three of its camps.

386

Eagle Scouts and counting.
Will you be next?

Alumni gather every **February 21st** for Troop 221 Day.

OUR PATROLS

Patrol	Patrol
Space Buds	Ferocious Chipmunks

Patrols are permanent. They are not reshuffled every year. New Scouts join an existing patrol. Your patrol is your team: you camp, cook, and lead together.

Every patrol has a **name**, a **flag**, a **yell**, and a **history**.

The Patrol Book is your patrol’s official record: roster, duty rosters, campout log, PLC decisions, and patrol history. Your Patrol Leader brings it to every meeting, campout, and PLC.

UNIFORM

Class A (full field uniform): Labor Day through Memorial Day.

- Scout shirt, **tucked in**
- Scout pants or shorts
- Belt
- Scout socks
- Troop 221 neckerchief (youth)

Class B: Summer. Troop T-shirt or other Scouting shirt, with the same pants or shorts, belt, and socks.

Traveling to and from any Scouting event: Class A, always.

Need uniform parts? Ask. The troop keeps a donation inventory.

Quick Answers

How do I earn my next rank?

Come to advancement (Tues 6:30 PM). An older Scout teaches you the skill, then brings you to a leader who checks that you really learned it.

What's a duty roster?

Your Patrol Leader assigns everyone a job for every meal: cook, cleanup, fire, water. Cooks don't clean. Jobs rotate. Nobody sits out.

What's a Grub Master?

The Scout who plans the patrol menu and buys the food for a campout. Target: about \$10 per person.

How do elections work?

The whole troop elects the SPL. Each patrol elects its own Patrol Leader. The SPL appoints the other positions. Elections are in February or March. **Read the job card before you run.**

What's Investiture?

The candle ceremony that welcomes you into the troop. You receive your Scout Handbook, Troop 221 neckerchief, and coup thong.

What's the coup thong?

Worn on your belt. You earn beads for overnights and activities. It tells your Scouting story.

How do I start a merit badge?

Talk to the Scoutmaster for a Blue Card and a counselor. You own the process.

When is lights out?

At summer camp, Taps means lights out. On overnights, when the SPL says the troop is up, everyone is up.

What if I can't afford something?

Nobody sits out because of cost. Ask the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair privately.

Songs

Little Red Wagon

You can't ride in my little red wagon
The front seat's broken and the axle's draggin'
Chug chug chugga chug chug! (echo)

Second verse, same as the first
A little bit louder and a little bit worse!
(repeat — *getting louder each time*)

Be Prepared

Oh prepared, prepared
The motto of a true scout
Oh be prepared, prepared, prepared
The motto of a scout
Prepared! Prepared!
The motto of a true scout!
Prepared! Prepared!
The motto of a scout

(repeat — *getting softer each time*)

Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each scout should ask,
"Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
In everything to be prepared?"

Hills of Osceola

The hills of Osceola are calling me today,
Come back along the Scouting trail,
their voices seem to say.
I dream of woodland valleys,
and pathways that I knew,
And answer Osceola Hills,
I'm coming back to you.

The trees of Osceola lift up their branches high,
The leafy curtain that they spread
is green against the sky.
And when the shades of evening
have chased away the light,
The stars above come shining through,
God's watchmen of the night.

The friends of Osceola have walked the trail with me,
And 'round the campfire we have met
in joyous company.
Oh friends of rain and sunshine,
so loyal and so true,
Thank God for hills and trees and stars —
for country, home and you!

Tell Me Why

Tell me why the starlit sky.
Tell me why the oak trees high.
Tell me why the sunset's hue.
Tell me, Osceola, why we all love you?

Because God made the starlit sky.
Because God made the oak trees high.
Because God made the sunset's hue.
That's why Osceola, why we all love you!

Hail to the Bus Driver

Hail to the bus driver,
Bus driver, bus driver,
Hail to the bus driver,
Bus driver-man.
He screams and he cusses,
He stinks up the busses.
Hail to the bus driver,
Bus driver-man.

G'Day G'Day

Chorus:

G'day g'day, how ya goin', what d'ya know, well strike a light
G'day g'day, and how ya go-o-o-in'
Just say g'day g'day g'day and you'll be right

Isn't great to be an Aussie
Takin' a walk along the street
Lookin' in shops or buyin' a paper
Stoppin' and havin' a yarn with people that you meet
Down at the pub or at a party
Whenever you're stuck for what to say
If you wanna be dinky-di, why don't you give it a try
Look 'em right in the eye and say g'day (*Chorus*)

Now when Italians meet they all go crazy
The blokes all like to hug each other too
The Yanks invented "hi" and "see you later"
While the Pommy will shake your hand and say "how do you do"
Now watch out for a Frenchman or he'll kiss you
The Spaniards go for "Olé" and "Olay"
But in the land of the cockatoo, pole cats and the didgeridoo
When you meet an Aussie ten-to-one here's what he'll say (*Chorus*)

(repeat Chorus — last line: "Just say g'day g'day g'day and she'll be right")

Titanic

Oh they built a ship Titanic to sail the ocean blue
 They thought they had a ship that the water'd never go through
 But the good Lord raised his hand and said this ship will never land
 It was sad when the great ship went down

Chorus:

Oh it was sad (so sad) · It was sad (so sad)
 Oh it was sad when the great ship went down
 To the bottom of the ...
 Husbands and wives, little children lost their lives
 Oh it was sad when the great ship went down

It was near the Iceland shore when the rain began to pour
 And the rich refused to associate with the poor
 So they put them down below, where they'd be the first to go
 It was sad when the great ship went down (*Chorus*)

They swung the lifeboats out on the dark and stormy sea
 When the band struck up "So near my God to thee"
 And the captain tried to wire but he found the wire on fire
 It was sad when the great ship went down (*Chorus*)

Oh the moral of this story is really plain to see
 You should wear your life preserver or at the bottom you will be
 Oh the great ship never was and never more shall be
 It was sad when the great ship went down (*Chorus*)

Boom Chicka Boom

Leader says a line — everyone echoes it

I said a boom chicka boom
 I said a boom chicka boom
 I said a boom chicka rocka chicka boom
 Uh-huh · Oh yeah · One more time · ____ style!

*Styles: janitor (mop chicka mop...), opera, underwater,
 baby, valley girl — make up your own*

Men From Nairobi

We're the men from Nairobi and our team's a good one.

We play the Watusi, they're seven feet tall.

The cannibals may eat us, but they'll never beat us.

'Cause we're from Nairobi, the best of them all.

Chorus:

Sooooo, sing along, sing along, sing along, sing along,

Oh, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa,
Umgahwawah!

So, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa, Umgahwa,
Umgahwawah!

They sent fifty men down from Kilimanjaro,

But they didn't have what it takes.

We took all the losers out into the jungle,

And left them tied up for the snakes. **What a bite!** (*Chorus*)

The men from 'round Kenya know our team's a good one.

We played them 'bout this time last year.

Their number one hero was disqualified when he

Fell on a Nairobi spear. **What a shaft!** (*Chorus*)

Notes

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Families: join the troop **Google Group** and **Facebook group**

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