



BOY SCOUT TROOP 103

Hanover, Pennsylvania

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 103! At Troop 103, boys from all walks of life are given the opportunity to develop their potential, to make friends, and to become a vital part of their community while living the ideals embodied in the Boy Scout Oath and Law. How do we do this? By offering a program packed with exciting and challenging adventures, all in a patriotic and reverential environment. **And who do you think plans the adventures? You do.** In recent years, your fellow scouts have decided to:

- Race snow sleds at the Iditarod and South Pole Challenge;
- Explore caves in the hidden world beneath us;
- Climb new heights at Chimney Rock (outdoors) and Climbnasium (indoors);
- Explore the wild, free-flowing waterfalls of Ricketts Glen State Park;
- Hike the Appalachian Trail;
- Tube down Penn's Creek;
- Bike along the C&O Canal and in the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon;
- Soar in airplanes like eagles in pursuit of the Aviation Merit Badge;
- Respond to a mock disaster for the Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge;
- Learn about sustainable living, biodiesel & straw-bale construction at a CSA farm;
- Go to the Beach;
- Board, tour and sleep on the S.S. John W. Brown, a WWII Liberty Ship;
- Team up with the Red Cross to collect blood for those in need;
- Attend 2 summer camps guaranteed to keep you wanting more;
- Challenge your skills in Camporees and Camporalls;
- Participate in Jamborees and Safaris guaranteed to impress you; and,
- **DO LOTS OF CAMPING WHERE YOU GET TO BUILD CAMPFIRES TO COOK THE FOOD YOU CHOOSE!**

We provide you with the opportunity to plan and carry out these and other adventures. We offer fun with responsibility and the opportunity to develop leadership skills along the way.

Troop 103 has a rich history that dates back to 1918, when we received our Charter from our Sponsor, the St. Joseph Church Holy Name Society. Troop 103 is presently part of the Blue & Grey District, which is one of three districts in our Keystone York-Adams Council.

You have chosen to join a very active troop that has an honored tradition of participation and service. We consistently earn awards and recognition at District events. As of this writing, Troop 103 has produced 72 or more Eagle Scouts, many of whom have gone on to make their mark in the larger community. You, too, may earn the honor to have your name placed on our Eagle Plaque! We have great expectations of you and we expect that you, like those before you, will rise to the occasion. We invite your parents to support you along the way by sharing their time and talents with us.

Enclosed please find a Guide for Parents and Scouts, a Troop Calendar, a Promotional Flyer and a Refrigerator Magnet, all of which reference our informative website (<http://www.bsatroop103.org>). The following forms are also enclosed for your parents to complete and return as soon as possible:

- Youth & Adult Membership Applications;
- Annual Health and Medical Record form;
- Troop Resource Surveys;
- Photo & Website Photo Permission form.

Again, welcome to Troop 103. Now, **LET THE ADVENTURES BEGIN!** Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours in Scouting,

Jeffrey Rosenzweig, Scoutmaster
Boy Scout Troop 103