



How Can Parents Help?

Parents are asked to help the Troop in some way. Each job served to help the Troop, we have positions available in the following areas:

- Transportation (Family's with Vans or Truck with trailers)
- Advancement Chairperson
- Round Table Coordinator
- Newsletter Person
- All Scouts Weekend Coordinator
- Grocery Shopper (for campouts)
- Court of Honor Coordinator
- Trip Planner
- Popcorn Chairperson/fundraising
- Scout Adult Leaders (go on campouts)
- Merit Badge counselors
- Members of Troop Committee

The actual program is run within the Troop and advancements are done within and tested at the troop level, before advancement is made. Rank advancements are made following a successful Scoutmasters Conference and Board of review. (The Scout call the appropriate people after the troop leadership had signed off all of his requirements.) Our goal is to guide Scouts in skill development, but have them become more responsible for their own advancements as the years go on. We work toward a program where each scout achieves and advances at his own rate and ability, and live the Scout Oath and Scout Law on a daily basis.

North Olmsted Boy Scout Troop 664

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<http://troop664northolmstedohio.org>
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Welcome to Troop 664

**NORTH OLMSTED
KIWANIS
CHARTER
ORGANIZATION**

**JEFF CAMPBELL
SCOUTMASTER**

**ROBERT ZIKA
COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

**JOE TELZROW
SENIOR PATROL
LEADER**

**KARL SHULTZ
ASSISTANT SENIOR
PATROL LEADER**

We welcome you and your family to Troop 664. We hope that you will have an exciting, happy, adventurous, experience **being a Scout.**

The enclosed information is an
overview of Troop 664



Where Are We From?

Sponsored by the North Olmsted Kiwanis Club, our Scouts are from several different communities: North Olmsted, Olmsted Falls and Westlake Ohio.

When & Where Do We Meet?

Our meetings are held each week on Tuesday, from 7:15 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. throughout the school year and every other Tuesday starting after we return from summer camp. During the school year we meet at Spruce Elementary School, 28595 Windsor Drive, North Olmsted in the multipurpose room (the Gym). During school vacations and the summer months we meet at Ascension Lutheran Church, 28081 Lorain Road, North Olmsted.

How is Troop 664 Run?

The Troop is run based on the patrol as the basic unit of scouting. The patrol is under the direction of a Patrol Leader, who is ultimately responsible to the Senior Patrol Leader. *The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters provide guidance.* The Scouts are responsible for their needs and activities. Each Scout will have a position of leadership during his time in the troop. The boys receive training in their position and acquire the skills needed to fulfill their roles. Our rule is **Scouts Should Teach Scouts!** During weekly meetings the Scouts learn new skills, which they will use and build on as they go through scouting, as well as through life. We also plan our upcoming camp outs, activities, and menus. Each month we go camping or have some type of outing. Camping is done in either a tent or cabin. On camp outs the patrols cook, clean up, and participate in activities based on advancement needs and skill level.



What is Needed?

The following are items that your Scout will need:

1. Boy Scout Uniform—Tan BSA Shirt, all appropriate insignia, green pants, and belt. Scout socks optional.
2. Sleeping Bag—Preferably a mummy bag rated at least 20 degree F.
3. Mess Kit—Utensils for eating. (We recommend the Stainless Steel over the aluminum.)
4. Backpack—Frame pack, which is professionally fitted before purchased.
5. Sleeping Pad—Closed or open cell or blowup type.

The Troop does provide tents, stoves, cooking gear, etc. for camping and outings along with badges of rank, patrol patches and special awards. Your son will receive a:

- Boy Scout Handbook
- Troop 664 neckerchief
- Neckerchief slide
- Appelettes
- Troop 664 Patch

How Much Are Dues?

Annual Dues of \$45 per Scout, per year will be collected each December and at Cross Over (to cover books, neckerchief, slide, patch and appelettes). This amount does include the national re-chartering fee. The dues and the annual popcorn sale provide the troop operating funds. (Boy's Life subscriptions are an additional \$11 per year.) The average camp out cost \$25 per scout. The spring campout is a longer campout and is usually about \$75. If an Adult signs up as an Adult Leader (Annual Dues \$25) they do not have to pay to go on campouts, otherwise they pay the camping fee.



How are Additional Funds Raised?

When additional funds are needed, for replacing, maintaining and/or purchasing new equipment, the Scouts do fund-raisers. The on going fund-raiser is the aluminum recycling project. Scouts contribute by collecting aluminum cans and bringing the cans with them to the meeting on the second Tuesday of the month. We help the Kiwanis with a Spaghetti Dinner in the Spring and receive half the proceeds. We also do service projects for our chartering organization, Ascension Lutheran Church, Yard Charge, and help the Veterans remember Memorial Day.

What Kind of Activities Do We Do?

The Troop does a variety of activities each month in all different places. The Scouts canoe in August, camp with the Webelos in the October and January. We have our annual parent and son camp out in January at Camp Beaumont in Ashtabula and participate in All Scouts Weekend and run the All Scout Weekend Band in June. We have gone to Camp Lazarus, our State Capital, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, Kelley's Island, Zaleski State Forest, Laural Caverns, Mammoth Caves, Mansfield Reformatory (Halloween Campout), Tappen Lake and Allegheny National Forest.

When is Summer Camp This Year?

Summer camp is an important time for scout advancements and it is recommended all Scouts attend. Summer Camp 2014 will be held the week of June 15th to June 21st. The cost is \$300 per scout. Cost should never be a reason why a Scout cannot go to camp.