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### **Troop 10**

Troop 10 is a traditional Boy Scout Troop that is sponsored by Barrington United Methodist Church. Our meetings are held every Wednesday evening from 7:30 until 9:00.

Troop 10 is a boy-run Troop with a very active outdoor program, and we camp nearly every month from September through June. Campout activities have included skiing, shotgun shooting, lugging, an overnight in a submarine, high-ropes course, rock climbing, canoeing, hiking, and biking. The last two weeks in June are reserved for summer camp at Camp Napowan in central Wisconsin. Troop 10 has had High-Adventure trips to canoe the Boundary Waters of Minnesota, trek Philmont, sail with Sea Base, and tour and hike in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Troop 10 has a good mix of age groups and levels of advancement. Troop 10 has a strong adult leadership structure that ensures the Scouts learn and have fun in a safe but challenging environment. The adult participation level is one of the keys in keeping our Scouts involved and active in Troop activities. We have more than 130 Eagle Scouts in our history of over 90 years. We also have a Venturing Crew made up of high school aged boys & girls. Please feel free to attend our Wednesday evening meetings. Visit our [website](#)

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## **Troop 21**

Troop 21 is a very active, boy lead Troop promoting fun, adventure and growth. Scout skills are fostered through an active and varied agenda with exciting activities for both new Scouts and more experienced Scouts. We are an outdoor program troop, holding campouts every month of the school year apart from December, an extended campout over spring break and a summer camp and a high adventure activity every summer. Our Scouting program and experienced leaders provide plenty of opportunity for advancement and we are very proud of our many young men who have attained the rank of Eagle.

Campouts, as well as being great fun, offer many opportunities for Scouts to learn new skills, make new friends, become self reliant and develop leadership skills. Many of Troop 21's camping trips are based around an activity. Backpacking, climbing, canoeing, kayaking, shooting, biking and skiing happen regularly but Scouts often come up with new things they want to try. We have recently been Ice climbing and snorkeling because a Scout brought the activity to the attention of the Patrol Leaders Council.

High Adventure trips for our more experienced Scouts are exciting experiences offering opportunities for self reliance, personal development and lasting memories. Over the last few years We have been Sailing at Sea Base Florida, Backpacking in Philmont, New Mexico and on the Appalachian Trail, wilderness canoeing at Northern Tier, Minnesota and kayaking around the Apostle Islands on Lake Superior.

We are very grateful for the help given by our sponsoring organization The Lions Club of Barrington and offer support to their community activities. Service helps develop leadership skills, sense of community, and self-esteem. Troop 21 encourages service participation. As well as helping our sponsoring organization we run a local food drive in the spring and fall, assist our fellow Scouts with Eagle projects and help with a variety of community events.

Troop 21 is a large size Troop with currently 65 boys providing a good mix of younger and more experienced Scouts. Our regular Troop meetings are every Monday night from 7:30-8:30. We meet during the school year when school is in session. Meetings are held at the Lutheran Church of Atonement at 909 E Main Street, Barrington, IL. Troop 21 still uses the Roy Wilmering Scout Cabin for committee planning meetings. Please feel free to attend a meeting and see what today's Scouting and Troop 21 is all about. Our Webelos Coordinator is Rob Harkey who can be reached at [rharkey@mac.com](mailto:rharkey@mac.com) or (847) 951-9990.

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## **Troop 29**

Troop 29 meets Friday evenings in Barrington. The Friday night sessions solve the problem of juggling homework on a school night. Many of our Scouts are active in sports, extracurricular school activities, and jobs in addition to Scouting. An active parent volunteer base supports this Troop which averages in size around 70 Scouts.

The Troop camps monthly through the year and has been designated a "Quality Unit" for the past 20 years by the Scouting council.

Older Scouts have the option of an additional 4 high adventure venues during the year.

The adult leaders feel the Patrol Method and the teaching approach advocated by Robert S. Baden-Powell (“Train them, Trust them, Let Them Lead!”) is the best way to create a fun and productive environment, turn young Scouts into Eagle Scouts, and achieve the basic goals of Scouting.

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### **Troop 35**

Troop 35 offers boys in the Barrington area the opportunity to have FUN together in the outdoors. The amazing thing is that while they are having FUN, they learn so much about themselves and how to work with others while enjoying the adventure of Scouting. We meet on Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:30 at the Presbyterian Church in Barrington Hills. Meetings are scheduled for 2-3 times per month depending on activities and school holidays. Most troop outings are within one hour of Barrington. This provides boys with sports commitments to leave the campout and support their team while enjoying the weekend event.

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### **Troop 69**

Troop 69 was founded in 1950 and is sponsored by American Legion Post 690 in Palatine. Troop 69 meets on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30 at the American Legion Hall, 122 W. Palatine Road, in Palatine, unless otherwise noted on the [Troop Calendar](#). The Troop is very active and averages ten campouts each year including summer camp adventures that have led the Scouts to the South Dakota Black Hills, Colorado, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, and Tennessee. Every other year is a “distance” camp; in 2014 we attended Camp Makajawan as our “local” camp. Planning is underway for 2015’s “Distance” adventure. We also take advantage of the excellent parks and camps in Illinois and Wisconsin. Besides 1 week at summer camp each year, there are overnight campouts averaging about one per month during the school year. Past adventures included climbing, downhill skiing, whitewater rafting, and our annual gourmet cooking campout.

These activities are balanced with community service and involvement, including honoring our charter organization by marching in the American Legion’s annual Memorial Day Parade.

Advancement and Leadership are equally important to Troop 69. The Troop likes to assist new Scouts in reaching First Class within the first year. Several Scouts have earned their Eagle within the past year, and others are also currently working towards Scouting’s highest rank. There are two very active Patrols running the Troop under the supervision of the Scoutmaster.

Please feel free to attend one of the Wednesday night meetings. You can also visit the Troop's [website](#) for more information. You can also reach us at [scoutmaster@troop69.com](mailto:scoutmaster@troop69.com).  
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## **Troop 91**

**History and Organization** – Scout Troop 91 has been in existence for over 40 years. We are a sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Theresa Parish in Palatine. We meet every Wednesday at St. Theresa's Dolan Center from 6:45 to 8:30 p.m. Our Scouts are drawn from many area schools. Our Scouts also come from a wide variety of religious faiths and backgrounds.

**Our Goals and Aims** – Scouts are expected to live by the ideals and rules set forth in the Scout Oath, Scout Law and Scout Motto. Scouting promotes the building of a boy's character by teaching him traditional values, leadership skills, and a sense of self reliance, through an active and rigorous outdoor program. Scouting is an important way of developing a boy's physical, mental, & moral direction in life, all while having fun.

**Troop Meetings** – Scouts are expected to attend meetings in a regular and timely fashion, arriving at 6:45 to help set up the meeting room and stay for the entire meeting. Sometimes we run past the 8:30 closing time.

**New Scout Patrol** – New Scouts join a new Scout patrol of 3 to 8 boys to learn to the ways of Boy Scouting and to master the skills leading to the First Class rank. A patrol leader is elected for a term of 30-90 days, when a new patrol leader is elected so that each boy may experience the leadership role. Each new Scout patrol is under the supervision of an older Scout called a Troop Guide and an assistant Scoutmaster is also appointed to give overall adult supervision to the new Scout patrol.

**Troop Activities** – An outdoor activity is planned for every month of the year. Trips have included camping at Starved Rock, White Pines and Camp Napowan, skiing at Indian Mounds and canoeing on the Kankakee River. Boys are encouraged to participate in as many of these activities as they can.

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## **Troop 92**

Troop 92 is sponsored by St. Matthews Lutheran Church. The church is located on Old McHenry Rd. just west of Quentin Rd. in Hawthorn Woods. We meet on Tuesday nights from 7:30 to 9:00 in the attached school gymnasium. Entrance is on the southeast corner behind the gym. Our annual registration fee is \$40 and individual events are paid for as you attend them. A typical weekend camping trip will cost \$15, but some events are a little higher due to fees charged by the facility. We are a traditional camping Troop and normally camp every month except December. We typically attend Camp Napowan every summer with part of the Troop staying at

the camp and the rest attending high adventure camps. We have a number of members who have gotten their scuba diver certification and have started a Venture Crew for scuba divers. We also try to support the District camping events in the spring and fall. Troop 92 has a special interest in rock climbing and we do both outdoor and indoor events that are decided upon by the boys. We will have some campouts that follow particular themes such as orienteering, first aid, etc. and other campouts that are strictly just for fun. We sometimes attend a "black powder" campout sponsored by a shooting club where gun safety is taught and the boys are allowed to shoot black powder rifles and shotguns under strict instructor control. This is a very popular event with both the boys and the adults.

We are smaller Troop and will recharter anywhere from 25 to 40 boys a year. Ages range from Seniors in high school to 5th graders that have just crossed over. We have an excellent record of integration of the younger boys into the troop and have a great group of older boys who will work with the younger ones. The majority of our Scouts are involved in other activities such as sports, music, drama, church, etc., so we have a continually shifting roster of active boys. We encourage everyone to be as active as they can so they are not penalized if they are busy elsewhere.

Our adult leadership is well trained. Our Scoutmaster, top assistants and most of our Troop committee members are fully trained. Our active adult leadership contains Eagle Scouts, Woodbadgers and PhD's from Lord Baden Powell University of Scouting. In addition, we have other leaders who have specialized skills that are called upon to help out as needed.

To contact us for more information about the Troop, see our schedule of events and see pictures of the boys at various activities, please use the following link to the Troop 92's [website](#)  
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### **Troop 93**

Background: Troop 93 is sponsored by St. Peter United Church of Christ, 47 Church Street, Lake Zurich, IL. The Troop is size ranges from 40-50 Scouts with about 25 leaders, including 6 adult Eagle Scouts. Development of Scout skills and rank advancement are achieved during activities planned by the Scouts. The Troop is committed to outdoor activities, camping, service to the community and development of youth members. Troop 93 has earned the Quality Unit Award, based on leadership, training of leaders, and Scout advancement, consistently over the past years. Philosophy: The Troop Leadership's number one job is to guide our Scouts in running the Troop themselves, providing them true leadership experiences while ensuring a well run program. The result is that the Scouts get what they joined to get: exciting outdoor action and fun. The three aims of Scouting underlie everything we do: To build character; To foster citizenship; and To develop fitness. The Troop uses the "Patrol Method" of operation. The Scouts form patrols of from 5 to 8 Scouts, elect their own patrol leader, and participate in Troop activities (as well as patrol activities) as a group. Using this method the adult leaders are advisors, guiding the Troop leadership (PLC) in the operation of the Troop.

Troop Meetings: The Troop meets every Tuesday night all year round, from 7:30 to 9:00 PM (excluding some holidays and special circumstances) in the downstairs hall of St. Peter Church.

**Troop Activities:** The Troop has an annual planning meeting to schedule events for the year. As an active troop, there is usually one camping outing each month, along with opportunities to work on rank advancement and merit badges, in addition to Council events like Klondike and Camp-o-ree. Examples of past activities include: New Year's Day Ski Outings, cabin camping, climbing, computer lock-ins, caving, canoeing, biking, and City Hike of downtown Chicago to see the Christmas decorations.

**Troop Camping:** The Troop plans a week long summer camp at various Scout camps across the country. Opportunities for High Adventure trips are available to older Scouts. Past summer camps and high adventure trips include: P Owasippe Scout Reservation in Whitehall, Michigan P Napowan Adventure Base in Wild Rose, Wisconsin P Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch in Custer, South Dakota P Camp Daniel Boone in Asheville, North Carolina P Philmont Scout Ranch in Cimarron, New Mexico P Maine High Adventure Base / Matagamom Scout Base in Patten, Maine P Camp Gorsuch in Anchorage, Alaska.

You are encouraged to visit one of our meetings so that we may expand on this brief introduction or visit our Troop our [website](#)  
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### **Troop 168**

Troop 168 is the oldest chartered Boy Scout Troop in Rolling Meadows, IL. Serving the youth of the Rolling Meadows community for over 50 years, the Troop aims to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Today, these values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential as they were in 1910, the year the Boy Scouts of America was founded. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their adult lives.

We always welcome visitors to our troop meetings. Come find out how you can be part of our Scouting family. We offer monthly activities and campouts, leadership development, and a supportive youth and adult environment.

Boy Scout Troop 168 meets every Monday evening at 7:00pm at the Community Church of Rolling Meadows and explores the world with monthly camping and travel. Please stop in at any time and explore with us the exciting world of Scouting. Weekly meetings: Monday, 7:00-8:30pm Community Church of Rolling Meadows 2720 Kirchoff Rd. Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Contact: Dan Scharlau – Scoutmaster 847-894-9415.

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### **Troop 182**

Scouting is about learning and developing positive character. It is about showing a boy, by example, the right way to live, and then giving him the chance to demonstrate what he has learned. In the first few years camping is often the mechanism for this teaching process. From it,

a Scout learns responsibility toward his fellow Scouts, self reliance in meeting his responsibilities, and confidence by doing things his friends can't do.

By the time a Scout makes first class, he is an accomplished camper. What he has learned, he has learned from older Scouts and by doing. At this time the focus of a Scout changes from self oriented values to group oriented values. He has been part of many groups and has seen their Scout leaders in action. He has seen and felt which techniques work and which don't. It is now his turn to take on the leadership roles which he has seen demonstrated, and to learn for himself what works and what doesn't.

Troop 182 provides the opportunity for boys to develop friendships with boys beyond their neighborhood and school, and to develop skills by selecting, planning and conducting outings and activities. The Troop promotes development of self-confidence and leadership through participation in running Troop activities. The Troop conducts the Scoutmaster Junior Leader Training and underwrites First Class Scouts attending the council Troop Leader Development program. Parents are encouraged to attend meetings and campouts, and support the Troop. But the boys run the show.

*But try selling Boy Scouts to an 11 year old based on character.*

The activity of choice for the Scouts of Troop 182 is camping. Outings are held throughout the year, we participate in the fall, and spring camp-o-rees, and always summer camp. Other activities include skiing, rock climbing, canoeing, fishing, biking, and hiking, sometimes as a daytrip, sometimes in combination with a camping weekend. Spontaneous outbreaks of dodge ball, Frisbee and Capture the Flag use up a lot of energy at the end of meetings. For the last few years a 60 to 90 mile backpack at Philmont ranch in New Mexico has been a rite of passage, but eligible Scouts have also participated in Sea Base and Boundary Waters high adventure programs.

Troop 182 is a small troop with between 12 and 15 members, yet we have graduated an average of two Eagle Scouts a year since 2007. Our goal is to graduate two out of three of our Scouts as Eagles. The next few years are looking good. Scouts in the Troop support the Eagle projects which have included enhancing the Palatine Presbyterian Church landscape, building and placing wood duck houses, collecting goods and clothing for the needy, and constructing soil conservation structures. Current projects include redecorating offices of the Palatine Opportunity Center on Rand Road and collecting, refurbishing and shipping computers to orphanages in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Our ongoing community service project is cleaning a 1-mile strip of Northwest Highway in Palatine. No sign, we just do it. And then we hit the Dairy Queen. We participate in Food Drives and help our charter organization when requested. We also conduct clinics for Webelos to earn their activity badges for Readyman, Fitness, Citizenship, Outdoorsman and Engineering – five of the eight badges needed for the Arrow of Light. Our Boy Scouts learn first-aid by teaching it to Cub Scouts.



Troop 182 is sponsored by the Palatine Presbyterian Church in the Palatine which is located at the intersection of Palatine and Rohwling Roads, right next to Winston school. We meet every week throughout the year, on alternating Sundays at 6:30 PM and Mondays at 7:00 PM. Adult leadership of the Troop includes parents, lifelong Scouters, and Eagle alumni. We encourage you to attend one of our evening meetings.

Troop 182 contacts for 2013

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### **Troop 188**

Troop 188, in Palatine was established in 1969 and is chartered by Christ Lutheran Church, in Palatine. We meet on Monday at 7 pm till 8:30 pm at the church. We have approximately 50 active Scouts and many enthusiastic and dedicated leaders and parents. We are a Scout run Troop. Troop 188 is proud of its 78 Eagles as of 2009. The Troop averages ten campouts a year including summer camp. Every month we have day trips and campouts for Scouts to participate in. Some activities include Boot Camp for new Scouts, day trips to Chicago, skiing, Volo Car Museum, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Chan-O'-Lakes, Great Lakes Jamboree, Starved Rock, Camp Lakota, Fall Camp-o-ree, Klondike, Camp Napowan, white water rafting, submarine overnights, golf outings, and several service projects to help our community. Every year Troop 188 has a Thanksgiving Feast where we cook turkeys and all the fixings outdoors for 150 people. We also offer the Scouts opportunities to earn merit badges by working with our merit badge counselors at our Monday meetings. We feel that this is a great way for Scouts to earn merit badges and ensure that they are challenged.

Every spring we have an overnight lock in at a local church where we plan out the next year's outings and events. We encourage parents to attend meetings and campouts and support the Troop, leaving the leadership to the boys.

High Adventure trips include Napawon Adventure base, Boundary Waters in northern Minnesota, Scuba trips and training, Seabase, and Philmont. Our Scouts have gone to the National Jamboree. We have rotated between Camp Napowan and Camp Owasippe for Summer Camp.

Our Website is updated and keeps us all informed of the latest happenings and pictures of some activities. Please feel free to visit Troop 188 at our [website](#) for additional information.

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### **Troop 209**

Troop 209 has been serving families in the Palatine area for more than 50 years. We are sponsored by the First United Methodist Men's Club of Palatine. Our weekly Troop meetings are held from 7:00pm



to 8:30pm in the basement of the First United Methodist Church at 123 North Plum Grove Road in Palatine, Illinois (SE corner of Wood Street and Plum Grove Road). We welcome any families that are considering Scouting to visit us.

Every Scout in our Troop is offered many opportunities to camp, as our Troop offers upwards of 15 campouts per year with at least one campout every month of the year at area camping destinations in Illinois and Wisconsin. During the Summer months there are three different weeks that all Scouts can choose to attend week-long summer camp with us at Camp Napowan in central Wisconsin. Scouts 14 and older can also choose to attend High Adventure camping. In recent years our Scouts have backpacked at Philmont Ranch (New Mexico), Whitewater rafting (Colorado) Wilderness canoe treks in Northern Tier Scout Base (Northern Minnesota), weeklong sailing adventures, & weeklong camping on a deserted island at Sea Base in the Florida Keys, Canoe treks on the Wisconsin River, and attending the National Boy Scout Jamboree at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in West Virginia.

Along with camping opportunities, our Scouts participate in many local community service projects. Our Scouts have participated in and helped out at Honor Flight Chicago, benefitting and celebrating our World War II Veterans. We have many Scouts who enjoy STEM (Science Technology Engineering Math) related activities, and currently were awarded an opportunity to create an experiment that will soon be launched to, and conducted on, the International Space Station. We host a very large and popular Pancake Breakfast each year which is open to the community. We host a Scout Skills Campout each November and a Lock-In each January where we reach out to area Webelos to join us to have some fun with our Scouts.

Our Troop Motto is "Follow the Rugged Road". We interpret that to mean that the Scouting journey is different for every boy, and we do our best to provide as many different types of opportunities that we can, to challenge our Scouts and guide them along that journey in the way that best fits their needs. We believe strongly in the success that having a 'Boy-Led' Troop has brought us, while our many active adult Leaders help to guide them. We offer our Scouts many different kinds of opportunities to learn leadership as they progress through the ranks and we're very proud of the success that they have earned.

For additional information please visit our Troop Website at [www.troop209.nwsc.org](http://www.troop209.nwsc.org) , or contact our Scoutmaster at [Mikeblanck65@yahoo.com](mailto:Mikeblanck65@yahoo.com)

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## **Troop 309**

### **Fast Facts**

Chartered in 1976 at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Zurich, Boy Scout Troop 309 is committed to the Scouting spirit. Scouts and their adult leaders have fun while learning and teaching each other outdoor skills such as rock climbing, swimming, mountain biking, backpacking, hiking, first aid, camping, cooking, and more – lots more!

Troop meetings are held Tuesdays from 7:30 to 9:00 pm throughout the year at St. Francis de Sales Church in Valker Hall (the church basement), Rt 22 & Buesching Road, Lake Zurich. Our

Scouts run their meetings – with all the support they need from the adult leaders. Scout patrol leaders meet monthly with the adult leaders to plan upcoming activities and meetings.

The Troop's motto "Where Camping is King" is indicative of our outdoor schedule where campouts or other activities are held throughout the year. Everyone from new Boy Scouts to our high school age Life and Eagle Scouts are challenged to succeed and have fun at our outings. Adult leaders and parents (parents are always encouraged to attend) have just as much fun as the Scouts & often learn new skills too! Recent trips include mountain biking at Kettle Moraine, canoeing the Kankakee, District Camporees & Klondike, Skiing at Chestnut Mountain and Wilmot, and Rock Climbing at the Upper Limits Climbing Gym in Bloomington. Our Scouts also spent two weeks at Napowan this summer earning many merit badges and rank advancements.

Our older Scouts (those 13 and up) can also participate in "high adventure" activities. Troop 309 participates in both council and Troop planned trips. The last few years have seen our Scouts at Isle Royale in Lake Superior, Porcupines Wilderness in Michigan, Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico, Sea Base in the Florida Keys, and the Appalachian Trail.

There's more to Boy Scouting and Troop 309 than the outdoors though. About one-third of merit badges are career related and another third deal with the world we live in. Troop 309 delves into those subjects through unique programs we organize at the University of Illinois, Northwestern University, University of Chicago, and in our own Troop meetings. They're fun, eye-opening, and give our Scouts much to think about as they make important life choices. Many of our "graduated" Scouts have used these experiences to help decide on college majors and careers.

Service to others is a cornerstone of Scouting and of Troop 309. Take a look around the Lake Zurich area and you will see many improvements resulting from our 44 Eagle Scout projects. Regular service work at the food pantry, local marathons and walk-a-thons, and special projects for St. Francis de Sales also offers many opportunities for all to give back to our community. Our latest projects include several landscaping and improvement projects around St. Francis de Sales Church and our annual participation in the church's Gift of Love program where we refurbish and clean donated bicycles for needy children. Our Scouts truly learn the rewards of "making a difference" to our community.

All of these activities are what Troop 309 is about. None of them would happen without our key traditions of older Scouts helping younger Scouts and adult leaders and parents (Dads and Moms) bringing their knowledge and interests to the Troop. You're welcome to visit us to learn more about Scouting and Troop 309. Please also visit our [Troop website](#) .

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### **Troop 335**

Background – Troop 335 is sponsored by All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, IL. Since its formation in 1978, the Troop has received many awards and honors on behalf of its Scouts, and has seen many of its Scouts attain the highest award in Scouting, the

rank of Eagle Scout. Rank advancement and development of Scout skills in an atmosphere of fun is emphasized. All new Scouts are encouraged to achieve the rank of First Class within their first year of Scouting. Our Troop has earned the Quality Unit Award, based on leadership, training of leaders, and Scout advancement, consistently over the past years.

Philosophy – The leadership of Troop 335 firmly believe that Scout development through games and competition, living Scouting principles through example, and participating in Scout adventures and outings bring out the best in Scouting and in the Scout himself.

Troop Meetings – The Troop meets each Monday evening (except during the summer months) at the All Saints Lutheran Church from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Meetings during the summer are scheduled about every other week, determined by the summer activities planned.

Troop Organization – Under the supervision of the Scoutmasters, the Scouts learn about the Patrol Leaders Council and the system by which the Troop is directly run by the Scouts themselves.

New Scout Program – New Scouts are folded into existing patrols rather than kept segregated for their first year. Our experience has shown that by working along side of an experienced Scout, the newer Scout learns skills faster and gains confidence in his abilities more readily.

Troop Activities – The Troop schedules monthly outings so that the Scouts are able to practice their skills and work on merit badges and other requirements necessary for rank advancement. Troop 335 annually plans a winter ski trip and a week-long summer camp at Camp Napowan. Older Scouts can participate in High Adventure trips also.

We encourage you to visit one of our meetings so that we may expand on this brief introduction. Please also visit our [Troop website](#).

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### **Troop 461**

Troop 461, which is a midsized Troop, is chartered by the Knights of Columbus – Council 11981 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Inverness, Illinois. Established in 1980 and chartered at the time by “Concerned Parents” at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School, the Troop continues to be a stable presence in the far north Hoffman Estates area and surrounding communities. The Troop is organized using the Patrol method and is lead by the Scouts of the Troop. Supporting the Scouts are committed leaders and parents guiding the Scouts through the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law and implementing the activities and programs that the Scouts plan. Scout leadership is encouraged to follow the philosophy that “If it isn’t fun, then it isn’t Scouting.” and our meetings are planned to keep the Scouts active and involved.

We generally camp every month of the school year except December and use cabins in February. An alternate outing is usually planned for December and additional day outings/activities are planned throughout the year. Some of our Scouts’ favorite campouts are at Camp Napowan near Wild Rose, Wisconsin; Camp Owasippe near Muskegon, Michigan; Camp Lakota near Woodstock, IL; Indian Mounds Scout Reservation near Milwaukee, WI; Starved Rock in Central

Illinois and the Illini Jamboree at the Chanute Air Force Base. High adventure trips include Boundary Waters near Ely, Minnesota, sailing in the Bahamas, hiking at Philmont Scout Reservation and Double H Ranch in New Mexico, and the Grand Canyon!

Our program works with all the Scouts to develop self confidence, respect of others and leadership skills as they progress through the various Scout ranks. While nationally between 2% and 4% of boys that join the Scout program, complete the trail to the Eagle Scout rank, Troop 461 has a strong history of producing Eagle Scouts that excel outside the Troop.

Troop 461 meets Monday evenings between 7:00 pm and 8:30 pm, September through May at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 Palatine Road in Inverness, Illinois. We welcome you to visit us at any troop meeting to help your son explore all that scouting has to offer. You may e-mail us [scouttroop461@troop461.net](mailto:scouttroop461@troop461.net) for further information.

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### **Troop 964**

Troop 964 Boy Scout Troop 964 was chartered in 1980 by the American Legion Post 964. We meet at the American Legion Hall in Lake Zurich, Monday nights from 7:15-8:45. We're very grateful to the members of the Post for the support and education they provide to us. We've been asked by the Post to help with service work and participate in their pancake breakfasts. In return, they have been known to support us financially, and have honored us by asking that we partake in things such as Flag Retirement ceremonies.

In the 25 year history of the Troop, we have graduated more than 32 Eagle Scouts. We actively promote PLC's, and encourage the boys to plan/run the courts of honor as well as the campouts. Our philosophy is to provide the best Scouting program we know how to, in a boy run Troop environment.

We go camping eleven months of the year, taking a break in December for the holidays. We plan a high adventure trip each year — alternating years going to Boundary Waters in Ely, MN with a travel camp the following year. In 2006, we're heading back to Camp Buffalo Bill in Cody, Wyoming, and in 2007, Boundary Waters here we come!! Our Summer Camps have been spent in western Michigan, staying a week at Owasippe Scout Reservation. There, we occupy the same campsite year after year, as we believe it's the perfect site – it's secluded, it's close to the waters edge, and we're always making improvements to it that we can enjoy for years to come.

Our adult leaders are plentiful – we have more than 30 Assistant Scout Masters and an active, fully staffed Committee to support the various goings on of the Troop, providing fund raising, advancement and transportation support, just to name a few.

Our website is continually updated and keeps us all informed of the latest happenings. Please feel free to visit us at our [website](#) or contact council to be referred to the adult leaders.

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