

What is Troop 413?

Within the context of our faith in Jesus Christ and the outdoor program of the Boy Scouts of America, the mission of Troop 413 is to equip young men with leadership skills, courage, self-reliance, patriotism, physical and mental fitness. Our focus is developing Christian character values, and an active faith in Jesus Christ.

We strive to exercise our faith in service to Christ as we build disciples and accountability in the young men we serve. Scouting has a long history and foundation based on strong Christian principles as expressed in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. We work to instill these principles as we venture together in the great outdoors . camping, hiking, backpacking, canoeing, cave exploration, rock climbing, rappelling. What an adventure in God's creation!

The Troop was founded on May 24, 1992. At that time, we selected number 413 to remind us of whom we serve:

" I can do everything through Him who gives me strength."

Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

We meet weekly on Monday at 7 pm at the White House beside the Ark (South Campus). There is no meeting the third Monday of the month because it is reserved for adult/committee meetings.

First Things

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Your son can be a Scout if he has completed the fifth grade, or is 11 years old, or has earned the Arrow of Light award (from Cub Scouts). He must be younger than 18 years old.

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Fill out the Join Boy Scouting+application. Dues are \$70/year and are collected in January of each year. Dues cover Council insurance, a subscription to Boy's Life magazine, advancement awards, and help defray troop equipment costs. Contact the scoutmaster for the current fee schedule.

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Please fill out the Troop Resource Survey+ to help discover your interests and identify areas of service. As Scouting is a volunteer organization, the troop cannot succeed without your help! Adults are welcome to participate in all outings. We always need help transporting, arranging, and facilitating outings. You also may wish to help more directly and are encouraged to join as an adult leader. Please see one of the current adult leaders for details.

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Your new scout needs a Boy Scout Handbook and uniform shirt . complete with #13+ numbers and Miami Valley Council patch. These are readily purchased at the Scout Shop. Ask the friendly staff for assistance at 937.665.1079.

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A calendar of events is issued about every month. It details the meeting and outing schedules for the near future.

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We encourage the boys to buy and use a notebook just for scouting. This helps them stay organized, keep the current calendar, plus provide a place for notes and the occasional assignment. The notebook and Scout Handbook should be brought to meetings!

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Your scout ultimately needs some basic gear for the monthly outings. We camp year around! (The troop maintains tents and cooking equipment.) At a minimum consider:

- Sleeping bag and ground pad
- Water bottles or canteen
- Small backpack for carrying lunch and water on a hike (book bag)
- Rain gear (a rain suit is recommended over a poncho)
- Mess kit (bowl, plate, cup, spoon, fork)
- Duffel bag to transport your scout's equipment to/from an outing
- Other items are discussed in the Handbook – see the troop leaders for help!

Closing Comments

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Most outings have a moderate fee of \$10 - \$30 to cover transportation, patches, camping fees, and food. Permission slips are distributed before each outing. They are due back the meeting before the outing, along with fees. The troop is also supported by periodic fund raising projects for which we ask your scout to participate. We receive money from the church only when it is designated for Boy Scouts on offering envelopes.

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One of the highlights of the year is summer camp, scheduled for a week in June or July. It offers numerous exciting activities: swimming, canoeing, sailing, rifle, shotgun, archery, climbing, horseback riding, and more! This is not to be missed! A scout has a great opportunity to learn skills and advance in rank, all for about \$250 for the week.

**Mark your calendars and make
plans to attend!**



Finally, let us encourage you to help your new scout on this great adventure. Help him learn the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and Motto (see Handbook). Encourage his advancement and participation. Join us on outings. Pray for your scout. The adventure is fun and challenging, but will not be successful without your help and support!

We encourage all our scouts to pursue the rank of Eagle Scout . the highest and most prestigious achievement in Scouting. There are few accomplishments of such honor available to young men. This is an honor he will carry with him for the rest of his life! As of 2014, 43 scouts from the troop have achieved this honor, with several more on the way!

Can there be any higher calling than that of equipping the boys of our community to become the leaders, husbands, and fathers of tomorrow, who hold a deep faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior?

Thanks for your trust and support. If at any time you have further questions, please feel free to contact any of the adult leadership.

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