

# Troop 160 Lexington, MA



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## Mission Statement of Boy Scouting

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is 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

<b>Sponsor:</b>	Church of St. Brigid; Lexington, MA
<b>Troop Meeting Place:</b>	RFK Hall
<b>Troop Meeting Time:</b>	7:30 - 9:00 PM every Thursday night when school is in session
<b>Senior Patrol Leader:</b>	Joey Costello
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## From Webelos to Scout

The goal of Boy Scouts is the same as it is for Cub Scouts—Grow, have fun, and begin to reach your potential. Parents play a different role in Boy Scouting, however, as they begin to fill support roles while leadership is assumed by the Scouts.

Parents are there to be sure, but now their job is to ensure the health and safety of the boys. The most important parental role is to let Scouts learn to lead and part of that learning process means that mistakes will be made, albeit in a safe environment. There are many opportunities for parent volunteers to fill such jobs as summer camp coordinator, treasurer, advancement coordinator, newsletter editor, troop committee chair, e-mail list manager, webmaster, assistant scoutmaster, event coordinator, driver, and many more.

Troop 160 is now in its 51<sup>st</sup> year with a long tradition of leadership and community service.

## What a New Scout Can Expect

- Heavy emphasis on the patrol method and the Scout-led troop
- At least one outdoor activity per month including winter camping
- 1-2 weeks at summer camp
- Leadership opportunity and training

New Scouts will form their own patrol and will elect a Patrol Leader shortly after joining the troop. An Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for New Scouts and the Troop Guides who report to him, all experienced Scouts, will make sure that they are integrated into the troop and will help them with the planning for meetings and events.

All new Scouts who go to camp will take part in the First Year Program which will emphasize first aid, leadership, orienteering, hike preparation, and many, many other things which will allow the Scout to fully enjoy himself in the outdoors.

By the end of the first year, all new Scouts will have served in a position of responsibility such as Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Grubmaster, Quartermaster, and Scribe. The emphasis is on Scout leadership rather than leadership of Scouts by adults.

Some Scouts from Troop 160 have elected to participate in special high-adventure opportunities such as Philmont, the Canoe Base in Minnesota, Sea Base in Florida, the National Jamboree, and home-grown trips like the 10-day Canoe AdVenture to the boundary waters between Canada and Maine and the hiking AdVenture in the Willmore Wilderness near Calgary, Canada.

Because of the training, summer camp, and the emphasis on leadership, most new Scouts will have advanced to First Class and have at least two merit badges by the end of their first year. Several of the new Scouts for 2005 have already been on three camping trips in as many months.

Troop 160 is a multi-age troop with members ranging in age from 11 to 18. Currently we have approximately 50 Scouts registered along with more than 30 adults. We are part of Boston-Minuteman Council which a few years ago, reinforced the BSA policy which forbids any bullying or hazing, with a non-discrimination policy. Many Boy Scouts have been Cub Scouts, but that is not required.



Sleeping in a snow cave while on the annual Deep Freeze campout



A lazy afternoon at summer camp



Coming back from a game of canoe soccer

#### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law  
To help other people at all times  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight

#### Scout Law

A Scout is

Trustworthy	Obedient
Loyal	Cheerful
Helpful	Thrifty
Friendly	Brave
Courteous	Clean
Kind	Reverent

To see more samples of what we do as a troop, go to [www.troop160.com](http://www.troop160.com) and look for the links to the Trip Photos on the right side of the page.