



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Boy Scout Troop 114

Bedford, Massachusetts

Sponsored by the **Woburn Sportsmen's Association**

The attached *Troop 114 Guide* outlines the basis upon which Troop 114 has built its reputation as a fun, safety-conscious, and educational organization that is available to all boys of scouting age living in the Bedford area. Together the scout and his parent(s) should read the *Troop 114 Guide*, sign this front page, and return the signed front page to your Scoutmaster. You should keep the *Troop 114 Guide* for future reference as you will find it contains lots of useful information.

We have read the *Troop 114 Guide* and understand its contents.

_____ Date: _____
Scout's Signature

_____ Date _____
Parent(s) Signature

Introduction to Troop 114

Welcome to Bedford's Troop 114 and to the Boy Scouts of America! The first part of this guide has been written to give you a quick introduction to "how things work" in the Boy Scouts and in Troop 114. The second part goes into more detail regarding the rules of the Troop. Please read it carefully with your parents. If you have any questions about anything in this guide book, please ask!

The Boy Scouts of America

The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) was organized in 1910. Since then, adult leaders in the program have worked to help instill values in young people, to prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime and achieve their full potential. Scouting, along with family, church, school, and other experiences, helps boys become men. Scouting will help you grow by helping you 1) build character, 2) develop an understanding of citizenship, and 3) develop physical, mental and moral fitness. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan. (See "*The Aims and Methods of the Boy Scout Program*" in the Boy Scout Handbook for further information on these values).

Scouting Is Outing!

Scouting is fun. If you're like most boys, you like to learn about things you're interested in by actually *doing* them. Scouting builds on the love of the outdoors that is in most every boy and will teach you to survive under less than ideal conditions, to respect the land, water, and air that surrounds you. This program lets the scout explore, develop new interests, increase his knowledge, and progress in rank and leadership at his own pace. It must be emphasized, despite the abundant help available to a boy from the adult leaders, other unit members, and his parents; it is up to the scout how much or how little he gets out of Scouting. One thing Scouting is NOT is a babysitting program.

How Our Troop Is Organized

Troop 114 is a boy-run organization, and we work hard to give each scout the opportunity to directly control his own advancement and to influence decisions about what we do as a Troop and how we do it.

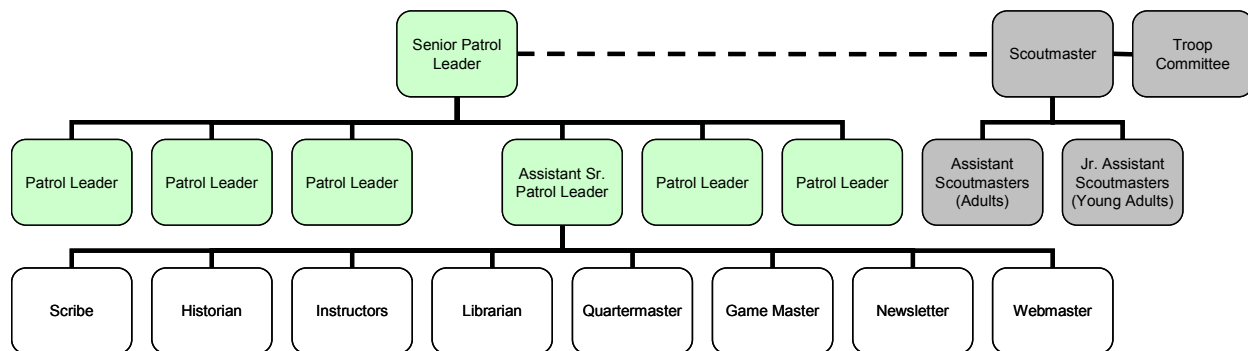
Each scout is a member of a **Patrol** of 4 – 8 boys. Your Patrol will have a name, a flag, a cheer and several leaders – A Patrol Leader and an Assistant Patrol Leader. Your patrol is your core group in Scouting. You will work on advancement requirements together, organize camping trips together, and have fun together. You will have a chance to learn how to follow directions of a Patrol Leader that you will help elect. You will also have opportunities to serve in a leadership role in your patrol and the troop.

The Troop is made up of several patrols. There are also leadership positions at the Troop level, including Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Quartermaster, Librarian, Historian, Game Master and Instructor. The boys in these positions collectively make up the **Senior Patrol** which gives them the opportunity to learn a different level of organization and leadership.

The Senior Patrol and the Patrol Leaders collectively make up the **Patrol Leaders Council**, or PLC. The PLC is responsible for organizing the troop meetings and trips.

The adult leaders of the troop are there to help the boys lead and organize themselves. The **Scoutmaster** and **Assistant Scoutmasters** are there to help with the actual scouting program, to teach scouting skills, and to set a good example for scouts to follow. There are many other opportunities for adults to help run the troop that don't necessarily require camping and outdoor skills. These adults serve on the **Troop Committee**. The Committee Chairperson, Advancement Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary, Activities Chairperson and other roles are very important to helping ensure that the program runs smoothly and safely.

The chart below describes how the various positions of responsibility work together. Positions in the green boxes collectively make up the PLC.



Troop 114 is sponsored by the Woburn Sportsmen's Association (WSA). They provide organizational and financial support when needed, and it is actually through the WSA that we are chartered as an official BSA troop.

Troop 114 belongs to the **Flintlock District**, which serves the northwestern region of the **Boston Minuteman Council**. The Boston Minuteman Council and our District are staffed by paid scouting professionals, as well as by adult volunteers. The Council runs several scout camps and offers some programs, such as Camporees, that bring together scouts from the many troops in the Boston area.

The Scout Oath and Law

The words in the Oath and Law describe how all scouts are encouraged to achieve the basic goals of Scouting. You, as a new scout, will be expected to learn the words of the Oath and Law almost immediately and to begin showing your understanding of them in your daily living for the rest of your life.

Our troop also has detailed rules about appropriate behavior, how to wear the scout uniform, adult leadership, health and safety, and discipline. These are spelled out at the end of this guide. But if you live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, you will have no problems and will find it easy to have fun!

Communication

We rely heavily on the scouts listening to (and writing down!) announcements made during the troop meetings. This is why we encourage boys to bring paper and pencil to each meeting. We also typically do a Patrol call during the weekend to get the word out about the upcoming troop meeting. The Scoutmaster works with the Senior Patrol Leader to determine what information needs to go out in the patrol call. The SPL then calls each of the Patrol Leaders, who call the members of their patrol. The troop also has a website, www.troop114.org, on which a calendar, trip information sheets, a duty roster, and other timely information are posted. The troop has moved towards using the web site in lieu of a newsletter. Finally, information is posted to a Yahoo! Group, which can be found at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/troop114-bedford>. This group is used for group emails, and all families are encouraged to join the group in order to receive email announcements.

Troop Activities

Please refer to the current Troop calendar for the schedule of upcoming events. We normally have one major outdoor activity each month - such as camping, hiking, or a Boston Minuteman Council event. In addition, we occasionally have a service project (as a Troop or as an Eagle Scout project) or a fund-raising event. We also participate in one or more BSA summer camp program(s) each summer.

Equipment Needed

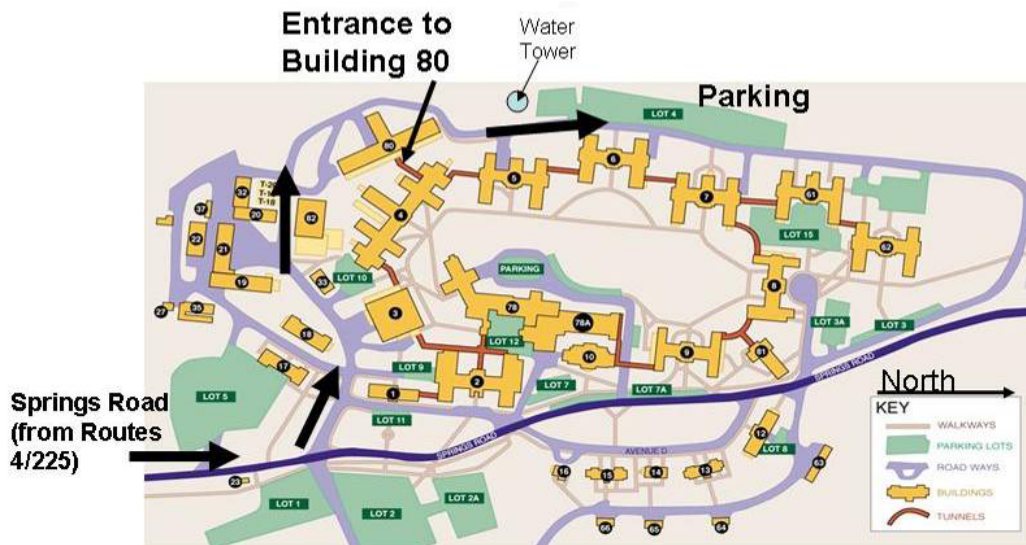
The Troop provides most cooking equipment and other joint use items for campouts. You will need a sleeping bag, personal eating dishes and utensils, personal hygiene items, and a backpack or duffel bag to carry your equipment. See the Scout Handbook and the detailed list at the back of this guide for additional items you might want to get over time. Parents, be advised that it is best to start with basics and gradually build up to a better inventory of gear.

Finances

Troop dues are \$36 per year, a figure that has remained unchanged since 1986. Dues have remained low because of our historically very successful annual fundraising activities, which all scouts (with the exception of Eagle Scouts) are expected to actively support. We also generally charge a nominal fee for many troop activities. Our policy is that all members be able to participate in all activities. If you are aware of any situation where the cost of a trip or activity may pose a problem to any scout or family, please speak in confidence with the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman so that arrangements may be made to address the situation.

Troop Meeting Location

The troop meets throughout the school year on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Edith Nourse Rogers Memorial Veterans Administration Hospital at 200 Springs Road in Bedford. The Troop Committee meets about once a month on Tuesdays. During those weeks, there is no Troop meeting.



Adult Participation

It is a time-proven fact that boys get more out of scouting if their parents are actively involved in the program with them. Parental involvement can range from active, ongoing guidance of the boys in the delivery of the scouting program (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters), or service in a behind-the-scenes role on either an ongoing or one-time project basis (for example as a Committee member, trip leader, Board of Review participant, merit badge counselor). All parents are actively encouraged to “do something” during the year, even if they do not consider themselves to be outdoors enthusiasts.

It is a policy of the Boy Scouts of America that there are always at least two adults present at every meeting and activity.

Troop 114 Rules

Section 1: General Guidelines

1. THE SCOUT LAW IS THE LAW OF THE TROOP. All scouts will be required to read and live by the Scout Law the Boy Scout Handbook.
2. Troop 114 Uniform Code

The same standards for uniforms apply to both Youth and Adult members. There are three uniform standards.

- a. Standard Uniform: Consists of an open collar Boy Scout uniform shirt with badges and insignia worn.
- b. "Class A" Uniform: The Standard Uniform plus Troop-approved neckwear and sash.
 - Troop approved neckwear :
 - *Youth members*: Troop 114, official Boy Scouts of America or special recognition (e.g. honor patrol) neckerchief
 - *Adult members*: Troop 114 or special recognition (e.g. wood badge) neckerchief or BSA Bolo Tie
 - Merit Badge or Order of the Arrow sash
 - OA sashes are only worn at OA events
 - Merit Badge and OA sashes are never worn together
- c. "Class B" Uniform: This is a Troop-approved T-shirt.

The Standard Uniform is required at *all* troop events, unless one of the following exceptions apply:

- a. The Class A Uniform is required at special events, such Courts of Honor, and events where the Troop members will be interacting with the public, such as certain camp outs, and wreath sales.
- b. The leader of an activity may modify the uniform standard as necessary due to the nature of the event (such as Eagle projects).
- c. The Troop calendar will indicate these exceptions, when they can be identified in advance. If there are any questions, assume that the Standard Uniform should be worn.

3. Troop Meetings

- All scouts will remain in the Troop meeting area during Troop meetings unless excused by an adult leader. The same guideline applies to all Troop activities such as campouts. Scouts must not arrive excessively early before a Troop meeting, as no adults will be there, and therefore, it is not safe and could cause the Troop to lose the use of its Troop room.
- The following are required at Troop meetings:
 - a. Boy Scout Handbook: Your Scout Handbook must be brought to all Troop functions unless otherwise specified by the Scoutmaster. A scout's advancement will be tracked in his own Handbook. Equipment lists and LOADS of other information can

be found in the Handbook. It is well worth reading by both the scout and his parent(s).

- b. Pen and paper
 - c. Standard Uniform: Scouts are checked for neat appearance and proper wearing of the uniform. An outgrown uniform exchange rack will be maintained at the Troop Room for use by all scouts at no charge.
- No food, chewing gum, or drinks are allowed at the Troop meetings unless approved by an adult leader in charge.
 - The "Signs Up" signal means that all scouts and leaders MUST stop what they are doing and keep quiet to hear an announcement. This is for common respect for the person making the announcement.
 - No unauthorized items (e.g., tape players, games, toys, rubber balls) will be allowed in Troop meetings. The adult leaders reserve the right to take such items from a scout and return them to his parents after the meeting. Scouts are not allowed in any area of the VA Hospital other than 1) the Building 80 meeting room and 2) the troop's Quonset Hut storage area. This is essential to maintain the Troop's good standing with the VA Hospital.
4. The Troop's philosophy is that all members should be considered as individual persons. The leadership will make every effort to help a scout with an issue or problem. Parents are advised to consult the Scoutmaster in the event of a problem or special situation, just as the Scoutmaster may consult with the parents when appropriate. Parents should inform the Scoutmaster of issues that they feel will affect the scout and of techniques or tools that will help him
 5. Each new scout entering the Troop will be given one copy of an application, a health form, this *Troop 114 Guide*, and other important forms. Parents need to make sure that all forms are completed and returned A.S.A.P. Scouts will be provided with a Troop custom neckerchief and troop hat. These are very special and unique. The fee for a lost neckerchief or hat is \$10.00.
 6. Boy Scout Troop 114 policy requires supervision by a minimum of two (2) parents and/or adult leaders on most activities (certain Venture activities for older scouts are self-led) and that transportation must be available for the boys and the adults to the destination and for the return trip to Bedford. Therefore, in the event that transportation requirements and/or the required number of adults is not met for a Troop 114 activity, participation in the activity will be determined by the Scoutmaster and the adult leaders on the basis of each boy's:
 - a. Scout spirit
 - b. Rank
 - c. Parental involvement in Troop activities

Section 2: Health and Safety

1. Swiss Army type pocket knives are the only acceptable knife for scout use. "Buck" style knives are not allowed. Knives with blade length beyond three inches (3") are not allowed anywhere, anytime. Any exceptions (such as for wood carving craft uses) must be approved by the Scoutmaster in advance.
2. Only scouts with the "Tote 'n Chip" card in their possession may use a knife, ax, saw, or hatchet, at any time, including during campouts. Scouts who violate the safety rules of this card will have a corner clipped off or even have the card revoked by an adult leader.
3. No glass containers are permitted during Troop activities.
4. All scouts' parents must fill out a medical form for their sons. This form is for leaders' emergency use. In addition, adult leaders also need to fill out a medical form. These are absolute requirements for Boy Scout Summer Camp for both scouts and leaders. Christian Scientist families should see the Scoutmaster for appropriate waiver forms for camp and Troop activities.
5. All injuries, including burns, cuts and scrapes--no matter how small--must be reported to an adult leader.
6. For safety, no candles, stoves or open flames are allowed in or near the tents. Scouts may use lanterns only at the leader's discretion, but scouts may never use lanterns or candles in tents.
7. Matches and lighters may only be used with a purpose; they may not be used for entertainment.
8. Alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances (e.g., illegal drugs) are strictly prohibited.
9. All inappropriate items or behaviors that violate the Scout, local, state, or federal law may be reported to local authorities. Possession of such items may lead to any required response by the Leaders and/or the Troop Committee. (See section on Troop Scout Law Policy.)
10. All scouts MUST obey the Boy Scouts of America Safe Swim Defense Rules. If you don't know them, see the Scout Handbook or the Scoutmaster.
11. In case of emergency (traffic accident, serious injury or illness) en route to/from or during a Troop activity, the following procedure is followed:

Do these things immediately:

- Take care of injured or ill person(s).
- Make sure all other personnel are safe.
- If necessary, get local emergency help:
 - Dial 911 or 0.
 - Inform local law enforcement officers in the event of an accident.

After taking the preceding steps:

- Inform the designated home contact (see Section 3), who will then inform affected families.
- Inform Council or other authorities as required.

Section 3: Camping and Other Troop Activities

1. Attending a camp out or other Troop activity is a privilege that is earned by conducting oneself according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
2. Where possible, the Troop will go on one major activity each month. Special-requirement campouts or special-opportunity activities may be scheduled in months where major and/or minor activities already exist.
3. The adult leaders' area on campouts is off limits to a scout unless a scout has a problem or is invited by the adult leaders. Patrol Leaders Council members are allowed entry at any time. It is hard for the adult leaders to carry out their duties with scouts unnecessarily in their area.
4. When planning menus, scouts should avoid using prepackaged foods. Use raw food where possible. It costs less and promotes good cooking skills. Certain activities may dictate food preparation methods (e.g. outdoor camping vs. cooking inside). However, check with the Scoutmaster if in doubt.
5. IMPORTANT! All menus must be approved by a member of the adult leadership.
6. Shopping for food should be done as a Patrol for the first activity of each school year. After that, a different two scouts per Patrol will do the shopping for each activity. A parent is asked to accompany each shopping trip, but not to do the shopping for the scouts.
7. The Patrol will not buy snacks. Each scout is allowed to bring a limited amount of snack food on a camp out for personal consumption.
8. For most activities, the Patrol Leader (or his appointee) will ask for a certain amount of money for food at the Troop meeting before each camp out. Surpluses will be returned; underpayments will be increased after the camp out. This money is not refundable if a scout does not go on the camp out.
9. Scouts and adults planning to go on a Troop trip must attend the last Troop meeting before each camp out to be eligible to go on that activity. If he cannot attend that meeting, he must call both his Patrol Leader AND the Scoutmaster before the meeting. Without doing this, scouts or adults cannot be guaranteed a place on the trip. (and may have to bring their own equipment and food.)
10. For special events (such as canoe trips, winter campouts, or a high-adventure trips) special requirements will be set by the Scoutmaster for the fun, safety and health of all, including necessary equipment, rank achieved, scout spirit, and necessary merit badges earned to help assure that each scout is capable of making such a trip without mishap.
11. When the Troop's Scoutmaster is not present on an activity or Troop meeting, he will designate an acting Scoutmaster. The acting Scoutmaster will have all the duties and responsibilities as the Scoutmaster and will be treated accordingly by the Troop.
12. Radios and other electronic equipment (i.e. TV, CD and MP3 Players, GameBoys, etc.) with headphones are not allowed on campouts.
13. The activity leader is responsible for arranging a home contact for the activity, to be called in case of emergency (see Section 2). Each adult on the activity must have the name and phone number of the home contact. The home contact must have the names of all scouts and adults on the activity and informs their families in case of emergency.
14. A permission slip signed by a parent or guardian is required for each trip.

15. A Tour Permit approved by the Boston Minuteman Council is required for all trips that involve travel outside of Bedford.
16. Troop 114 is available to local or regional Civil Defense agencies in the event of a natural disaster, missing person search or the like. If called upon, parents are asked to assist their sons in preparing the necessary clothing, food or tools that may be needed.
17. Eagle Scouts are expected by the Committee to remain active in Troop 114 after the awarding of the Eagle badge. Service to one's Troop is part of the responsibility of being an Eagle Scout.
18. On the day of a VA Hospital or Woburn Sportsman's Club service project, all scouts (of all ages) who are not working or out of town with family are expected to help and participate for some amount of time. These two organizations are our support and sponsoring organizations, and Troop members must recognize their responsibilities.

Section 4: Finances

1. Yearly dues are \$36.00 per year. This amount includes the payment of national/council/Boy's Life Magazine fees. The \$36.00 is paid in September. Scouts joining after September will be charged a pro-rated amount of \$3.00 per month starting in September.
2. Refund Policy: A scout who notifies the Troop Committee of his intention to resign from scouting before January 1 of any year shall be refunded 50% of his annual Troop dues payment, upon request. The remainder of his yearly dues will have been used to cover the cost of Boy's Life magazine and Council dues which are not refundable.
3. Each scout must pay dues until reaching the rank of Eagle.
4. IMPORTANT: If parents feel that the cost of a Troop activity is beyond the family's ability to pay, they should call the Scoutmaster, who will make confidential arrangements for funding or for a loan, as appropriate. NO SCOUT SHALL MISS AN ACTIVITY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.

Section 5: Personal Equipment

Besides the equipment that is required at each meeting, scouts and adults should have the following personal equipment:

- a. backpack
- b. compass
- c. flashlight
- d. dinnerware (knife, fork, spoon)
- e. poncho/raincoat
- f. extra pair of old sneakers
- g. mess kit (pan, plate, cup)
- h. wallet/other container for pocket money
- i. toilet kit incl. toilet paper
- j. jackknife (see knife rules of Section 3.1)
- k. sleeping bag
- l. plastic ground cloth
- m. plastic bags for trash
- n. comfortable boots
- o. long underwear and stocking cap
- p. water bottle
- q. rope
- r. sun block
- s. insect repellent
- t. First Aid kit (see Scout Handbook)

Section 6: Troop Equipment

1. The Troop equipment is for the use of all members of the Troop for Troop functions. Willful or careless destruction or loss of Troop gear will result in that scout's replacing it at his own expense.
2. Each scout and Patrol is responsible for cleaning, drying, and general care of all troop equipment used by them. You dirty it--you clean it; you get it wet--you dry it. **IT IS IMPORTANT TO DRY TENTS, AT HOME, IMMEDIATELY UPON RETURNING FROM A CAMP OUT TO AVOID MILDEW DAMAGE!** If raining, hang tent in a garage or basement.
3. Tents and cooking equipment must be returned clean and DRY. Tents that are wet or cooking equipment that is unclean when brought back will be returned to the previous borrowers. Wet tents and unclean cooking equipment will be assessed \$25.00 by the Quartermaster. While all borrowers of the equipment may share the fee, it should be paid by the person charged with returning it after the camp out.
4. EQUIPMENT IS DUE BACK IN THE TROOP ROOM AT THE MEETING IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACTIVITY. If special circumstances exist, the scout must inform the Scoutmaster and bring the equipment to the next possible meeting.
5. Scouts and Leaders may obtain Troop equipment only by signing it out with the Quartermaster or Acting Quartermaster.

Section 7: Advancement

1. Rank advancement awards will be presented to the scout shortly after the award is earned. Recognition will also be made at each Court of Honor for those awards earned since the previous Court of Honor.
2. The Troop's advancement philosophy is that a scout should be encouraged to advance at his own pace. It is not the Leaders' goal to produce Eagle Scouts for glory's sake.
3. The Troop has an Advancement Chairman who keeps all advancement records and advises the leadership on scouts' progress.
4. If a scout is attending a merit badge or other advancement course which is taught by his parent, the parent must insure that at least 2 other scouts are also attending the parent's advancement course.
5. Participation in Scouting is a requirement for all ranks and is defined as the manner in which a scout spends his time available for Scouting. A scout who is involved whenever he can is highly participatory.
6. A scout's participation and level of involvement in the Troop can fluctuate during the year due to homework, illness, organized sports or activities, or other special situations. These situations will occur from time to time. Please notify the Scoutmaster if you will be temporarily inactive.
7. Boards of Review for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life ranks are arranged by the Advancement Chairman. It is the scout's responsibility to request a Board of Review from either the Scoutmaster or the Advancement Chairman.
8. The Board of Review is an opportunity for the scout and adults in the troop to look at the "big picture" and to talk about how things are going for him as an individual, a member of his patrol, and as a member of the troop. It is not a final test of the skills learned during the rank. A scout should prepare for a Board of Review by reviewing his Scout Handbook and thinking about how he has grown in Scouting since his last rank. A scout is expected to appear for a Board of Review in his Class A uniform with proper badges and Scout Handbook.

Section 8: Positions of Responsibility

1. Candidate scouts for the Troop's Leadership offices (Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), and ASPL-Venture) shall be at least Star in rank and at least 14 years old before they can run for office. A scout's leadership history and prior conduct are also important for nomination. Achieving Star is not a guarantee of eligibility to run for office. Voting is open to the entire Troop membership.
2. Patrol Leaders shall be elected to a 6-month term by their Patrol members. In some cases (for example, disciplinary problems or inappropriate actions by the Patrol Leader), the Scoutmaster may call for new elections.
3. The Troop's Assistant Patrol Leaders shall be elected for a 6-month term by members of their Patrol.
4. All Patrol Leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader serve on the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC). The PLC is charged with developing meeting and activity plans, discussing Scouting matters among themselves, and handling those discipline cases referred by leaders.
5. The Troop Guide, Librarian, Scribe, Historian, Bugler, Quartermaster (and other posts which may be created) may either be elected by the Troop or appointed by leaders' discretion. Leaders shall set criteria for these posts if open for election.
6. Should a scout enter the Troop at an advanced age (ages 13 to 15) or possess unusual ability (before rank ability would ordinarily allow him to take a certain position), then the adult leadership reserves the right to appoint such a scout to certain positions.

Troop 114 will pay as shown below for scout leadership training courses:

Patrol Leader Training	100%
Junior Leader Training	50%
Lifeguard, BSA	50% of course & CPR year 1 and 100% CPR year 2 and 3.

The Troop Committee reserves the right to modify the Troop's percentage of funding from time to time.

7. Eagle Courts of Honor are prestigious events recognizing scouts' earning of the BSA's highest rank. The Troop's goal is to have two Eagle courts of honor per year scheduled at the discretion of the Scoutmaster, Chairman and the Committee, aimed to facilitate family participation and school schedules. Accordingly, the Committee cannot guarantee that an individual scout will be the only person recognized in a particular Eagle ceremony.

Section 9: The Scout Law and Discipline

1. The Scout Law says that a scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. A scout is expected to conduct himself according to the Scout Law, and by doing so he demonstrates Scout Spirit. As demonstration of Scout Spirit is a requirement for advancement, it is clear that a scout cannot advance if he does not behave appropriately.
2. Hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, harassment, intimidation, endangerment, physical violence, insubordination to a leader and use of drugs or alcohol are examples of behaviors that violate the scout law and are strictly prohibited.
3. If a scout is confronted with bullying or otherwise inappropriate behavior, he should seek help from the troop leaders and/or his parents.
4. When the Troop leaders learn that a scout's behavior is inconsistent with the Scout Law, they will first ensure that all scouts are safe and then will confirm any allegations of inappropriate behavior through discrete conversations with accused and affected scouts. If inappropriate behavior is confirmed, Troop leaders will work with the scout and his parents to plan a corrective course of action.
5. Adult leaders may deal with minor disciplinary problems in a manner that is consistent with the existing situation and scout policy. In the event of more serious disciplinary problems, the Troop Committee may become involved in determining the appropriate course of action.
6. The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) may be asked to address issues assigned to it by an adult leader, or may take on issues on their own with permission from the Scoutmaster or Acting Scoutmaster. After considering all sides of a problem, the PLC may recommend to the Scoutmaster what action should be taken. The Scoutmaster will review the recommendation and, at his discretion, will enforce either that recommendation or a modified version of the recommendation.
7. When a scout violates the Scout Law, to avoid future problems in behavior, the Troop leadership may inform the scout's parents, revoke a scout's activity privileges, suspend a scout from the Troop or terminate membership in the Troop. Termination of membership will only be considered for extremely severe problems or cases where the other scouts in the Troop would be exposed to undue risk were the scout to remain enrolled. The decision to terminate membership will only be made after a Committee meeting which the scout and/or his parents may attend if they wish.