



# Troop 282 West Seattle, WA USA



## Welcome!

Thank you for joining Troop 282. There is great adventure ahead. You will go on many great outings, develop some valuable skills, and learn a lot. Mostly you will have a lot of fun!

On the path of scout advancement, you will start out earning the Scout rank and work yourself toward Eagle Scout. For Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class ranks you will learn skills that will help you in the outdoors. You will learn how to cook on a campout, use a knife safely, build a campfire, set up a tent, tie knots and find your way with a map and compass. These are the basic skills you will use on all your adventures.

To become a Star, Life and Eagle Scout you will earn merit badges, many of which you choose yourself based on your interests. You will learn and develop leadership skills and use them to first serve your troop and then later your community.

Will this be easy? Will this be hard? The answer to both is yes! You will be challenged in many ways. You will grow in many ways. You will have to put some time and effort into Scouting. The great thing is you are not alone. There are many older scouts in your troop who have been down the same trail you are starting on. Just as older scouts helped them, our Scouts will help you. There are also many adults here to help you. Just reach out and someone will give you a hand and help you on your way. With help, you will find the path is easy and enjoyable.

I and everyone else in Troop 282 look forward to working with you and beside you, on your adventure along the Scout trail.

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# Foreword

## So Now Your Youth Joined Scouting! (A Parent's Perspective)

When my scout first joined Troop 282, he came in his blue Cub Scout uniform proudly wearing the Arrow of Light. It was obvious to me he needed a khaki uniform with the 282 numbers, a slide for the cool neckerchief the Scoutmaster gave him, a Chief Seattle patch (where to put it?) and like the older scouts, he'd need green pants. We found all



this stuff, and my scout and I worked together to sew those patches on. All was great for the second meeting.

After a few months he signed up to go shoot rifles and was going to camp out overnight, but I still felt overwhelmed by what I did not know. I trusted the scout leaders, and knew some of the other scouts going on the trip, so what did my scout really need?

The Scout Outdoor 10 Essentials. I had never heard of these before, but upon reading the list, it made sense to me for outdoor survival.

Wow. Added up, that stuff was expensive! Add to that list a backpack, a sleeping bag, some decent raingear, wool and polypropylene or silk socks, and boots for muddy outdoor activities and the costs rose.

However, we found that some of the older scouts outgrew their backpacks and sleeping bags which they were willing to give away for free. They were also willing to sell their expensive raingear! We followed the adage, "cotton kills", and we found the best polypropylene tee shirts in the Troop 282 Class B! The rest of the equipment we bought piecemeal for birthdays and holidays (my scout saved up for and bought his own knife and sleeping bag).

We got a Sharpie marker and labeled everything. My scout proceeded to lose everything except his backpack at least once, and we are on knife number 6 after five years.

So, take heart! Talk to other parents; ask around for good deals on equipment and soon your scout will be fully equipped!

It is now a pleasure to send my scout off to hike, snowboard, or ride bikes. After 5 years in Scouting, he knows what to bring, who to notify where he's going, where to get maps (how to read them!), and how to survive almost everything that has been handed to him.



### Map & Compass

- Compass w/baseplate. Review area online. Having a map is better than nothing.



### Sun Protection/Sunscreen

- Wide brimmed hat, sunscreen, lip balm
- Applied sunscreen works best



### Trail Food

- High protein, complex carbohydrates
- NOT Dots or gummy bears



### Matches & Firestarter

- 24 Wooden matches in plastic bag x 3
- Firestarters, old candle nubs, tea lights



### Headlamp or flashlight

- Headlamps keep hands free
- Spare light(s) - strong/extra batteries



### Rain gear

- Cheapish: rubber-coated nylon raingear.
- More expensive: Gortex



### Water bottle

- You'll need a couple of these.



### Extra Clothing

- This is intuitive. Just need to keep away from cotton.



### First Aid Kit

- A simple one can be put together (see Scout Handbook).



### Knife or Leatherman

- These can cost very little, or be the pride of a grown man and cost \$100.

# Introduction

Welcome to Troop 282, we are glad to have you as a part of our family.

We are about adventure. Everything we're trying to do hinges upon it. Small adventures build skills and prepare our sons for bigger and bolder adventures. All along the way we model a respectful way of life grounded in simple yet powerful principles. Almost as a side effect your scout will get training in social skills and leadership and practical self-sufficiency that is part and parcel of becoming a strong responsible citizen.

The Scout Oath and Law are the rules by which this Troop and all others operate. This handbook serves as a reference to how our Troop applies these principles to the everyday activities of the troop. It contains details about how our troop is organized, what resources and opportunities are available and where to get more information.

Please let this document spark a conversation within your family about hopes for the future and how scouting and Troop 282 can help contribute to reaching these goals.

# The Patrol Method

Our troop is organized into smaller units called patrols, and each one has an **elected** leader and a **selected** assistant. It is the responsibility of these leaders to encourage their patrol to attend meetings and outings. The patrol leader should have the latest information and know who to contact if they have a question. Please help encourage this very important part of the troop by asking your scout to work through their patrol leader when your family has a question.

The chart below illustrates how the various youth leaders interact. Notice that most of the jobs are done by youth leaders. The key position in the troop is the Senior Patrol Leader, an older scout with a bit of experience. They lead the others in planning and preparation of the troop program and its activities. Adults provide coaching and mentoring.

When a scout has learned a skill, their next task will be to pass it on to someone else. When they have learned a job, they help someone else learn to do it too. Most of the positions in the troop are appointed, except for each patrol's leader and the senior patrol leader. Jobs are assigned so that the scout gains experience and this prepares them for their next job. There are many jobs, and in their scouting career each scout should expect to hold most of these positions at least once. For a description of each of these jobs see later pages.

