

Scout Troop 841

Chartered to:

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church

Alpharetta Georgia

Affiliated with:

Atlanta Area Council

Northern Ridge District



Welcome to Troop 841! This handbook gives information and guidelines regarding Troop policy, forms required and uniform information. Your Scout is a member of Troop 841, Northern Ridge District (<https://www.northernridgebsa.org/>) of the Atlanta Area Council (<https://www.atlantabsa.org/>). The Troop is Scout led and made up of Patrols, which are groups of Scouts that work together under the guidelines of a Senior Patrol Leader and guided by a Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. The Troop has a Chartered Organization which acts as a sponsor and ours is Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church located at 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta Georgia.

The Troop is run by the Scouts. Youth leaders make up the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) which meets monthly on the first Thursday of each month at 7-8pm at 810 Briars Bend, Alpharetta. Registered BSA Adult Leaders make up the Troop Committee, which includes a Committee Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Event coordinators, Advancement Chair and others. All parents of Troop 841 are welcomed and encouraged to become a Committee Member. Our committee meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 7-8pm at 810 Briars Bend, Alpharetta and are open to all parents.

Troop Meetings

Meetings start with a flag ceremony and recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. Scouts will follow an agenda based on what the patrol leader's council (PLC) has come up with for that meeting. It can include games, meal planning for Troop outings, demonstration and performing Scout skills or Rank advancements, discussion of upcoming events, advancements, service projects etc. Individual Scouts will have opportunities to have requirements signed of in their Scout Handbook and talk with MBCs. Meetings end with a closing ceremony and announcements.

Our Troop provides numerous opportunities for Scouts to take on leadership positions. Elected positions include Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader. Scouts are elected by their peers.

Appointed positions include Assistant Senior Patrol leader, assistant patrol leader, troop guide, den chief, scribe, bugler, quartermaster, chaplain aide, instructor, order of the Arrow representative, outdoor ethics guide. Interested Scouts ask the Scoutmaster or SPL to appoint them for leadership positions. Scouts should speak with the ASPL and research responsibilities for each position before asking to be appointed.

<https://troopleader.scouting.org/troop-positions/>

Please remember that our Troop is Scout led and the youth leaders are putting forth their time and effort to help your Scouts to earn rank requirements, participate in fun activities, and gain all the positive values that the Scout program offers. How can parents help?

- Be an active parent. Everybody has some special abilities and 'know how' that can be of great help in matters relating to Scouts. Any parent that attends an overnight event must be YPT certified and a registered adult member of the Troop.
- Please try to attend the beginning or end of the meeting. This is an opportunity for you to speak with the adult leaders, find out what's happening with the Troop. It is also when announcements are made.

Troop and B.S.A. Dues

Throughout the Scout year, the Troop will be collecting money for various Troop functions and activities. These are only due if your Scout attends the function or activity. There are many events offered in Scouting at the Troop, District and Council level that your Scout can attend.

In addition, the Troop collects an annual fee that is required for your Scout's involvement in the Troop. This fee is due in the fall and announcements will be made on Band or the Troop website www.t841.org. This annual fee goes towards BSA membership costs, insurance, recharter costs, uniform costs (sash, neckerchief, woggle), merit badges and awards. The Troop maintains a separate bank account with records being kept by the Troop Treasurer, Kevin Carnegie (kjcarnegie@gmail.com)

Fund Raisers

Our Troop collects Christmas Trees to be recycled as a fundraiser. It is required that Scouts participate. The fundraiser can only be successful if the entire Troop takes part. The Monday meeting after Thanksgiving is typically when Scouts fill flyer packages and choose neighborhoods to deliver flyers to. The flyers are delivered as soon as possible at the Scouts convenience. First Saturday in January is typically when the Christmas trees are collected to be recycled. The Troop relies on the City of Milton to set this date.

Scouting and You

Throughout the year there are banquets, fund-raisers, Court of Honors, camping trips, and many other activities and functions. The Troop needs your help in implementing the program and offering your Scout many opportunities to have fun, develop leadership skills, earn merit badges and advance in Scouting. Remember, the Troop cannot offer a robust program without your help. Please volunteer freely and give of yourself when called upon to help.

Uniforms, Badges, and Accessories

The Troop provides each new Scout with a Scout Handbook, Scout Merit Badge binder, shoulder epaulets, Troop 841 numbers, neckerchief, woggle, Troop t-shirt and sash. The Troop also provides merit badges, awards and other accessories the Scout may earn. The Scout is responsible for their BSA uniform shirt and any replacement items. Scouts are expected to wear their uniform to each meeting (unless otherwise stated on Band), and while traveling to and from camping trips and activities.

<https://www.scoutshop.org/scouts-bsa-collection>, Atlanta BSA Scout Shop storefront is located at 1800 Circle 75 Pkwy, Atlanta, GA 30339.

Troop 841 also has extra Troop t-shirts available for purchase at www.t841.org

Forms

Each Scout must have an up to date Annual Health and Medical Record on file if they attend ANY Scout function (including weekly meetings) <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>

Activities less than 72 hours require A, B1 and B2.

Activities that last longer than 72 hours (summer camp) require A, B1, B2 and C (filled out by a physician).