

# Parents Guide Introduction

Welcome to Troop 113. This guide is intended to give you information about Troop 113 and Scouting. This is a source to point out the more important aspects of Scouting BSA and familiarize you with the expectations that our Troop has for running a quality Scouting program.

It is important to remember that the only limit to what a particular scout can achieve in Scouting is the amount of effort they put into the program. The goal is to teach not only Scouting skills, but **life** skills, and to teach them so they stay with the Scout through their future years. To this end, we rely heavily on the participation and support of parents and guardians. With your continual encouragement, these scouts will learn responsibility and accountability and become the fine young people we know they can be.

Troop 113 is chartered by American Legion Post 491 of Bayport, Minnesota and Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Bayport, Minnesota. The Troop meets weekly on Tuesday nights pre-meeting 6:15-6:30 PM, meeting from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. From the beginning of November through the end of April the Troop meets at Bethlehem Lutheran Church. The remainder of the year we meet at the Scout Building in the North West corner of Lakeside Park, in Bayport.

Usually the second Tuesday of the month the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meets with the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters to plan upcoming meetings and activities. This meeting replaces the regular Troop meeting. The PLC is made up of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Quartermaster and Scribe, along with all of the Patrol Leaders. All other members may attend. If in doubt about upcoming plans please consult the calendar on the Troop web site: <https://bayporttroop113.org/calendar/default.html>

The Troop is divided into several Patrols of Scouts. Scouts learn leadership skills in each Patrol by serving in leadership positions. Each Patrol has a Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader may also appoint an Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Quartermaster, and Patrol Scribe to help make the Patrol run smoothly.

The Troop is governed by adults who make up the Troop Committee, but is run by the Scouts with counseling from the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. The Troop Committee consists of the Committee Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Advancement Chairperson, Camping Chairperson, and Chartered Organization Representative. The Committee meetings are attended by the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. Parents and guardians are encouraged to volunteer for positions on the Troop Committee. This group of dedicated adults meets once a month, usually after the PLC meeting. The meetings begin after the PLC (between 7:00 and 7:30). All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend any time. If you are bringing specific concerns, we ask that you contact the Troop Committee Chairperson in advance so we may prepare to properly address your concerns at the meeting.