

Meetings

Our troop meetings are held every Wednesday night, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Winston Campus in Palatine. The school is located off of Palatine and Rohlwing Roads. We do not have weekly meetings in the months of July and August.

Leadership

Troop 69 is a boy-run troop and operates by the patrol method. The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC), with oversight from the Scoutmasters and Troop Committee, plan and implement the troop's activities, including our weekly troop meetings, campouts, and our annual summer camp. Our troop presents an annual Troop Leader Training program (TLT) and sends several Scouts annually to the Council-run National Youth Leadership Training program, NYLT. American Legion Post 690 generously underwrites this training. Our adult leaders are trained in Scouting policies, training skills, and safety; appropriate to or exceeding the requirements for their positions and for our outings.

Parent Participation

Troop 69 enjoys a strong parental base. In addition to adult leadership and Troop Committee positions, we have many parents who help with special projects. Our Troop Committee meets monthly to discuss ongoing troop issues and to ensure the troop's safety and its success.

Service to the Community

Troop 69 participates in the Council's annual Scouting For Food drive in spring. We have also participated in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Our members have helped run activities for Cub Scouts attending Webelos Unplugged at Camp Lakota in the fall.

Our troop has had a variety of Eagle projects, both indoors and out: Some examples are:

- ◆ Created and repaired bike trails in Deer Grove
- ◆ Collected used eye glasses for the poor
- ◆ Assembled and mailed care packages to troops in Iraq
- ◆ Landscaped community, school, and church properties
- ◆ Organized and ran a community recycling program
- ◆ Organized and ran a dance for handi-capped students
- ◆ Remodeled areas at local schools and churches
- ◆ Renovated a historic graveyard

These projects encourage all Scouts of any rank or age level to participate.

Rally Night

We invite boys interested in learning about our troop to attend Rally Night on **January 14, 2009**. To arrange a visit on that night, to visit another night, or to join us on a campout, call us. (See front page for phone numbers.)

BOY SCOUT TROOP 69 PALATINE, ILLINOIS



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**We invite Webelos Scouts or
Scouting-age boys and their parents to
visit any of our troop meetings.**

**Call the Scoutmaster,
Kris Cramer, 847-934-0079
or Committee Chair,
Steve Shipton, 847-776-2607**

Visit our Website to see more information
about our troop, upcoming and recent
events, and our calendar:

www.Troop69.com



Our Troop

Boy Scout Troop 69, Palatine, Illinois, was chartered in October 1950 and has been sponsored by the American Legion Post 690 in Palatine for more than 50 years.



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Our troop has about 25 members and is very active. We camp one weekend every month during the school year (except December) and attend summer camp. Our Scouts enjoy outdoor activities like camping and hiking. On at least one campout a year we challenge ourselves with gourmet cooking. In addition to camaraderie and leadership, the boys learn and practice outdoor skills like camping, cooking, and orienteering on these trips. Most of our monthly trips are in Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin.

Our youth leaders plan varied activities and destinations each year. In addition to camping, other activities have included:

- ◆ Canoeing
- ◆ Whitewater Rafting
- ◆ Backpacking
- ◆ Fishing
- ◆ Biking, both mountain and road
- ◆ Skiing
- ◆ Climbing

On these campouts, we cook in patrols. Our troop has a wide range of equipment including tents, stoves, and other cooking gear for our troop and patrols.

Fundraising

Boy Scout Troop 69 has one major fundraiser each year: a wreath sale before Christmas. Each Scout has his own Scout account, and a portion of the funds he raises gets credited to his account to help offset the costs of monthly campouts or summer camp. We have occasionally added a spring fundraiser to help our new Scouts with funds for summer camp or for more expensive upcoming outings.

Summer Camp Trips

Troop 69 generally attends a local Boy Scout camp (within 300 miles) in odd-numbered years. In even-numbered years, Troop 69 attends summer camp further away from Palatine, but generally within a 1,000-mile radius. Some of our older Scouts go to Philmont Scout Reservation in odd-numbered years.

Recent summer camp locations:

- 2008 — Lewis & Clark Scout Reservation, South Dakota
- 2007 — Camp Roy C. Manchester, Kentucky
- 2006 — Camp Waubeeka, New York
- 2005 — Camp Hiawatha, UP, Michigan
- 2004 — Medicine Mountain Scout Ranch, Black Hills of South Dakota
- 2003 — Camp Napowan, Wisconsin
- 2002 — Camp Rock Enon, Virginia and Appalachian Trail
- 2001 — Camp Castle Rock, Wisconsin and Philmont Scout Ranch
- 2000 — Ben deLatour Camp and Elkhorn High Adventure Base, in Red Feather Lakes, Colorado

1999 — Camp Lowden in Oregon, IL and Philmont Scout Ranch

Families are encouraged to join us on our long distance trips.

Scout Advancement

Our patrol leaders and older Scouts, under the supervision of the Scoutmasters, work with younger Scouts on rank advancement during the year. Additional opportunities are available in summer camp programs. Boys are encouraged to earn merit badges individually or in groups/patrols. Many troop parents are merit badge counselors. We bring in other community members to our meetings to help Scouts with specialized skills. Troop 69 holds quarterly Courts of Honor, where advancement is formally acknowledged.

Rank of Eagle Scout

Troop 69 is proud that eleven of its members have reached the rank of Eagle Scout in the last five years; 47 Eagle Scouts in total since the troop formed in 1950. One of our Assistant Scoutmasters is devoted to counseling our Life Scouts as they work toward their Eagle Scout rank. Our troop also has an Eagle Committee to help Life Scout families prepare for the Eagle Court of Honor ceremony.

