

## Troop 75 Basic Information For New Webelos Crossing

- Troop 75 Meetings:** Meetings are Tuesdays, **including Summers**, from 7-8:30PM in the Basement of St. Mary's Church (SR 20 between SR 615 & Little Mountain Rd) in Mentor. We often meet off site, so consult Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader or Web Calendar to confirm [www.troop75ohio.org](http://www.troop75ohio.org)
- Contact Persons & Communication:** David McGee, Scoutmaster [dave@themcgees.net](mailto:dave@themcgees.net) or 440-974-9580 (h) or 440-823-1885 (c)  
John Uhran, Comm. Chair [john.uhran@lubrizol.com](mailto:john.uhran@lubrizol.com) or 440-255-2984 (h) or 440-725-1580 (c)  
Because of the number of Scouts, Parents, Leaders & varied levels of events, **email is our primary means of communication, therefore please email parents & Scouts email addresses to the Scoutmaster ASAP** and, thereafter, periodically (weekly) check your email.
- Uniform Use:** "Class A's" (complete Boy Scout uniform: BSA socks, pants, belt, shirt, slide, green epaulets, and scarf) are worn to all meetings and "To & From Camp". During months when school is out, however, we switch to "Class B's" (Troop T-Shirt) for meetings, however Class A's are still worn for events and to/from camp. Troop Class "B" T-Shirts are given out once New Scouts register for Summer Camp. See Mr. Sheehy (413-4263) for Class "B" T-Shirts. Sneakers are not permitted for special events: Courts of Honor, Scout Sunday...etc., any time an event includes a flag ceremony or honor guard. New Scouts do NOT need to buy Scout uniforms immediately and can wear their Webelos uniform instead as long as it is a complete uniform. We do NOT wear jeans in place of uniform pants when Class A's are required! Mr. Kerry Lisk, 440-974-5091 (h), 440-537-9839 (c), maintains the Troop uniform bank of used uniform parts & dress shoes to assist parents in this expense.
- Paper Work & Fees:** We need a completed "New Scout Application" and a \$25 activity fee upon Crossing (half of our annual activity fee) to cover scarf, Class B T-Shirt, etc. Annual Troop Activity & Council Registration fees (\$50 + Boys Life) is collected at re-chartering in January. After crossing, we will also need: copy of birth certificate, copy of health insurance card, both "Annual Health & Medical Record" forms ("All Scouting Events" & "Going to Camp"), both parent's names, Cell #'s & email addresses to communicate with family and Scout. All of these forms can be obtained on line at the BSA National or Council Web Site: <http://www.scouting.org/forms.aspx>
- Important Dates:** Unlike Cub Scouts, we are active over the Summer. In fact, attendance at Summer Camp is crucial (according to National statistics, almost 90% of New Scouts that do not attend Summer Camp quickly drop out of Scouting). We also have specific programs leading up to Summer Camp so that both the Scout & Parents are comfortable that requisite skill and confidence levels exist for the Scout be safe and have fun. These events are crucial:
1. **5/29/15 - 5/31/15:** New Scout Camp Out at Stigwandish, Madison (Grand River Site)
  2. **3 ~ 4 Tuesday Meetings prior to** New Scout Camp Out - Scout & Camping Skills covered
  3. **7/12/18 - 7/18/15: Summer Camp** at Blue Ridge Scout Reservation, Hiwassee, VA (see "Summer Camp Facilities" link on lower right side of the Troop's "Home Page", dates on "Calendar" page, & Summer Camp Checklists on the "Resources" page).
- New Scouts are welcome to start attending meetings and camp outs earlier and the above is considered the minimum necessary for any realistic chance of a successful start in Scouting. For all dates, select "Annual Plan" from toolbar on top of home page at [www.troop75ohio.org](http://www.troop75ohio.org)
- Parent Involvement:** Unlike Cub Scouts, virtually ALL of our parents are involved in our program in some way even if it is only a limited involvement. We are not a camping club or a baby sitting service! We simply can not put on the level and quality of program we presently provide without help, in some form or level, from ALL parents. While we do not expect everyone to become as involved as our Uniformed Adult Leaders, we do expect 1~2 of the Fathers among each year's new Scout families joining us this year to become Adult Leaders and/or regularly attend camp outs, meetings & other events, and the balance of parents to help in some way, if only in some limited fashion. To find out how you can help, **ASK** and attend our **Adult Committee/Parents Meetings:** generally, the 2nd Tuesday of every odd month **@ 7PM in St. Mary's Gathering Center (next to Church), 3/10/15, 5/12/15, etc.**, but see monthly calendar & email notices to confirm and for more information.