

Troop 20 *HAVING FUN!*

FUN is one of the most important things! At meetings, activities and campouts, we want the boys to enjoy themselves and respect each other. Before our weekly meetings, we enjoy a fun activity to set the mood. **Join Troop 20 and discover what scouting is all about!**

OUTINGS & ACTIVITIES

Each month we plan an outing: campouts, bike trips, backpacking, spelunking, camporees, water sports, winter camping and much more.



BADGES



Many of our Scouts use “one-day” merit badge college opportunities to earn the **Eagle required** merit badges and many of the “elective” badges offered in Scouting.

FLOUR WARS!

Each spring when Webelos and new Scouts join Troop 20, we host our annual “Flour Wars”. Here the new boys get to know each other, as members of the newest patrols of the troop. The boys get acquainted, have a blast, and get *absolutely filthy dirty*.



SUMMER CAMP



Each summer Troop 20 attends Camp Buck Toms on Watts Bar Lake during the last week of June. We also camp throughout the year, enabling Scouts to earn overnights toward their Camping merit badge.

LEADERSHIP

While the Scouts themselves lead the Troop, we provide solid adult guidance to assist them along their paths. Troop 20 is truly Scout driven, but with more than 20 registered adult leaders and assistant scoutmasters, there are plenty of adults around to help the boys when needed.



GROWTH THROUGH RESPONSIBILITY AND TEAMWORK



At each rank our Scouts take leadership roles, learn organizational skills, and experience ways to be team players. These skills help them in their educational development and life skills used

throughout adulthood as leaders, businessmen and fathers.

ORGANIZATION

Troop 20 keeps Scouts and parents informed by sending regular updates on Scouts’ rank advancements, event details, and other troop activities. Troop 20 keeps its membership in-the-loop. But the lines of communication run both ways; we **listen** to Scouts and parents. We want to make Scouting a terrific experience.



EAGLE SCOUTS

We help each Scout move along the path toward Eagle, while having fun as they go. Each rank is important: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, Star, Life and Eagle. Each advancement brings more self-reliance, teamwork, experience in leadership,



community and friendship. *Skills which will serve them throughout their lifetime*

DEDICATED ADULT GUIDANCE TOWARD EAGLE

Once Scouts reach Life rank, Troop 20 designates adult leaders to personally assist them navigate through the labyrinth of requirements toward Eagle rank. "If a Scout wants to reach Eagle, Troop 20 will help him get there," says Scoutmaster Emeritus Bill Shanks.

"Troop 20 has produced more Eagle Scouts than any other Troop in the Toqua District," according to GSMC District Executive Dana Davidson. Since previous Scoutmaster Jon Schaffer's tenure began with Troop 20, **145** Scouts have earned Eagle rank (through 2014). And just since 2010, Troop 20 has produced 32 Eagle Scouts; almost double most other troops in Toqua District. Troop 20's goal is for the Scout to reach Eagle before they turn 16, when "distractions" enter the boy's life.



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Troop 20 Stats

ESTABLISHED

TROOP WEBSITE

www.discoveret.org/troop20

TROOP SIZE

65 scouts 61 Adults

SCOUTMASTER

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Troop 20

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Toqua District



MEETING PLACE & TIME

First Cumberland Presbyterian Church
6900 Nubbin Ridge Drive
Knoxville Tennessee

Monday nights 7:00 –8:30 pm