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TROOP 401 JOINING INFORMATION

Troop Website: www.bsatroop401.org

Welcome to our Troop! The following is information you will need to know in order to join. If you have any questions, please contact one of the leaders listed at the bottom. Also, check out our troop website which has our schedule and other useful information.

REGISTRATION: Obtain and fill out a Boy Scout Application Form. Give it along with your dues to the Scoutmaster for processing. Make checks payable to "BSA-Troop 401".

DUES: \$50.00 per year (This full amount is due in January of each year and is prorated when joining at other times of the year). We do not charge any monthly dues. This fee includes registration with the Boy Scouts of America and a subscription to Boys Life Magazine. The balance is used for chartering fees and Troop supplies such as rank badges, merit badges and equipment.

ITEMS REQUIRED: Each scout is expected to purchase a Boy Scout Handbook, Scout Shirt with insignia and Scout hat. These items can be purchased at the Wheeling Scout Office or Pittsburgh Scout Shop or from BSA via Catalog.

UNIFORM: The Troop Official Uniform consists of:

- Official Scout Hat
- Official Scout Shirt (short or long sleeve)
- belted pants or belted shorts
- shoes
- Scout pants, belt and scout socks required when First Class Rank achieved

We recommend purchasing a short sleeve shirt and a red long sleeved turtleneck shirt. The uniform shirt can be worn without the turtleneck in warm weather and with the turtleneck in cold weather.

Insignia - the following insignia are needed

- Ohio River Valley Council shoulder patch
- 401 troop numerals
- Red shoulder ribbons

See the Boy Scout Handbook for placement of the insignia or talk with one of the leaders.

MEETINGS: We meet on Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30pm at Holy Family Church located at the corner of Sunset and Broadway across from McDonalds. Enter the Malara Hall from the parking lot..

OUTINGS: The Troop schedules one outing each month. Some are day outings, but most are overnight camping. The costs range from less than \$10 to around \$30. Summer camp (in July) is approximately \$155. If you register by the first week of May the cost is reduced to \$140. The Boy Scout Council also offers a half fee (\$70) camperships for those in financial need. See the leaders for an application form which must be turned in by April. The scouts can also offset the costs of outings by selling Kroger Gift Certificates (see below). Some scouts sell enough to totally pay for their outings.

FUND RAISERS: We currently participate in two fund raising activities. One is the Official Boy Scout Popcorn Sale in the fall of each year and the other is our Troop Kroger Gift Certificate sale which is done the first Monday of each month. With gift certificate sales, scouts and the Troop each earn \$2.50 for every \$100 sold. This money can be used by the scout to help cover the cost of outings, summer camp and personal gear. Persons buying the gift certificates do not lose money. For every dollar a person spends for gift certificates, they receive the same amount in gift certificates. The certificates can be used just like cash at any Kroger store. Contact one of the leaders below for further details.

LEADERS:	Scoutmaster:	Dave Snelting	(283-1953)
	Troop Committee Chair	Shawn Dougherty	(537-5178)
	Troop Treasurer:	Dan Feeley	(282-5270)
	Holy Family Rep.:	Alan Schreck	(282-3949)

