



Welcome to the Scouting Family!

We know you and your child are excited about the fun, learning, and adventure that Scouting will bring to your family. With fun and discovery at every turn, Scouting makes the most of right now and provide a foundation a boy can stand on to embrace opportunity, overcome obstacles and make new discoveries. We congratulate you on your decision to make Scouting a part of your life and it is important to us that you feel supported along the way.

Here is a quick overview of Scouting. For more than 100 years, Scouting has instilled in youth the values found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. These values are just as relevant in helping youth grow to their full potential today as they were in 1910. Scouting helps youth develop academic skills, self-confidence, ethics, leadership skills, and citizenship skills that influence their current and future success.

While various activities and youth groups teach basic skills and promote teamwork, Scouting goes beyond that encouraging youth to achieve a deeper appreciation for service to others in their community. Scouting provides youth with a sense that they are important as individuals. They learn that those in the Scouting family care about what happens to them, regardless of whether a game is won or lost. Perhaps most importantly, Scouting promotes activities that lead to personal responsibility and high self-esteem. As a result, when a Scout has to make a hard decision, he can resist peer pressure and make the right choice.

Scouting is going to be one of the best and most positive experiences for you and your son. Enjoy the journey!

You may find it useful to visit the Great Rivers Council website at www.bsa-grc.org. This site announces events, calendar, staff directory, activity registrations, training and advancement opportunities and more.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at 573-449-2561.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Callahan".

Doug Callahan
Scout Executive

