

TROOP 59 FACT SHEET  
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<b>Scoutmaster</b>		Neil Schmidt scoutmaster@troop59.com
<b>Troop Meetings</b>	When:	Wednesday nights, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM
	Where:	First Presbyterian Church
		158 Central Avenue Stirling, NJ 07980
<b>PLC Meetings</b>	When:	Last Wednesday of each month
	Where:	First Presbyterian Church
		158 Central Avenue Stirling, NJ 07980
<b>Troop Communications</b>	URL:	<a href="http://www.troop59.com">http://www.troop59.com</a>
		The site hosts a wealth of information including a complete calendar of events, and contains the most up-to-date information about meetings, activity schedules, permission forms, camping trips, and more. The site also serves as the face of Troop 59 to the communities which we serve. The web site is maintained by the scout currently serving as the troop Webmaster, with assistance from an adult leader. The troop's primary means of communication to parents, scouts and leaders is through email, with links to important information and documents on the troop web site. In order for troop communication to be effective, all scouts, parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to visit the web site on a regular basis, to find out what is going on in the troop!
<b>Finances</b>	Dues:	Scout dues are currently \$90.00 per year (check payable to "TROOP 59") which are collected upon a Scout joining to troop, and then each Fall when the troop re-charters with the BSA. Registered adult leaders are required to pay \$33.00 per year. The collection of these dues covers the cost of registering the individual scouts, leaders, and the troop as a whole, with the BSA. The dues also pay for the cost of insurance coverage from the BSA, individual subscriptions to Boy's Life magazine (for scouts) and the purchase of individual merit and rank advancement badges, troop equipment such as tents and stoves, and more.
	T-Shirts:	We have troop T-shirts, which the boys wear as Class B uniforms. Shirts are made of non-cotton, wicking fabric, and currently cost \$11.
	Fund Raising:	As required.
<b>Troop Outings</b>	What:	We have outdoor activities monthly year round. Participating in the camping outings is important for rank advancement and is strongly encouraged. The troop calendar (on the troop web site) lists all the troop outings and activities for the year.
	Cost:	The actual cost of these activities, for permits, registrations, food, and transportation are passed on to the scout and paid separately, by the participating scouts and leaders. Costs can range anywhere from \$15 to \$50, depending upon the activity. Special activities, such as canoeing or rafting, may cost more.
<b>Summer Camp</b>	What:	For over 20 years, Troop 59 scouts have reserved a week in late July at Sabattis Adventure Camp, in the Adirondacks of upstate New York. This is an excellent opportunity to earn merit badges, work on rank advancements and have lots of FUN! See the Sabattis Adventure Camp brochure for more details.
	Cost:	Approximately \$350.00 (not including fuel fees, which are extra) for the 7 day period
	Forms:	Requires completion of <b>parts A, B and C</b> of the Annual Health and Medical Record
<b>Adult Participation</b>		The Troop Leadership Committee meets on the second Monday of each month, from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM, at varying locations such as a leader's home, or the Long Hill Township public library. The Troop Leadership Committee includes the BSA trained and registered adult members of the troop. Parents interested in participating in the committee should speak to the Scoutmaster, or to a member of the Troop Leadership Committee. Parents are invited to attend all troop meetings, and are specifically requested to attend all special events such as Courts of Honor, and during guest speaker presentations. We are fortunate to have strong parent involvement in our program and this has been essential to our success. No amount of time or effort is too small.
<b>Uniform:</b>	What:	Scouts need to obtain the official BSA uniform khaki shirt, olive pants (either microfiber, or canvas with the BSA belt purchased separately, at the scout's preference) as well as the GREEN shoulder loops for placement on the shirt epaulets. The green BSA caps may be worn, at the scout's option. Neckerchiefs are to be worn only after the Scout has earned the rank of Tenderfoot, and are awarded by the troop. Scouts who have recently bridged over to the troop from the Cub Scout program are required to remove all Cub Scout insignia from the khaki uniform shirt, with the exception of the Arrow of Light badge and the Religious Emblem knot, if earned.
	Guide:	The uniform guide is available at <a href="http://www.shop.ppbsa.org/uniformforms/Boy%20Scout%20Flyer.pdf">http://www.shop.ppbsa.org/uniformforms/Boy%20Scout%20Flyer.pdf</a>
<b>Required Forms:</b>		1 BSA Youth Application
		2 Troop 59 - Scout Personal Data Collection Form
		3 Annual Health and Medical Record (Part A and B)