

## Meetings

Troop meetings are held the first three Tuesdays of each month from 7 – 8:30 pm at Olivet Baptist Church. Do not be surprised that the first 15 minutes of this time is devoted to "set-up". Please do not think we are getting a late start or wasting time. As one of the youth leaders of the troop (all boys in a troop are developing leadership skills), set-up is part of the meeting for your boy!

The agenda for troop meetings is planned by the Patrol Leader's Council, which usually meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. There are five parts to a Boyscout meeting (after set-up):

- \*Opening Ceremony
- \*Skills Instruction
- \*Patrol Meeting
- \*Inter-patrol Activity
- \*Closing Ceremony and Scoutmaster Minute

The *Skills Instruction* time may involve several boys working on a variety of skills. It is important that all adults in attendance be available to encourage the boys in completing requirements for rank advancement (see your boy's Handbook for details). Adult Association is one of the methods of Boyscouting (see above). At least two adults are required at all times for all Boyscout functions. This requirement is referred to as the "two-deep leadership" requirement. Parents are welcome at all meetings and outings.

The *Patrol Meeting* portion of the meeting will be conducted by the youth leaders. Much of the business of planning for outings occurs at these meetings. Encourage your boy to listen carefully so that he can communicate to you the information given at these meetings.

During the *Inter-patrol Activity*, adults should encourage boys to listen for the rules, to play fairly, and to work together with their teams. As with all active activities, many watchful eyes can help prevent mishaps.

Troop Committee meetings (adult leadership) are held on the first Tuesdays of each month, concurrently with the Troop meeting. All adults associated with the Troop are welcome to attend these meetings.