



Boy Scouts of America, Troop 769



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Welcome prospective scouts and parents to Troop 769! Troop 769 is located in Odenton, Maryland and is sponsored by Nichols-Bethel United Methodist Church. The Troop has over 40 active scouts along with Scoutmaster Steve Fiorina (Eagle Scout) and 12+ Assistant Scoutmasters, many of whom earned Eagle as a youth. Our troop is very active with monthly trips throughout the year including canoeing (we own our own canoes), bicycling, camping, hiking, backpacking, and waterskiing.

- Weekly scout meetings are held every Tuesday night (all year long) from 7-8:15pm in the Fellowship Hall at NBUMC.
- Each incoming scout is given a red Class B t-shirt, neckerchief, slide, 769 patch and loops.
- Class A uniform consists of scout shirt and belt, jeans or shorts (no holes) and appropriate shoes.
- Class A uniform with neckerchief and merit badge sash are required attire at Courts of Honor and Eagle Courts of Honor. Khakis or dress pants are to be worn in lieu of jeans.
- Courts of Honor are held in April and September every year.
- Class B uniform is worn Memorial Day through Labor Day.
- All parents are encouraged to assist with the troop. Possible volunteer roles include Assistant Scout Master, Troop Committee or as part of the adult leadership on trips. The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 7pm at the church.
- Troop 769 is a very active Troop, with at least 1 trip scheduled per month. The Troop is “boy led” with assistance from the Scoutmaster and Asst. Scoutmasters. The Patrol Leader Council (PLC) proposes the schedule of trips a year in advance, presents it to the Committee for approval, and then works with adult guidance to carryout the trips. In addition, all weekly scout meetings are organized and run by the PLC.
- A scout is not required to attend all trips, but participation is highly encouraged. The Troop participates in a wide range of outdoor activities and scouts are encouraged to try everything.
- In addition to monthly trips, Troop 769 is very involved in volunteer work throughout the Odenton area including Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets distribution, Scouting for Food, assistance with Nichos-Bethel Church, activities associated with Cub Scout Pack 769 (Den Chiefs, Cub Scout Day Camp and assistance at Pack functions), as well as many other things.
- The Troop has a yearly valet fee (\$100 for 2008-2009) and quarterly dues (\$20/quarter for 2008-2009). In addition, each scout is responsible for the cost of each trip they choose to attend. The valet fee and dues are prorated depending on when a scout enters the Troop, and is in lieu of fundraising activities
- Additional information regarding the Troop should be addressed to Steve Fiorina, Scoutmaster (sfiorina@mail.com); Mike O'Brien, Troop Committee Chair (mdobrien@msn.com); or at www.troop769.com.