

TROOP 118 MENTOR PROGRAM

Troop 118 is a large troop with 50 to 80 boys active in the troop at any given time. The Mentor Program was established to make sure that each scout has not only the opportunity to enjoy all that scouting has to offer but also to ensure that no one gets left out or gets forgotten and disappears. It is important that each scout gets as much individual attention as possible.

As an adult participating in the Mentor Program you will be assigned two to three boys from the same patrol. You should also serve as backup for other mentors assigned to other boys in your patrol. All scouts on your list should be personally contacted **at least once a month**. This can be accomplished in the weekly Monday troop meeting but should not pull the scout out of regular meeting activities. Contacts can also be made during the monthly outings as there is usually ample time during the weekend for a short talk with the scout. Phone numbers have been provided in the event that the scout needs to be contacted outside of regular activities. Please always keep in mind that BSA policy states that any personal contact with a scout should be in an open visible area or in the presence of at least two adults. This is for your protection as well as the scouts.

Your responsibility as a mentor is to assure that the scouts on your list are getting individual attention on a regular (at least monthly) basis. Each scout should be active in troop and patrol activities in the form of attendance to weekly meetings and monthly outings. They should also be advancing in rank at a regular pace as well as achieving merit badges. Their skill levels should be constantly improving through regular use in campouts and other troop activities. You have virtually adopted these young men and it is up to you to make sure they get as much as possible out of the program.

To ensure that all of our scouts are being counseled regularly, we have set up a system that helps document when a scout is contacted. The bulletin board in the back of the scout meeting room has a list of the scouts along with the assigned mentors. There is a space after each scout name representing the next several months. Please document the date that the scout has been contacted on these sheets. We will monitor these sheets regularly to be sure you are doing your job. If you decide you are unable to perform your duties, please let the Mentor Coordinator know as soon as possible so that your duties may be reassigned.

The Mentor Coordinator is:

Dave Seymour
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Let's make this program effective! Every scout should be able to tell the Scoutmaster who his mentor is at any given time.