

Joining Troop 761

If you are ready to join us at Troop 761, here's what you need to do:

- Registration
 - You will need to fill out the BSA registration form – you can get one at a troop meeting.
 - You need to supply a [medical form \(Parts A and B\)](#). Part C requires a doctor's exam but that is only needed for summer camps and is not necessary now. We will want two copies and each has to have a copy of your insurance card (front and back) attached.
 - Bring your checkbook to pay the fee (\$150/year prorated – Arrow of Light Scouts will pay \$125).
 - We have a welcome packet for you that provides more information about the troop.

- Uniform
 - The full "Class A" uniform consists of scout pants, shirt, socks, troop neckerchief, and neckerchief slide.
 - The troop will provide the neckerchief, slide, troop number patch and shoulder loops.
 - You will need to purchase the pants, shirt, socks, Council Shoulder Patch and World Scouting Crest patch.
 - Information on the placement of the patches can be found [online](#) or in the back of the Boy Scout Handbook
 - We also have a "Class B" uniform which consists of a troop T-Shirt. We will give you one when you join but additional ones would need to be purchased eventually for summer camp.
 - Usually your scout will want to get his new uniform right away but it is okay if it takes a few weeks to get everything completely done.

- Other Items
 - The Boy Scout Handbook is a must!
 - For his first campout the scout will need a sleeping bag suitable for colder weather, an insulating ground pad, a water bottle, and an inexpensive "mess kit" for meals (metal or plastic is ok).

- Special notes for **Arrow of Light Scouts**:
 - If you were wearing the tan Webelos uniform shirt, you may use that for your Boy Scout uniform. We'll help you figure out how to convert it. If you were wearing a blue uniform shirt you will need to buy a tan one.
 - We will present you with your neckerchief, slide, troop number patch and shoulder loops at your crossover ceremony.
 - If you are eligible to join the troop, you can do so *before* your crossover ceremony and get started in Boy Scouting right away. You simply wear your Arrow of Light Scout uniform to troop meetings until your crossover ceremony.

You can purchase the uniform and handbook items from the [hobby shop in Leesburg](#) or from one of the [two BSA scout shops](#) in the area.

Your scout can get started on his own by reading some of the information in his handbook.

In the beginning of the handbook is a removable pamphlet on child abuse. Go ahead and remove it and read it yourself. There is a section that you have your son read and then you discuss that part with him. This is one of his early scout requirements.