



Trail to First Class 2016

Leaders guide (edited 5/11/16)

Object: The objective of this camp is to provide support to Scoutmasters as they help their Scouts advance through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class.

Online Registration: The Scoutmasters, Asst. Scoutmasters, and 11 year old leaders are responsible for registering their troop. This is not for scouts to sign up individually. \$10.00 per Scout (price includes both weekends). Scoutmasters, Adult leaders and Youth Leaders do not pay. Please list the Rank of older scouts, and those who can serve as Youth Leaders (see YL section below) separately from those progressing through TTFC. We want the Scouts to teach specific items, so they can move onto their next rank, where possible. Example: While a Star Scout, they need to use the EDGE method to teach another Scout one of the following skills, specific to Tenderfoot, Second class and First class see page 449 in the BSA handbook. The whole troop is important in the advancement of each other.

Dates of camp:

Friday June 10th, starting at 5pm, thru Saturday the 11th ending at 4pm

Friday July 8th, starting at 5pm, thru Saturday the 9th ending at 4pm

This will be a two weekend camp held at Oak Grove Regional Park.

There is room for 50 Scouts

Registration is now open and will end Tuesday, June 7th at midnight.

Parking fee is an additional \$5.00.

Parents just dropping off will not be charged if staying less than 20 minutes.

Brief description:

This is for the whole troop.

The older Scouts in your troop will become the YOUTH LEADERS. They will instruct using the edge method as much as possible to teach the younger scouts in their own troop. If your troop does not have any older scouts available to teach, we are looking for Youth Leaders, 16 yrs and above, to provide support for you.

We will have a ROUND ROBIN. Adult BSA Leaders will help teach skills, only IF we can not find Youth Leaders to teach them. WE WANT THE BOYS LEADING THE BOYS. ☺

We will provide the Scoutmasters with an itinerary.

A list of the items taught during the Round Robin will be provided as more volunteers sign up.

If you are a Scoutmaster with a particular skill that you would like to teach, please let me know.

Required items that are not completed will be the troop's responsibility to complete until we meet again...30 days later. Then we will work on Second Class and then, First Class.

(Right now, we only have two weekends scheduled. We will evaluate after the second weekend to see if a third weekend is necessary. We are also looking into putting together a celebration for those successfully completing TTFC using this program.)

Scoutmasters Responsibilities:

Collect BSA permission slips and medical information for those attending.

Make sure you have at least 2 adults present the whole time, at least one adult must have youth protection certificate. Please bring copies of certificate.

Identify the *Youth Leaders* in your troop and provide contact information for them in the registration. If you have more than two Scouts that can be leaders, please find out if they would like to volunteer to be a leader for another troop.

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It is important to set aside a night beforehand for the Troop to coordinate for TTFC.

Here are the following items needed to complete:

- Make sure your Scouts know their positions: Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Assistants, Quartermaster, etc. Duties can be assigned at camp, specific to their role.
- Make sure your troop has a Duty Roster filled out, a menu plan for all 3 meals, created by the troop. Food for Dinner, Breakfast and Lunch needs to be purchased TOGETHER and brought to camp in the proper storage. Your troop will also need to bring all the equipment needed to cook & serve your food (small propane stove, mess kits), to sleep (tents, sleeping gear), and all other items necessary to camp out.

Required Items from Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class can be done simultaneously, so the more steps you can complete the better. Example of requirements:

First Class requirement# 2 a-e Purchase and secure food...

Tenderfoot requirement #2a, Second Class #2e, First Class #2e Help cook, Serve as a Head Cook, Asst. Cooks, clean up crew...

Tenderfoot requirement#1b, Help set up a tent and spend one night...

(A link to the responsibilities list, duty roster, menu planning guide and equipment list should be attached to the itinerary all other requirements are in the BSA handbook.)

Youth Leader (YL):

A Youth Leader is someone who has the ability and knowledge to teach the skills outlined in Boy Scout handbook for Tenderfoot, Second, & First Class items, using the edge method.

Youth Leaders will meet ahead of time the day of camp (time to be determined) and receive support and instruction from the camp director(s). The Youth Leaders will be the ones instructing the younger Scouts with the oversight of their Scoutmasters or another adult leader assigned. Youth Leaders will be in charge of the Campfire, skits, songs, and 1 game. Last year, the Youth Leaders did an excellent job. Many of the younger boys told me they can't wait to be a Youth Leader someday. We have a few returning YL's and a few that will be YL's this year.

Scouts:

You must have crossed over and completed his Scout rank requirements.

You should come dressed in your Scout uniform and have a BSA handbook.

The first requirements you will need to **do before you come** are:

Fill out a permission slip and medical forms. (Ask your Scoutmaster)

Tenderfoot requirement #1 Present yourself to your Scout leader, show that you are prepared for an overnight camping trip. Show that you have the personal camping gear needed, and the right way to pack and carry it.

Tenderfoot requirement #4d Prepare a first aid kit. (Basically, purchase one and know what's in it or have someone explain it to you.) You will carry this with you on all future campouts and hikes, so make sure it is compact and lightweight.

Any questions can be emailed to TTFC2015@gmail.com (that is not a type-o, I started this last year.☺)

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