



Boy Scout Troop 76

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Dear Scout Parent,

Your son(s), you and I have had the opportunity to enjoy participation in a truly wonderful Boy Scout Troop, Troop 76. I am a firm believer in Boy Scouting and have considered it an honor to have been part of such a spirited Troop over the years. As we know, a terrific Troop does not just happen. It has taken the interest and efforts of families like yours and mine. We are very fortunate to have had a solid volunteer base and qualified, focused leadership. I have worked with many different leaders over the past four years and made many new friendships. I have seen our Troop ride out periods of relative disinterest and poor organization as well as enjoy periods of boundless enthusiasm and inspired leadership. As I cautiously but confidently step into the role of Scoutmaster it is following a period in which our Troop may have experienced its best leadership ever. Our former Scoutmaster, Jay Lubin, and the other volunteer leaders in our Troop have dedicated significant parts of their lives and poured their hearts into our Troop, and it shows. We are currently recognized District and Council wide as the way Scouting ought to be. I am proud of our Troop and proud to lead our boys. I will do my best to keep it going. I feel inspired and motivated and look forward to bringing some of my own ideas to the Troop. Please continue your support of our Troop by volunteering to help in any way you can. I am very encouraged that many of the current adult leaders in our Troop will be continuing to volunteer their time as leaders. I'd be lost without them. Please feel free to contact me if you have any comments or thoughts regarding the Troop or our program. In the near future I hope to send you an outline of the direction our Troop will be heading over the next year or so. I hope to vary the course slightly and bring new focus to some specific areas. Thank you again for your family's participation in our Troop.

After an exciting summer we are wasting no time in getting back on track. Congratulations to those Scouts that completed their itineraries at Philmont Scout Reservation! Now that is high adventure (about 12,000'!) It was my privilege to join thirty-five of our Scouts and four other adult leaders for a week at Yawgoog Scout Reservation. Our Scouts worked very hard as Merit Badges were earned and some advanced in rank. I am eager to present our Scouts the awards they have earned during their summer Scouting activities. Our traditional fall Court of Honor will be on Tuesday, September 12, a few weeks earlier than usual. The Court of Honor will be a two hour event beginning at 7:00 PM sharp and concluding at 9:00 PM. We will be combining the Court of Honor with our annual parents meeting, volunteer sign-up, and registration. During registration we will be collecting our annual dues of \$100.00 per Scout. Other fees include: Annual BSA registration, \$7.00; Troop insurance, \$2.00; Boy's Life magazine, \$9.00. Thank you again for your support, I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Carpenter,
Scoutmaster