

TROOP MEETINGS: 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 7:00-8:30 pm @ the Remedy Church, 2505 Old Niles Ferry, Maryville, TN

COST: \$34 per scout for annual registration & BSA insurance. This money goes directly to the BSA national office, and does not support our troop. Financial support for the troop is obtained through occasional fundraising activities. Families are responsible for paying for activity fees (campouts, trips) and the cost of awards (ranks, merit badges, etc.).

BOY SCOUT TROOP 442 is open to all boys 11 years old through 17 years old, whose families are members of BHEA. Our Troop is divided into Patrols where most of the boys' activities take place. Patrols work as a team on rank advancement activities, during campouts and other activities.

In addition to regular Troop meetings there are a number of other activities. These include:

Courts of Honor: about 3 times/year, meetings where the boys receive merit badges, ranks, and other awards that they have earned. These are for the whole family and usually include a time of food, fellowship and scouting presentations.

Monthly Outdoor Activities: we try to schedule a minimum of one outdoor activity per month. These activities may include day hikes, backpacking trips, whitewater rafting or canoe trips, rock climbing, paddle boarding, Ultimate frisbee games, etc. Some of these are conducted as a troop, while others are done in individual patrols.

Camporees: the Tuckaleechee District plans a camporee each Fall and Spring. These are campouts for all of the Troops in Blount County, and include competitions among troops in scouting skills. These are great opportunities for the boys to work on rank advancement skills, to work together as a team, and to meet other scouts.

Summer Camp at Camp Buck Toms: every summer our Troop spends a week at Camp Buck Toms, the local BSA council summer camp. Here the boys will work on several merit badges, camp for a week, and have opportunities to swim, boat, climb, shoot rifles and bow & arrows, etc. This is often the highlight of many scouts' summers and is highly recommended.

High Adventure Opportunities: BSA offers 4 different high adventure camps – Philmont Scout Ranch in the Rocky Mountains of New Mexico; Sea Base in the Florida Keys; Northern Tier Canoe Base in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota; and the Summit near the New River Gorge, West Virginia. These offer some of the ultimate long-term scouting experiences – backpacking, scuba diving, canoeing, climbing & rappelling, whitewater rafting, dog-sledding, etc. Our troop has been very active in attending BSA high adventure bases in recent years (Philmont 2009 & 2015; Canoe Base 2012; SeaBase 2014 & 2019; the Summit 2016; Okpik 2018).

Boy Scouts offers an opportunity for boys to be with other boys their own age and have fun, but also to learn new skills, develop leadership, and understand their duty to God and country. Each meeting is opened with a flag ceremony and prayer, and we firmly believe in the first line of the Boy Scout oath: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country."

For additional information please contact Scoutmaster Randy Small: rsmall@utk.edu OR (865) 934-7292

A lot of Troop communication happens through our Facebook Page – search for "BHEA Troop 442" on Facebook

New scouts will need to purchase these items - the staff at the scout shop will help you find what you need:

- Uniform shirt with appropriate patches
- Neckerchief (item #64058 in olive green) and slide
- Boy Scout handbook (spiral-bound edition recommended)

Knoxville Scout Shop
1333 Old Weisgarber Rd
Knoxville TN 37909
(865) 588-6514

Online Resources for Scouting
<http://scouting.org>
<https://www.easttntscouts.org>
<http://www.scoutshop.org>
<http://meritbadge.org>
<http://campbucktoms.org>

Official Boy Scouts of America website
Great Smoky Mountain Council website
Online shopping for scouting materials
Merit badge descriptions & worksheets
Camp Buck Toms website

