



# Troop 93

## New Scout Information

### Meetings

The Troop meets every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 4235 Harris Hill Road. There is a parents' meeting the first Monday of each month at the church. *At every meeting be sure to sign in on the attendance sheet to get credit for participating. Also be on the lookout for other sign up sheets for camp outs, activities and service projects.*

### Troop Leadership

The Boy Scout program is significantly different from a Cub Scout pack experience. You may be in for a bit of culture shock. Troop 93 is a boy-led, patrol-based troop. Activities and meetings are planned and carried out by the Scouts. Organizationally, the Troop is divided into patrols. Each Scout belongs to a patrol that is led by a Patrol Leader. The Troop is led by a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The end result of this is Scouts who make decisions and execute them. **Sometimes things don't work out perfectly, but this structure allows the Scouts to learn and grow as leaders.** *If you have an idea for an activity, please talk to your Patrol Leader or the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL).*

### Troop Information

Our Troop website is <http://clarencetroop93.org/>. Information about meetings, Troop activities and the scouting program is regularly posted to this site. *Ask us for the password to access the Troop areas.*

### Advancement

We encourage and motivate our Scouts to achieve the rank of First Class before their second year of Summer Camp. *If you aren't advancing, speak to your Patrol Leader or the SPL and find out what you can do to move forward.*

Advancements are taught by Scouts in your patrol. Learning (one week) is often followed-up by a demonstration of the learned skill (the next week). All advancements must be approved (signed-off) by the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Keep this in mind as you are planning your advancement efforts.

Your first Rank to earn is SCOUT.

Step 1 - Complete a Troop 93 application and turn it in with your registration at your first meeting.

Step 2 - Obtain the Boy Scout Handbook. The spiral bound one is worth the extra cost, as it tends to last longer. Also, the cloth cover you can purchase helps keep everything intact. There are changes to the requirements, so make sure you have the 13<sup>th</sup> edition (2016 version). *Review the Youth Protection section with your parents at home and have your parent(s) initial the requirement #6 on page 439.*

Step 3 – You are on your way to becoming an Eagle Scout

**Camping** - Troop 93 camps most every month. See your Patrol Leader or SPL for details.

Old Fort Niagara (May 20-22) will most likely be your first opportunity to camp with the Troop.

“Windhaven” (June 3-5). It will be held in a clearing behind the Scoutmaster's house. *We strongly encourage you to participate in Windhaven activities—it is a perennial favorite because of all the fun activities happening as well as all the opportunities for advancement. Given the number of sporting and other activities occurring in the spring, we understand if you need to pop out to go to another activity.*

The biggest one is summer camp at Schoellkopf Scout Camp (July 10-16). *Please sign up as soon as possible.*

Yours In Scouting,  
Dave Wind  
Scoutmaster Troop 93