

## Questions Parents should ask each Troop

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<u>Question</u>	<u>Ideal Answer</u>
Does your son know anyone in the Troop?	(Possibly)
Are any of his friends also looking at this Troop	(Maybe)
How large is this Troop	(6-100+ boys)
What is the age ratio of the boys?	Mixture of ages from 11 to 17 years old
Do the older scouts (lead) help the new (younger) scouts?	(ideal situation)
When does the Troop meet? Where? For How Long?	(Every Monday, - church, school, civic; 1 1/2 - 2 hours)
Will this fit my and my family's schedule?	(Y/N)
How frequent are (camping, hiking, adventure) trips?	(Monthly)
How frequent are Patrol Activities	weekly, every two weeks, monthly?
Which weekend does the Troop normally go camping during the month?	(1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, varies by month)
Does the Troop have an active Outdoor Activity Program? (camping, hiking, travel, adventure, nature)	(yes - monthly)
Do I as a parent, have to go on all the camp outs / activities?	(Y/N/Maybe)
does the Troop camp 1 night or 2 nights?	(Friday & Sunday or Saturday to Sunday)
Who are the Adult Leaders?	(Important)

Am I comfortable about the adult leaders (Y/N - **Very Important**)

Does this Troop have a good reputation in the Community? (Y/N)

What was the Troop meeting like? (Boys run the meeting)

Was the meeting fun for your son? (Y/N)

Is the Troop active? Going places and doing things? (Y/N - Monthly)

What was the camp out like? (The Good, The Bad and The Ugly)

Is the Troop going to Summer camp? (Y/N)

Where? When? (Name(s) Dates)

How much is all this going to cost? Monthly? Yearly? Summer camp? (\$)

What if my son does not like these guys after a while? Is he, are we stuck here or can I change? (Change to find a Troop where your boy can have fun and advance through his hard work)

If we move, can my son join another Troop? (Yes, of course)

Is my son comfortable around these guys? (Y/N - **Very Important**)

Will I as a parent be able to help the Troop? (Y/N)

Will I as a parent be required to help the Troop as a condition of joining? (Y/N)

Can Moms go camping? (Yes/No/Maybe)

How do I find a Troop to join? When I decide which one, How do I sign up? (have your den leader find out the Troop's contact person to set up a visit, visit, fill out form with Troop your are joining)

Can this Troop deliver a quality Boy Scout Program for my son and his friends (**Basic bottom Line**)

How many troops should my son visit before joining Boy Scouts? (At least three troops, more if possible)