

The Scouting Program:

Baden Powell, its founder, called Scouting "a game with a purpose." The "purpose" of Scouting is to help youth fully realize their potential as they move into the future. The "game" of Scouting is comprised of the methods the Scouting program uses to guide its members. They include outdoor adventures, service projects, leadership training and experiences, advancement activities, and recognition of achievement.

The Patrol is the core of Scouting and the nucleus of the Troop. Each Patrol has an identity (name, cheer, flag, and patch). Patrol members camp together, participate in activities together, and learn new skills together. Scouts learn to work as a team and take pride in their Patrol's accomplishments.

Some of our outings include:

- Greenbelt Camp Out in Maryland
- Summer Camp at Camp Daniel Boone, Canton, NC
- Winter Camp at T.B. Saunders, Richmond, VA
- 10-Mile Hike at First Landing State Park

We welcome boys ages 11

(10 if they have earned the Arrow of Light Award or have completed the fifth grade)

through 17 to join at any time.

Contact the Scoutmaster or visit a Troop meeting any Saturday Evening at 6:30pm.

Contact Scoutmaster

Gene Hoffman at 757-469-0957.

Begin a journey filled with fun, friendship, and adventure that could last a lifetime!



22 Scouts
have earned
the Eagle
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2012

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Troop 303



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Charter Organization: St. Matthews Catholic School (Mr. Louis Goldberg)

Saturday 6:30-8:00 PM

Visit our website at:

<http://www.troopwebhost.org/troop303virginiabeach/index.htm>

Troop 303:

- Meets every Saturday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 throughout the entire year.
- Is a Scout-led troop; programs are planned and executed by the Scouts themselves, with the support and supervision of trained adult leaders.
- Recognizes the achievements of the Scouts at quarterly Courts of Honor.
- The Patrol Leaders Council meets once every month on a Saturday at 5:30pm.
- Provides parents with the Troop by-laws and a calendar of events. These and other publications are also available on the Troop website:
<http://www.troopwebhost.org/troop303virginiabeach/index.htm>
- Is funded by annual dues and a minimum of fundraisers, such as our annual selling of popcorn.

About Our Troop:

Troop 303 is sponsored by St. Matthew Catholic School. They provide support and leadership as well as a meeting place and storage space.

The goals of Troop 303 follow those of the Boy Scouts of America. Our mission is to prepare young people to assume citizenship responsibilities and make ethical choices over their lifetimes, and to enhance the development of their physical, mental, and emotional fitness.

Troop 303 is the home of the 2018 National Chief of the Order of the Arrow – Mr. Anthony Peluso.



A Typical Troop Meeting:

Scouts gather during the Pre-Opening when all the Scouts get ready for the meeting.

The Senior Patrol Leader leads an Opening Ceremony that typically includes a Flag Ceremony, the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.

Scouts in leadership positions present Skills Instruction, planned by the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) to meet the advancement needs and/or interests of New Scouts, and refresh the memory of the Experienced Scouts.

The Patrols meet to plan activities, to prepare for upcoming camping trips, to receive information from the Patrol Leader regarding topics discussed at the last PLC meeting, and to give the Patrol Leader input to report at the next PLC meeting.

Scouts and adults gather for the Closing Ceremony that include announcements and the Scoutmaster's Minute.