

Questions to Ask when Looking for a Troop

Troop # _____

1. What is the size of the Troop? Size of Patrols?	
2. How are the Patrols organized? According to rank, age, etc?	
3. How are rank advancement requirements completed? As individuals, as patrols, etc?	
4. How are rank required merit badges completed? As individuals, as patrols, etc?	
5. How often are meetings? Time? Place?	
6. What are some of the activities that you have on the calendar for the next year?	
7. Are fundraising opportunities provided to help cover the cost of activities? If so, what are they?	
8. What is the Troop's policy on parents attending camp outs and troop activities?	
9. What is the Troop's policy on parent participation with the committee?	
10. How often does the Troop go on campouts?	
11. How much is it going to cost? Troop dues? Pay per campout or activity?	
12. What is meant by "boy-led" and how does that affect Troop operations? Observe boy leadership during a meeting to ascertain the level of leadership experience provided by the Troop.	
13. What are the age demographics within the troop?	
14. Is there an attendance policy?	
15. How many boys earned the rank of Eagle Scout this past year?	

16. How many adult leaders participate with the troop? Are they trained?	
17. Does the troop attend summer camp? If so, where?	
18. Does the troop attend District and Council activities?	
19. Watch your son and see how the troop's youth treat him.	
20. What was your son's experience with the troop?	