

Where to Start?

Onboarding

Welcome to Troop 157. You have decided to join our amazing Troop and now what? Here is a checklist of things to get done over the next couple of weeks. This does not have to be done in any certain order but it will help you turn in all of the needed paperwork, meet most of the adult leaders and get you connected.

- Meet the Scoutmaster, Jon Cary
Contact info: troop157scoutmaster@troop157niceville.com (850)-865-7779
- Meet with the Assistant Scoutmaster that will be working directly with your son's patrol.
- Meet the Committee Chair, Gerald Campbell,
Contact info: buffinvestr@aol.com (850) 758-1590
- Turn in Adult Application Form with a copy of your Youth Protection Training Certificate to Mike Wilson or Charity Hardin. Currently, our fee structure is as follows: BSA Dues - \$33/year, Gulf Coast Council Dues - \$10/year, Troop Dues - \$5/month, and Boys Life (optional) - \$12/year. Mr. Wilson can be reached at (850)225-3722, or spctrpilot@cox.net or Ms. Hardin can be reached at (850) 499-2695, or charity.hardin@gmail.com.
- Turn in Youth Application Form to Mr. Wilson.
- Turn in Youth Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and B only- unless you are camping for more than three days and you will need to get part C filled out by a Medical Provider. These forms can be found at www.scouting.org in the search section in the upper right type "Annual Health Forms" and download the forms under **All Scouting Events**. You will also need to sign the Troop 157 Permission Form. Fill these out and return or email to Ms. Hardin at charity.hardin@gmail.com.
- Fill out and complete the Troop Information Sheet. You can turn this into Mr. Ron Magwood or Mrs. Laurie Bishop or email it to r.magwood@comcast.net. This will make sure that you get added to the email chain and let us know a little about yourself and your scouting experience.
- If you are interested in getting a Troop Class-B T-shirt please see one of the committee members. They are good quality wicking shirts that are \$18. We also have some older gear that boys have grown out of for sale at reasonable prices.
- Parents need to be connected to their Scouts and invited to participate in Scoutbook by the unit Scoutbook administrator. This may have happened automatically by the system if you are on your child's application as a parent or have either entered an application online or logged into my.scouting.org. If you have done either of those, go to <http://scoutbook.com> and login using your my.scouting.org credentials. You should see your Scout on your dashboard.
- If you have never logged into my.scouting.org before go to <http://my.scouting.org> and create an account. Then use the credentials (userID and password) you create there to login to <http://scoutbook.com>.
- Troop Website: www.troop157niceville.com this is where you can find Scout resources, calendars, event dates, contact information and forms.
- Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/troop157niceville. Where we post pictures, fun Troop news, announcements and reminders.

- Remind App: sign up by sending a text to 81010 and enter the message @t157all for the “Troop 157 All” account. Send a text to 81010 and enter the message @troop157o for the “Troop 157 Outing”. The outing account will be emptied after each trip and then people reenroll as they sign up for the next trip.

This is a great Troop that is very active in the Scouting Adventure. Please find a way to get involved. We have a very active Committee Team that meets on the fourth Monday of each month. This is one of the best ways to get connected to the Troop, find out how we conduct business and the behind the scenes operation of the Troop. Please ask lots of questions and a big **WELCOME to Troop 157!**

