

Adult Troop Visit Checklist

Troop Number: _____ Date of Visit: _____ Quality Unit: Yes No

Sponsored by: _____ How Long: _____

Scoutmaster's Name: _____

Meeting Place: _____ Time: _____

Meeting Run By: Youth Adults Mixed

Was the meeting organized: Yes No

Does the troop have an active boy leadership corps: Yes No

How often do they meet: _____ How many boys in the leadership corps: _____

How is the boy leadership decided? Elected by boys Appointed by adults

How often does the troop hold elections: _____

Does the troop produce a calendar of events: Yes No

How often does the troop camp? _____

What type of camping does the troop do? (check all that apply)

Summer camp In Council Out of Council
 Alternate Frequency

Where: _____
 Winter camp Camporee High Adventure
 Backpacking Canoeing

Do all the boys get to go on all of the outings? _____

Are there any age or rank restrictions? _____

Does the program schedule change from year to year or are the events the same? _____

Do campouts have a theme, merit badge or rank requirement focus? Yes No

What type of special events does the troop participate in? (ie. Scouting for Food, Scout Show)

What are the uniform requirements of the troop? _____

How many uniforms will each boy need? _____

Were the Scouts in uniform? Yes No

Were the adults in uniform? Yes No

Are there additional costs to join the troop: _____

My Troop Visit

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Meeting Place: _____ Time: _____

Scoutmaster's Name: _____

Senior Patrol Leader's Name: _____

My Evaluation of the troop: (Circle the answers)

Are all the boys in uniform?	Yes	No
Was the meeting organized?	Yes	No
Is the meeting run by the boys?	Yes	No
Do they have boys of all ages?	Yes	No
Did I feel welcome?	Yes	No
Did their campouts sound like fun?	Yes	No
Do they have a calendar?	Yes	No
Do I already know boys in the troop?	Yes	No
Are there plenty of adult leaders involved?	Yes	No
Were the older Scouts helpful?	Yes	No
Did they answer my questions?	Yes	No
Do they have a program for new Scouts?	Yes	No

Notes:

Things I liked about this troop are

Questions to Ask at Troop Visits

(Compiled by Barb Stephens, Pack 114, Mid-America Council, from information gleaned from fellow Scouters)

1. How often has your Troop achieved Quality Unit status in the last 5 years?
2. How are new Scouts handled? Are they mixed in with existing patrols or put into a new patrol?
3. How many registered leaders are there? What is their attendance history at regular meetings and on outings?
4. What is the boy:leader ratio at meetings and on outings?
5. Do you have an active outdoor program? How many days/year are spent camping? Where? What are the plans for summer camp?
6. What is your philosophy on uniforms?
7. How are new Scouts going to learn what to do as Boy Scouts (camping skills, patrol activities, advancement, etc.)? Will they have an experienced adult leader working with them?
8. What is a typical Troop meeting like? Do you work on merit badges? Do you play a lot of games?
9. What is your philosophy regarding advancement (at what pace are the ranks earned)?
10. What kind of program do you have for the older Scouts? Are there any High Adventure activities?
11. What kind of fundraising do you have?
12. What are the financial obligations for each Scout?
 - a) at signup
 - b) per campout
 - c) summer camp
 - d) dues
 - e) other
13. Do you pay for or subsidize training for the boys (Junior Leader Training, Den Chief training, etc.)?
14. Does your Troop have a limitation on size?
15. Do you have written policies?
16. Is your Troop "boy-run" or "adult-run"?
17. Are Troop meetings and activities planned:
 - by the boys?
 - for a full year?
 - at a patrol leaders meeting?
18. What kind of equipment do you have? Is it in good shape? Do you have enough if (quantity) Webelos were to join your Troop?
19. Are your Scouts able to balance Boy Scouts with other activities such as sports, band, church, etc.?
20. How active is your Troop at District and Council events?
21. How many current leaders are trained in:
 - Youth Protection?
 - Scoutmaster Fundamentals?
 - Woodbadge?
22. What are the expectations/requirements of new adults/parents to this Troop - as assistant leaders, committee members, special event chairpersons, event workers, merit badge counselors?
23. Does the Troop pay for any/all adult leader registration and training?
24. How many leaders routinely attend Round Table?
25. How do you feel about a Scout (and parent) visiting a meeting unannounced?