



## TROOP 222

# Lead Yourself First

Welcome to Troop 222 and Scouts BSA. What will look like chaos at first glance, is a scout-led structure. Your scout has probably not participated in a group like this before. Rest assured adult-mentors are guiding and assisting where necessary, and your scout is learning to become a leader.

Within the perceived fun and madness are “positions of leadership.” Newer scouts who are not THE LEADERS will need to grow and find their way, and they do that by leading themselves and setting good examples.

In order to be a leader, when you are not THE LEADER, you must lead yourself first.

Here are a few ways your scout can lead themselves and pave the way for their future leadership role:

- **Be prepared.** Lead by example.
- Show up properly dressed, neat and clean. Whether that's wearing their Class B Troop t-shirt and green shorts, or in Class A uniform, if they are pressed and dressed and did not forget any part of their uniform, they are demonstrating pride, commitment, and respect.
- Coming PREPARED to meetings with their handbooks and all needed material; perhaps review skills from the last meeting before coming to the current meeting.
- **A scout is Brave.** Lead by example.
- Be a good listener and be the first to raise the scout sign, or to come to attention when it's called by a leader- exemplify self-leadership.
- Know and verbalize the Scout Oath and Law, stand tall and proud. Show you respect the uniform.
- **A scout is Helpful.** Lead by example.
- Complete any skills and then help others.
- Heighten your awareness. **Lift others up.** If you pay attention to what other scouts are doing well, and then apply what you have learned you will grow faster. If you share with the group what you have witnessed when you see something that another scout has done well, several things happen:
  - You demonstrate your own awareness by acknowledging another person's skill
  - You probably gain a friend for sharing your thoughtfulness
  - You are demonstrating excellent leadership
  - You are growing your emotional intelligence, a skill that will carry you through your lifetime
- Demonstrate good Character - what you do when no one is looking defines who you are as a person.