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Overview for the Charter Organization

Troop 284 Acton, MA



Dec 1st 2021



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Objective & Outline

- Objective: Provide an Overview of Troop 284
- Agenda:
 - Welcome and introductions
 - Chartering & Leadership
 - Troop Events and Schedule
 - Website
 - Finances
 - Youth Protection



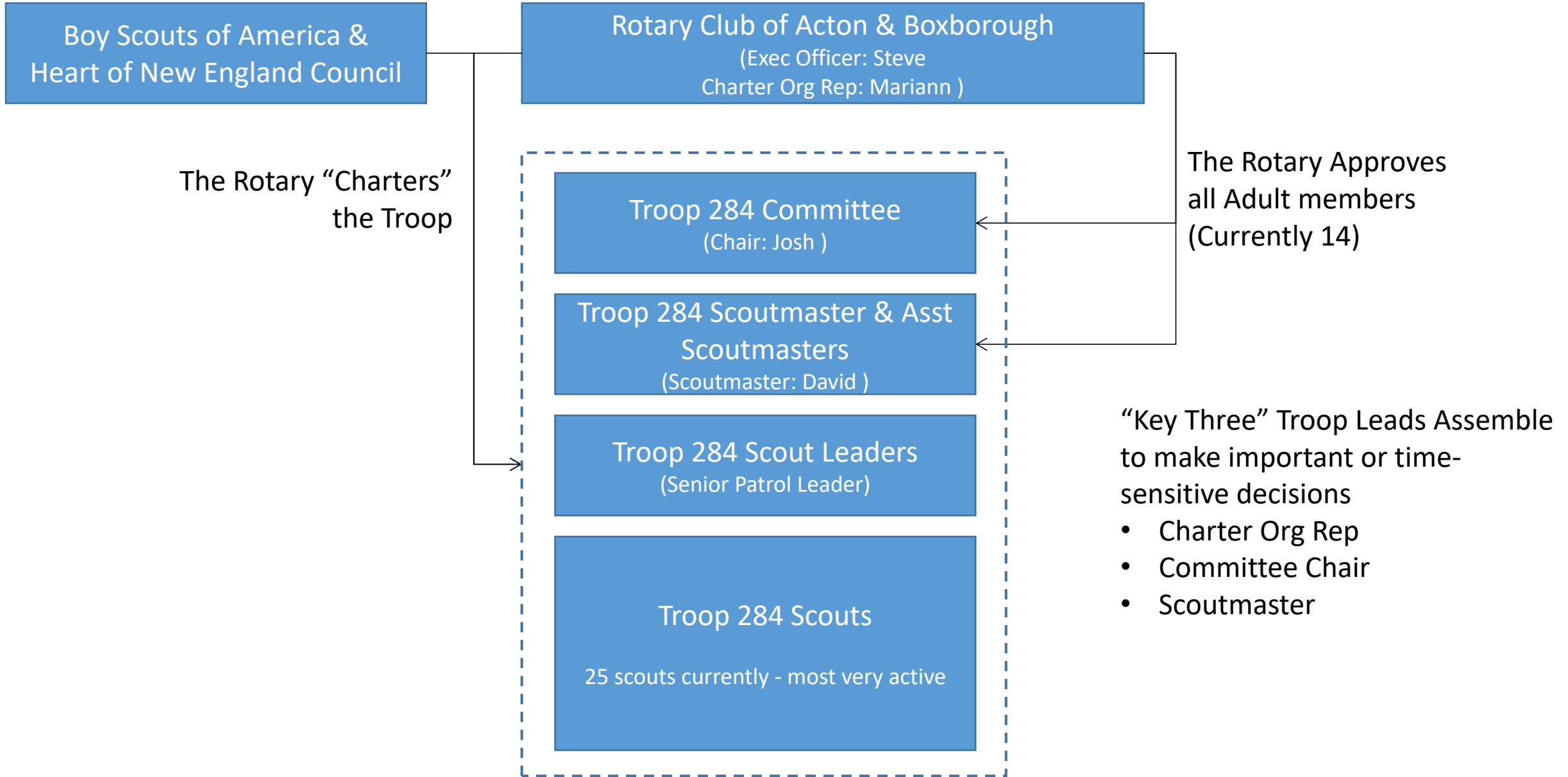
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Scouts BSA Mission & Vision



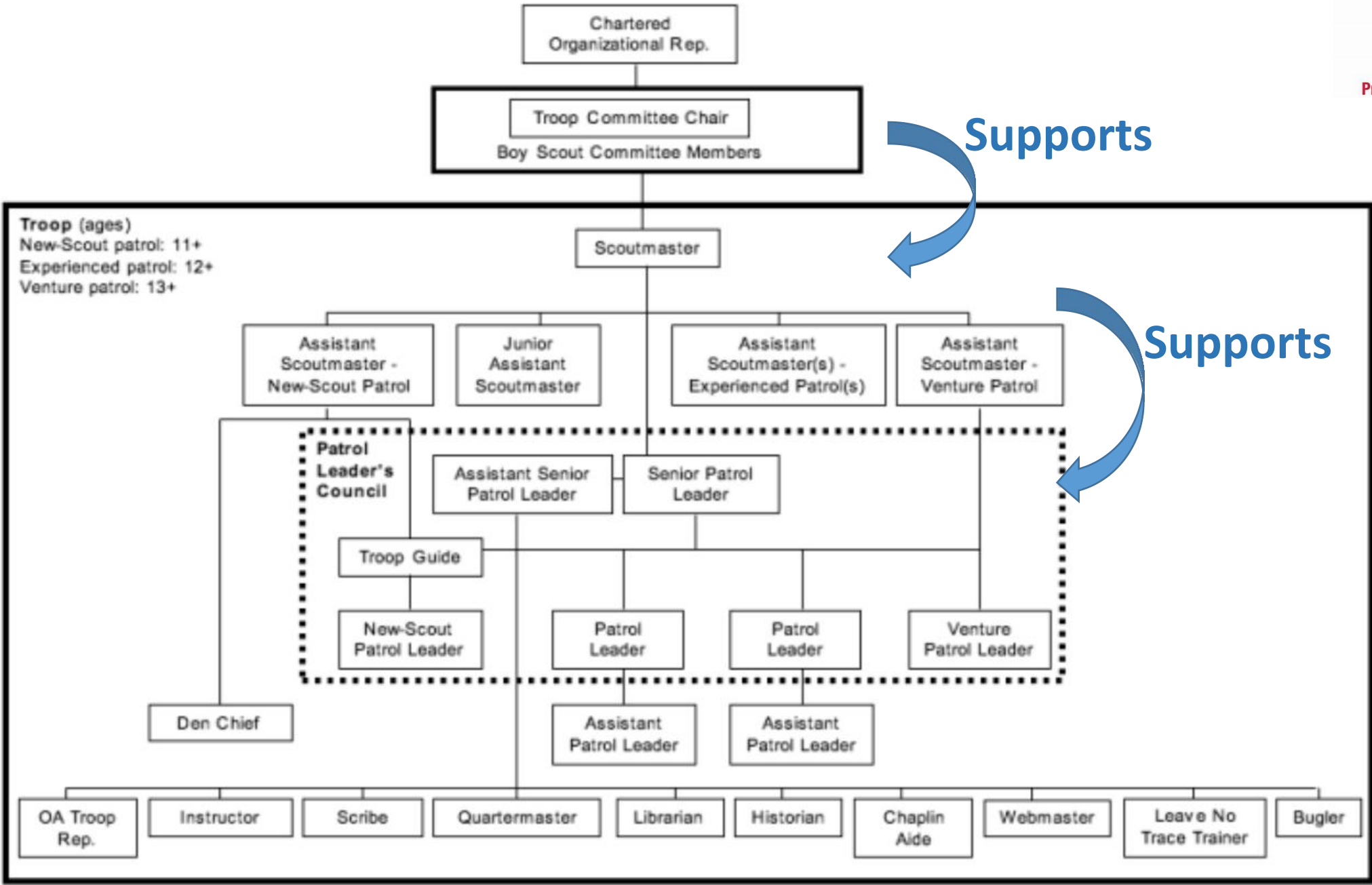
- Mission Statement: The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.
 - Scout Oath
 - On my honor I will do my best
 - To do my duty to God and my country
 - and to obey the Scout Law;
 - To help other people at all times;
 - To keep myself physically strong,
 - mentally awake, and morally straight.
 - Vision Statement: The Boy Scouts of America will prepare every eligible youth in America to become a responsible, participating citizen and leader who is guided by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Scout Law
 - A Scout is:
 - Trustworthy
 - Loyal
 - Helpful
 - Friendly
 - Courteous
 - Kind
 - Obedient
 - Cheerful
 - Thrifty
 - Brave
 - Clean
 - Reverent

BSA, The Rotary, and Troop 284





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https://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Troop_organizational_chart

Key Passages from The Chartering Agreement

The Local Council agrees to:

- Provide primary general liability insurance to cover the Charter Organization, its board, officers, Charter Organization Representative (COR), employees, and adult volunteers for authorized Scouting activities. Indemnify the Charter Organization in accordance with the resolutions and policies of the National Executive Board of the Boy Scouts of America.
"The general liability policy issued to the Boy Scouts of America provides primary liability insurance coverage for all chartered organizations for liability arising out of their sponsorship of a traditional Scouting unit. Evanston Insurance Company provides the first \$1 million per occurrence coverage. Additional policies, all providing primary coverage to the chartered organization, have been purchased so that more than \$10 million in primary coverage is provided. There is no coverage for those who commit intentional or criminal acts. Liability insurance is purchased to provide financial protection in the event of accidents or injury that is neither expected nor intended."

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The Charter Organization agrees to:

- Use Scouting to further the Charter Organization's aims and values for youth.
- Charter organizations must utilize the Scouting program to accomplish specific objectives related to one or more of the following: youth character development, faith-based youth ministry, career skill development, community service, patriotism and military and veteran recognition
- Conduct the Scouting program consistent with BSA rules, regulations, and policies. Located on the My.Scouting website and online at: www.scouting.org/about/membership-standards/.

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Usual Meetings & Rhythm

- Weekly Troop Meetings -- Thursdays, currently 7-8:30pm in Acton - but check the calendar for locations updates - if there's school that day, we meet
- Monthly outings -- As announced on the website calendar
- Patrol meetings -- As coordinated by the patrol
- Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) -- Monthly during school year, second Monday of the month; listed on scoutlander calendar
- Adult Committee Meeting -- Monthly during school year, Wednesday after PLC usually; listed on calendar
- Annual Summer Camp (Wanocksett) - first full week of Aug ('week 6')
 - Dublin, NH, right next to Mt Monadnock
- Possible Summer outing
- Annual Planning Conference (APC) -- once a year in Aug or Sept

Service Projects

- Annual Fall & Spring Cleanups at the Church (Acton)
 - Troop-wide events with ~20 folks raking and leaf-blowing
- Eagle Projects
 - Eagle scout projects have rigorous requirements for organizing & leading the project with the beneficiary, with the BSA, and with the crew
 - Recent example: Picnic Table building for public space in West Acton
 - Upcoming example: Gravel path building in Auboretum to ensure handicap access
 - Upcoming example: Free STEM-orient learning event for K-6 hosted in the spring
- Individual community service hours required for most ranks
 - Usually organized individually with Scoutmaster approval
 - For example, Star rank requires 6 hours of service



Eagle Scout Service Project Proposal



Example Picture:

Eagle Scout candidate's
Please give a name to y



Project Site Picture:



Current Eagle Project



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Advancement

- Scouts advance via rank & merit badges
- First Class and up scouts sign-off with an 'initial' in the book for most rank requirements
- Merit badge counselors approve merit badge requirements
- All Ranks require a Scoutmaster Conference
- Tenderfoot and up also require a Board of Review with the Committee
- Advancement Chair records advancement in Scoutbook & procures the badges
- Awarded/presented at Court of Honor (2-3x per year)

Current Troop Levels

- Unranked (4 members)
- Scout (2 members)
- Tenderfoot (5 members)
- Second Class (4 members)
- First Class (3 members)
- Star (1 member)
- Life (6 members)
- Eagle (0 current)

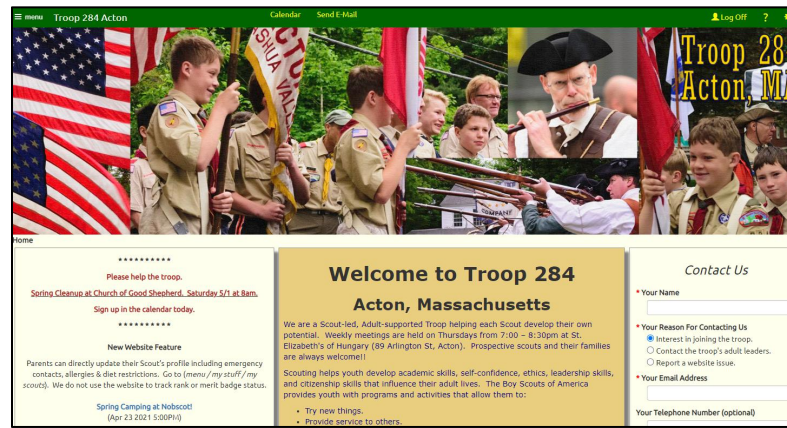


*Troop 284
Eagle Trophy*



BSA Rank Patches

Troop Website

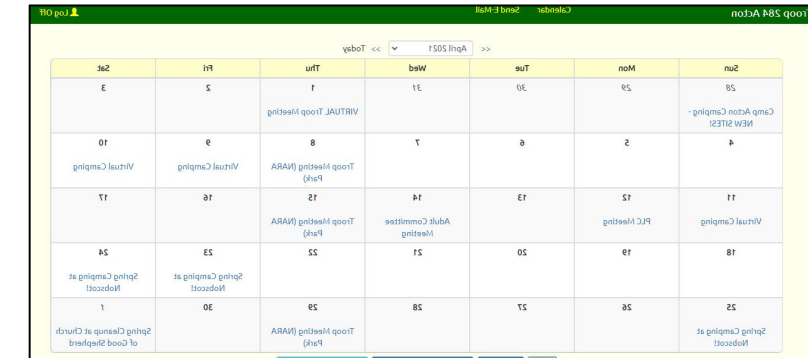


Website of the month
July 2021!!

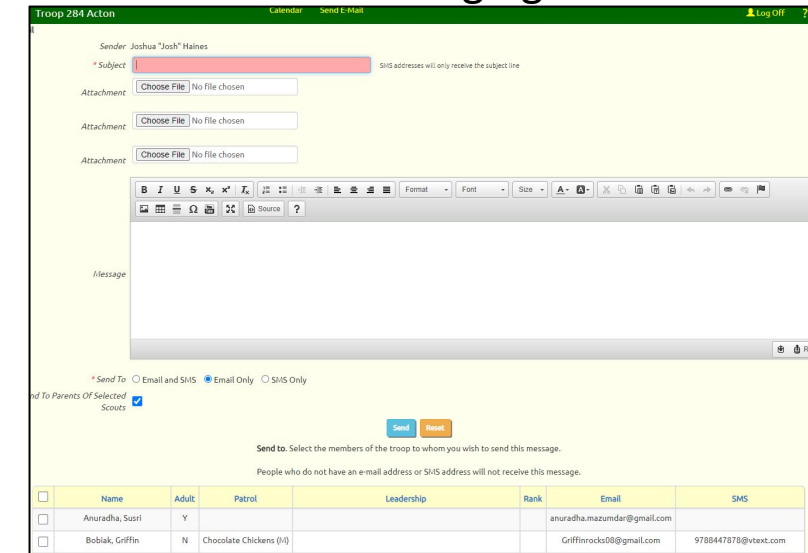


- www.troop284acton.org
 - We use this for messaging, adult/scout rosters, contact info, calendar, and other admin tasks
 - Scouts have access too & should learn to use it
- Events:
 - Please signup immediately if think you/your scout is participating -- this is critical to including you planning
 - Please use the website to “give permission” & check medform status
- Messaging:
 - Scouts & Parents can use it to message other scouts for patrol meetings or signoff requests or other coordination
 - “Discussion forum” coming soon
 - Two-person rule applies - always include a parent & an adult leader on messages

Calendar



Messaging



Logistics



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- The Rotary approves all adult members
- All adults going on oversight Troop events must have taken BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT)
 - CORI had been required when we could get them via St E's but now we are still looking for a way to get CORI's
 - This is a Troop Rule
- All adults regularly working with youth should be BSA members
- Any adult attending an event for 72+ hours must be a BSA registered member (e.g. Camp Wanoksett)
- Josh Haines, Committee Chair, can help with this
 - Records stored here:

Youth Protection Training (YPT)

- All adults working with youth and/or going on overnight events must have YPT training that is current (w/in the last 2 years)
- Key Tenets or “Barriers to Abuse”



Adult Supervision **“Two Deep” Leadership at Events & No 1-on-1 Contact at all**

- One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting, either in person, online, over the phone, or via text. Two-deep adult supervision by registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required for all Scouting activities. This includes patrol activities, meetings, and service projects. These enhanced requirements have been in effect since 2018.

Responsibility **Shared responsibilities**

- Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies. In addition, adult leaders are required to adhere to the [Scouter Code of Conduct](#).

Accommodations **Separate Accommodations for gender and ages (>2yr difference)**

- Separate accommodations for adult males and females and youth males and females are required for tenting, lodging, and restroom facilities. Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age. In addition, Adult participants age 18-20 are treated as adults and cannot share tents with youth participants.

Program Requirements **Buddy System & Transparent Program**

- Adult leaders emphasize the buddy system in unit planning, and training activities. Buddies must stay together during activities. Scouting is a transparent program with parental involvement.

Reporting Requirements **Strict reporting requirements for bullying & abuse**

- Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report All Youth Protection violations and abuse including, mandatory reporting to law enforcement.

Thank You!

- Contact
 - Committee Chair: Josh
 - Scoutmaster: David