

TROOP 102

Troop Handbook

WELCOME to the Troop 102 Scouting family.

The purpose of this handbook is to help a boy get started in the Boy Scout program.

GETTING STARTED IN THE TROOP

A. To register a boy for Boy Scouts, please complete the following:

- 1) A Boy Scout application form
- 2) Annual Health and Medical Record (BSA form)
- 3) Annual dues (\$40.00)

B. A boy needs a recent copy of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) **handbook**. These are available at our Council's Scout Shop (see attached map), or may be purchased from the troop. Start at the beginning, with **Scout Badge**. This will give you a jump-start into the Scouting program. Parents, go over the **pamphlet "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide"** (located within the front cover of the handbook). This must be completed before a boy can finish Scout Badge.



Please bring your Scout handbook to all meetings and outings.

C. Begin attending troop **meetings** regularly. Troop 102 meets most Monday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. From these meetings, a boy will be assigned to a patrol and will begin learning scouting skills and advancements.

D. Complete a **"Class A" uniform**. By time a boy reaches Tenderfoot Rank, he is expected to have a complete uniform. A complete "Class A" uniform consists of an **official BSA shirt**, olive green long pants or shorts with BSA socks, and belt. Appropriate **insignias** should be attached in their proper position (*see diagram – pg 8*).

Official BSA uniform parts may be purchased at the **Scout Shop**, in Jackson, next to the **Andrew Jackson Council** office (*see attached map – pg 5*). Or, orders may be submitted by fax or by e-mail.

A **"Class B" uniform** consists of Troop 102's printed t-shirt. Although not required, the Class B uniform looks really cool when used by the entire troop at events (summer camp, service projects, and other casual events).

For safety, only closed-toe shoes are allowed (no flip-flops or slip-ons). Only BSA themed hats may be worn. And, non-scout related shirts, etc. are subject to Troop leadership discretion (no obscene or inappropriate themes).

Scouts are expected to attend all Troop meetings and functions in a full "Class A" uniform unless otherwise specified in advance by the Troop leadership or PLC (Patrol Leaders Council).



GETTING STARTED WITH ADVANCEMENT

Rank Advancement

Rank Advancement is the first process Scouting uses to develop character, citizenship, personal fitness, and leadership within a scout. The majority of advancement requirements will be completed with the troop at meetings or outings. **Tenderfoot Rank** exposes the Scout to the basics of Scouting character, knot tying, camping skills, and person fitness. All of these requirements can be completed at troop meetings and/or a campout. As a Scout progresses, some steps may need to be completed at home. All requirements are listed in the Scout Handbook. As a scout participates in **outings**, these need to be listed in the handbook for **Second Class** and **First Class Rank** requirements.

Merit Badges

Merit badges are required for the advancements to **Star**, **Life**, and **Eagle Scout** and build upon skills learned in the earlier ranks. But, a scout may start earning merit badges before reaching this level of advancement. Separate books are available for each merit badge. A composite of all merit badge requirements are available in the book [Boy Scout Requirements Book](#). Or, an outline of each merit badge is available online at <http://meritbadge.org>.

GETTING STARTED WITH OUTINGS (campouts)

The outdoor experience further promotes the ideals of Scouting by:

- 1 Developing skills and confidence
- 2 Facing demanding, yet fun, challenges
- 3 Providing a study of conservation and ecology
- 4 Promoting physical fitness
- 5 Showing God's great handiwork and developing a Scout's appreciation of it

To "be prepared" for an outing, a Scout should start with a personal **sleeping bag and pad**, a **water bottle**, **rain gear** and personal **food gear** (plastic plate or bowl, cup, spoon/fork). From there, a scout can develop his gear to include the items on the camping checklist. It is strongly recommended that a scout develop a place to keep the bulk of these items together at home (a pack, duffle bag, plastic box, etc.). This helps in developing his organizational skills and cuts back on frustrations of finding items before a campout. Eventually, a scout needs a basic, **personal first aid kit**. This kit is also needed in completing Second Class Rank.



On most campouts, scouts will be responsible for helping their patrol will meals (providing for, cooking, cleaning). The scouts will decide on menus and divide the food responsibilities amongst their members at the meeting before the campout. Sometimes, a cost will also be involved (for campsite fees, gasoline usage, etc.). This amount will be announced at the meeting before the campout.



OVERVIEW OF THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

The Scouting program is built on the theme that education should be fun. It must be fun to keep boys interested in Scouting. It is often said, "Scouting is a game with a purpose." Scouting is educational because it works toward four basic aims or goals referred to as the purpose of Scouting.



The four aims or goals of Scouting are:

- Character building
- Citizenship
- Personal fitness
- Leadership training

Character is how a boy defines himself, by his personal qualities, values, and outlook. Scouting builds a boy's character by emphasizing the basic values defined by his religious beliefs, by respect for fellow man, and by a love of nature. Troop 102 also strives to build self-confidence and self-reliance through participation in the Scouting program.

Citizenship is more than knowledge of this country's history and government. It can be more broadly defined as a person's relationship with his fellow man. A Scout learns the full meaning of citizenship from the emphasis of helping others, the shared efforts within the Patrol and Troop, the knowledge, and skills, gained in the advancement program, and the service projects required for rank advancement.

Personal fitness is mental and emotional fitness as well as physical fitness. Troop 102 strives to improve a Scout's overall personal fitness through the outdoor and advancement programs, his relationship with fellow Scouts and Adult Leaders, and the satisfaction of overcoming the challenges that the Scouting program presents.

The Scouting program of Troop 102 provides an ideal setting for a boy to learn and practice **leadership skills**. Scouting is a **boy** run program and probably is a boy's first experience in dealing with peer supervision and leadership. Many of today's leaders in business and in the public sector gained the basic concepts and self-confidence of leadership from their Scouting experience.



Resources (this is by no means a complete list)

Troop 102 website - <http://www.bsa-troop102.org/>
Andrew Jackson Council - <http://www.bsa-jackson.org/>
BSA National Home Page - <http://www.scouting.org/>
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Scout Stuff - <http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsasupply>
Boy Scout Handbook - <http://www.bsahandbook.org/>
Merit Badge information - <http://meritbadge.org>
Animated Knots - <http://www.animatedknots.com/>
U. S. Scouting - <http://www.usscouts.org/>
Scouting Magazine for Adult Leaders - <http://www.scoutingmagazine.org>
Boy's Life Magazine for Scouts - <http://boyslife.org/>
MacScouter, Scouting Resources - <http://www.macscouter.com/>
Scout news - <http://www.scoutingnews.org/>
Order of the Arrow - Region 1, Section 1 - <http://www.oa-sr1a.org/#>
Wood Badge Home Page - <http://www.pinetreeweb.com/woodbadg.htm>
Philmont Scout Ranch - <http://www.scouting.org/highadventure/philmont.aspx>
or - <http://www.philmont.com/>
International Dutch Oven Society - <http://www.idos.com/>
Boy Scout Trail - <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/>



Links to Backpacking/Outdoors Info

Backpacking Resource Center (BSA) - <http://50miler.com/>
Backpacking Network - Lightweight Backpacking Info - <http://www.backpacking.net/>
Backpacker Magazine - <http://www.backpacker.com/>
Backpacking Light Magazine - <http://www.backpackinglight.com/cgi-bin/backpackinglight/index.html>
Geocaching - Official Global GPS Cache Hunt Site - <http://www.geocaching.com/>
GearReview - Reviews of Outdoor Gear - <http://www.gearreview.com/>
OutdoorReview - Review of Outdoor Gear - <http://www.outdoorreview.com/>

Links to Shopping for Gear

Backcountrystore - <http://www.backcountry.com/>
Bob Ward's - <http://www.bobwards.com/>
Cabelas - <http://www.cabelas.com/>
Campmor - <http://www.campmor.com/>
Campsaver - <http://www.campsaver.com/>
Eastern Mountain Sports -
<http://www.ems.com/home/index.jsp>
GoLite - <http://www.golite.com/>
Killer Deals - <http://www.killerdeals.com/>
Moosejaw - <http://www.moosejaw.com/>
Outdoor Outlet - <http://www.outdooroutlet.com/>
Prolite Gear - <http://www.prolitegear.com/>
REI - <http://www.rei.com/>
Sierra Trading Post - <http://www.sierratradingpost.com/>



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Andrew Jackson Council

Facilities owned/operated by Andrew Jackson Council (AJC) includes the Service Center, Scout Shop and Warren Hood Scout Reservation.

<http://www.bsa-jackson.org>

SERVICE CENTER

Address:

855 Riverside Drive
Jackson, Mississippi 39202
Phone: (601) 948-6111

Normal Office Hours:

Monday - Friday
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m



SCOUT SHOP

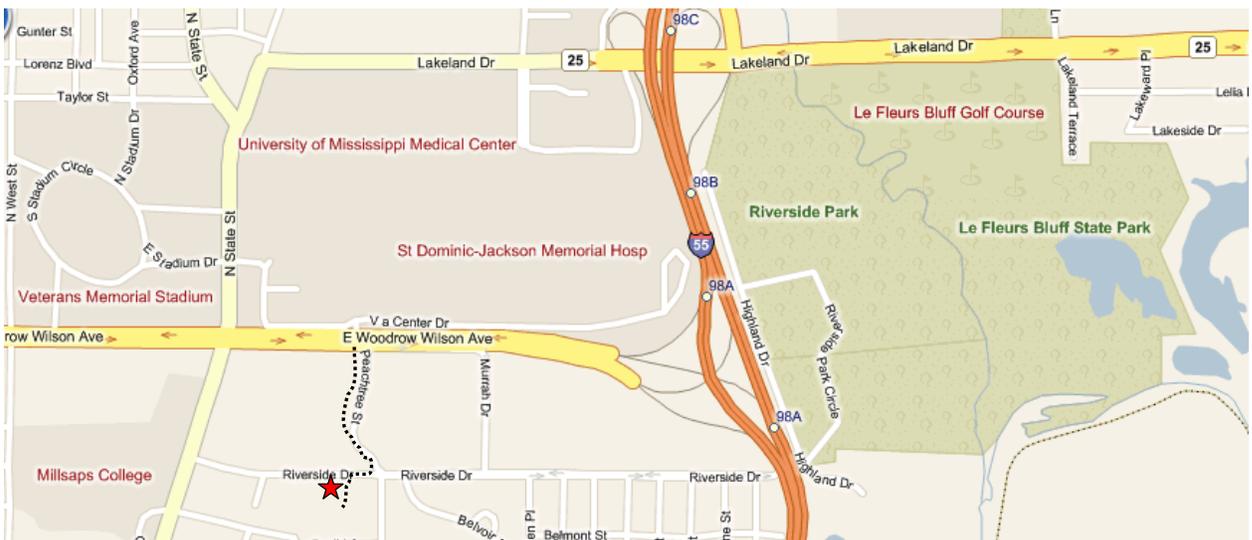
Normal Hours:

Monday - Friday
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Sunday - Closed

Scout Shop: (601) 355-7047

Toll Free: (800) 273-1678

Jim Bell, Manager



The AJC Service Center houses the local Scout headquarters, Scout Shop, resource building, and meeting rooms. The Service Center is the focal point for day to day service to volunteers. From here, the activities of 4000 volunteers and over 14,500 youth member of the council are supported. Support services include training, program planning, communications, unit service, record keeping, membership development, program resource, recognition, activities, and supply sales

Scout Shop

Andrew Jackson Council Scout Shop

855 Riverside Dr
Jackson, Ms
Located behind and downstairs of
the Council Service Center

Hours of Operation

10am- 5pm Monday- Friday
10am-2pm Saturday

Phone: (601) 355-7047

Fax: (601) 948-6117

(Make attention to Scout Shop)

Email Orders to

AJCBSAstore@hotmail.com

We take MasterCard, Visa, AMEX,
checks and Cash

Boy Scout Uniform and Handbooks

Boy Scout Poplin Shirt	Youth \$24.99
Boy Scout Nylon Shirt	Youth \$34.99
Boy Scout Canvas Pants	Youth \$34.99
Boy Scout Nylon Pants	\$49.99
Ankle Socks	\$5.99
Crew Socks	\$5.99
Council Shoulder Patch	\$4.00
World Crest	\$1.49
Unit #'s	\$1.19 each
Green Shoulder Loops	\$2.29
Boy Scout Handbook	\$8.99
Boy Scout Coil-bound Handbook	\$19.99

Adult Uniform

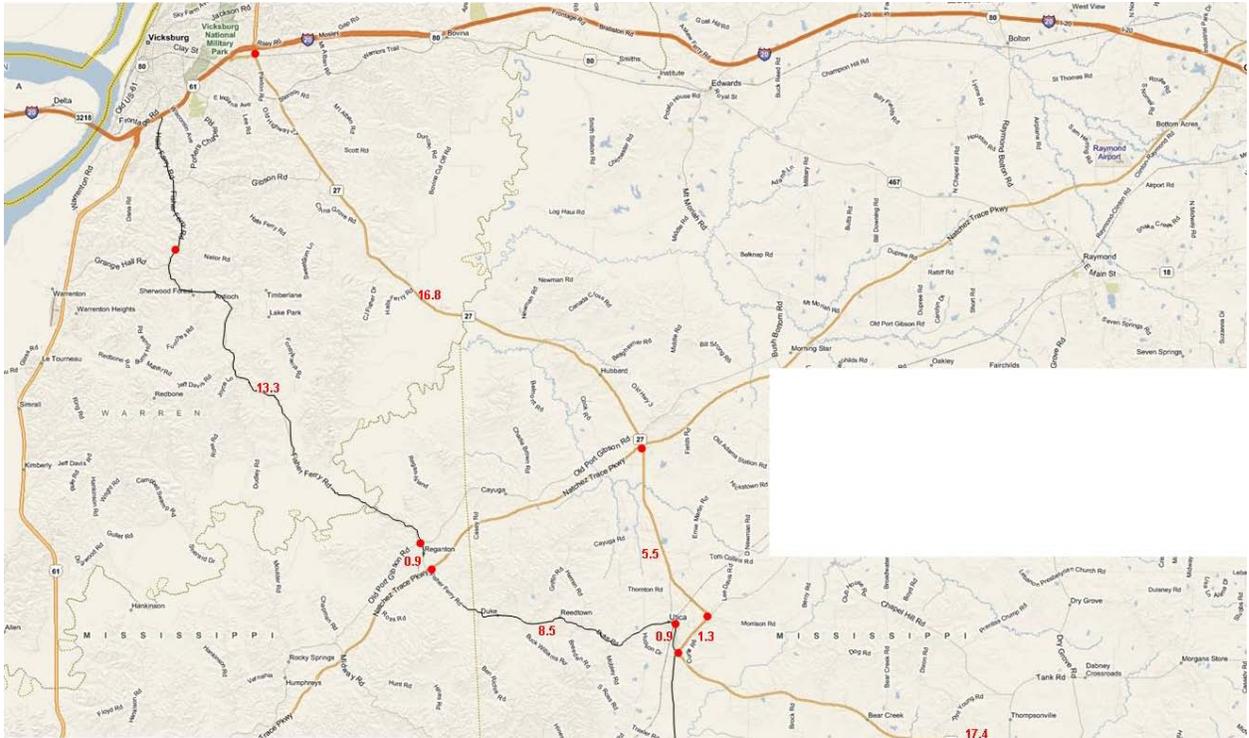
Boy Scout Poplin Shirt	\$29.99 – \$32.99
Boy Scout Nylon Shirt	\$39.99
Boy Scout Canvas Pants	\$39.99

Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation

Warren A. Hood Scout Reservation is the Andrew Jackson Councils private camping facility. Camp Hood is 1,300 acres complete with a 113 acre lake, 11 large campsites, Cub World, handicap camping area, adirondack cabins, family cabins, COPE course, 40 ft. repel tower, rifle range, skeet shooting area, archery range, activity fields, primitive camping areas, and much more. Camp Hood is located 12 miles west of Hazlehurst, MS and about 35 miles South of Jackson. For more information about the use of Camp Hood and any of the activities offered, contact Larry Cagle at the council office (601) 948-6111.



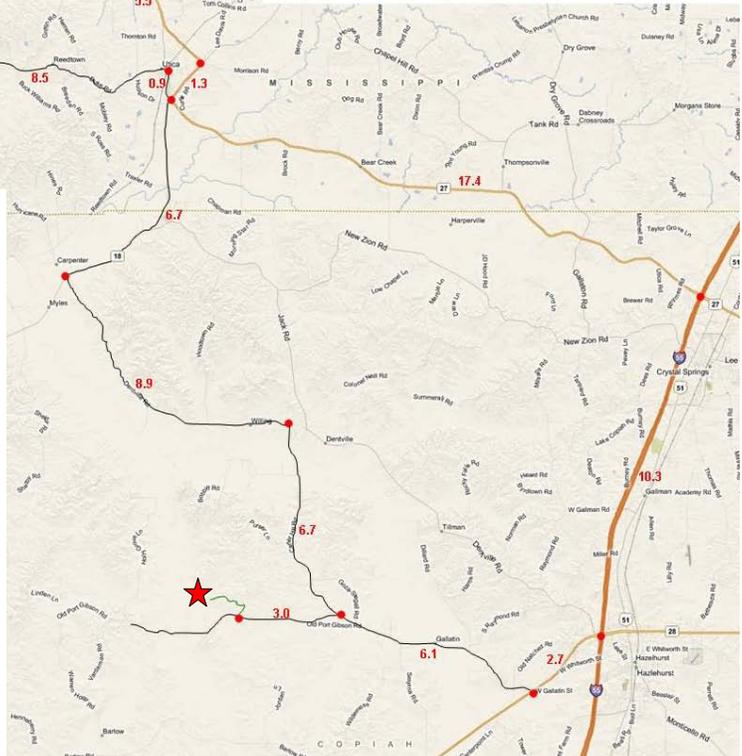
MAP: FROM VICKSBURG TO CAMP HOOD



Route 1:

From Hwy 80 & Hwy 27 intersection:

- 1) On Hwy 27, travel **16.8 mi** and cross over Natchez Trace
- 2) Continue on Hwy 27 another **5.5 mi** and intersect Hwy 18. Turn right onto Hwy 18.
- 3) Travel **1.3 mi** and turn left onto Hwy 27.
- 4) Continue **17.4 mi** and turn right onto exit ramp to access I-55 (exit 72).
- 5) Follow I-55 south for **10.3 mi** and exit right at Exit 61, Hazlehurst.
- 6) Turn right off the exit ramp onto Hwy 28. Continue **2.7 mi** and turn right onto Old Port Gibson Road.
- 7) Follow this road **9.2 mi** until you see the entrance to Camp Hood on your right.
- 8) Turn right onto Camp Hood, and follow it to the main camp. ★



Route 2:

From Fisher Ferry Road and Nailor Road intersection:

- 1) Continue on Fisher Ferry Road. Stop at the intersection with Old Port Gibson Road (**13.3 mi**).
- 2) Continue again on Fisher Ferry Road. Cross over Natchez Trace. The road name changes to Duke Road before entering Utica. In Utica, at intersection, turn right on White Oak Street. Proceed another **0.9 mi** until intersect with Hwy 18. Turn right onto Hwy 18 and travel another **6.7 mi** to Carpenter.
- 3) Turn left onto Dentville Road and travel **8.9 mi** Turn right onto Carter Hill Road.
- 4) Travel **6.7 mi** on Carter Hill Road until intersects Old Port Gibson Road.
- 5) Turn right. Continue another **3.0 mi** to entrance to Camp Hood (on right). ★

Troop 102 Uniform Insignia Example

Please refer to the BSA scout uniform inspection sheet for detailed positioning information. The following illustrations provide for the location and general placement of insignia.

Insignia includes:

Left arm:

- 1 **Council patch**
- 2 Troop Unit patch
- 3 Troop leadership position (as needed)

Right arm:

- 4 American Flag (provided on shirt)
- 5 Patrol emblem (provided by troop)
- 6 Quality Unit patch (if earned the previous year)

Left Shirt and Pocket

- 7 **World Scouting patch**
- 8 Rank patch
- 9 **Arrow of Light** (if earned in Cub Scouts)

Right Shirt and Pocket:

- 10 Temporary patches



The **Merit Badge sash** should be purchased and used after a Scout starts earning Merit Badges. The sash should be worn only at special occasions and ceremonies.



Personal Overnight Camping Gear

Scout Uniform

Hanger (for uniform)

Scout Handbook

Sleeping Gear:

--- sleeping bag, or 2 or 3 blankets

--- sleeping pad

Eating kit:

--- plate and/or bowl

--- spoon/fork

--- cup or mug

Waterbottle (at least 1 quart or 1 liter)

Cleanup kit:

--- toothbrush/toothpaste

--- washcloth/towel

--- soap --- deodorant

--- comb --- _____

Outdoor Essentials:

--- First Aid kit

--- pocket knife (if you have Totin' Chip)

--- flashlight with extra batteries

--- matches or fire starters

--- rain gear

--- sun protection --- insect repellent

--- compass --- _____

Clothing for the season

Personal Extras (optional):

--- sunglasses

--- watch

--- camera

--- pen or pencil

--- notebook

--- gloves

--- camp chair