

As you cross over with your son from Cub Scouts we appreciate your enthusiasm and encourage your participation in the Troop.

Troop 86 requires the involvement of Scout Families. Parents and Guardians guide, support and mentor Scouts. Parents and Guardians help to support Troop activities.

Historically, Scouts who benefit most and advance the furthest are those whose Parents are actively involved in the program. Parents often find this very rewarding. They get a lot from interacting with Scouts and everyone wins because “many hands make light work.”

The Troop welcomes your interest and participation. We look forward to working with you to maintain and enhance the wonderful programs the Troop offers.

Scouting has been an opportunity for my two sons (who both achieved the rank of Eagle) as well as myself to both grow and give back. Initially, I joined Troop 86 as an adult to help and be there for my sons as well as for the Troop, whenever I could (even though I had no special skills or training in the outdoors). Driving on trips, cleaning equipment, shopping for food for the camping trips, helping to plan trips, assisting on Community and Eagle projects, etc. The biggest reward in being involved was the moments I shared with my sons. Just two examples are...1.) When my oldest son taught me how to eat mac and cheese out of a potato chip bag when I forgot to bring along my mess kit on a camping trip and 2.) When my younger son, while camping out under a tarp that was hung up by a rope tied to two trees said, “Dad this is the greatest camping trip of my life.” My point is, Scouting affords you the opportunity to spend and share experiences with your son that make memories that will last a lifetime. You don’t have to be an Adult Leader or the Scout Master to participate.

My ask to you, as your son begins Boy Scouts is.....

- Join your Son and the Troop on a camping trip. No experience necessary (you can always borrow any camping gear you need such as sleeping bags, etc.)
- Attend an Eagle Scout Project or Community Service Project with your Son. Accomplishing something while helping others is an awesome experience.
- Attend an Eagle Scout Ceremony. The Eagle Scout is the pinnacle of Scouting. Come see and hear how a Scout achieved such an honor. Perhaps it will help your Son want to strive to become an Eagle Scout.
- Volunteer to do something for the Troop. No matter what you can do, please help.
- Come inside the meeting when you drop off or pick up your Son to meet the Troop, the Leaders and other Parents.....you’ll be glad you did.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael De Carlo

Scout Master Troop 86