

# Why Boy Led?

Troop 123 is a Boy led Troop. It is a boy led troop because that's how the Best Troops are organized, it's how The Boy Scouts of America wants Troops run, and how, as an Adult leader, we are taught to run a Troop. What does this mean? It means that the Scouts, with adult guidance, are allowed and encouraged to make decisions and run the Troop. This is not the adult leaders making the decisions and giving the Scouts a script to follow. It's letting the Scouts make the decisions, plan the activities, and then make it happen. If we, as adults, do all the work the boys quickly learn to wait for us. They will not learn the leadership, organizational and decision making skills that will serve them through the rest of their lives. Are the boys as good at this as we are? Absolutely not. But that is not the point. The point is letting them learn in a safe environment without the pressure of The Big Sale, Million Dollar Contract, or Your Job on the Line. Do some of their plans fail? Sure they do, but they learn through the failures as much as through the successes. If we discouraged everything that we thought would fail, the Scouts would not learn what works and what doesn't and they wouldn't learn how to make good decisions. How many of you have spent the better part of your lives trying to learn these things? We're giving these Scouts a big head start.

A boy led troop also has many positive influences within the troop. The boys not only elect their leaders, but hold them responsible for their jobs. If a Scout who was elected Patrol leader doesn't do the job correctly, the Scouts in that patrol will elect a new Patrol leader who they believe will do the job correctly. This has the effect of raising the standards for the whole troop. The more that is expected of the Scouts the more they deliver. The older scouts have a reason to stay active in the Troop. They get to make the decisions and run the show. This is a lot more fun than just showing up and camping. It becomes their Troop in a very real way, and as we all know teenage boys want to be in charge. We use this energy to a positive effect by letting them make decisions, but also giving them responsibilities within the Troop to perform. The older scouts are also expected to teach the younger scouts the ways of scouting. This includes everything from scout skills, cooking, to leadership. Because by seeing it in action, they learn what's expected of them when it's their turn to lead.

Does this have a downside? Yes, the meetings can be chaotic and there are some failures that you have to watch. But would you want them not to try? We don't think so. We watch the bad things and bite our lips, so that we can watch, in the end, a fine young man become an Eagle Scout and go forth into the world with skills that are hard to learn without doing them.

This is why Troop 123 is a Scout Led Troop. It's for the Scouts!

## Would You Like To Visit Our Troop?

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# Troop 123

**Simon Kenton Council, BSA**

**Buckeye District**

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**Leadership  
Commitment  
Responsibility**

## The Program

Troop 123 runs a very active and exciting program designed to get the most out of your Scout. We go camping at least once a month all year round and go to summer camp every summer, for a week. These campouts offer your Scout plenty of opportunities for advancement, learning about the outdoors, cooking, and team building. We

also do hiking, caving, shooting, pioneering skills, and much more, all while having FUN. Our Troop meetings and

Courts of Honor are run by the Scouts and for the Scouts. We're an enthusiastic Troop that encourages participation and FUN. For the older Scouts, 14+ and First Class, we have a Venture program that does several High Adventure trips a year. From whitewater rafting the New River, a trek to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico to a 10 day canoe trip at Northern Tier Wilderness Area, we have something to keep our older Scouts involved.



**Troop 123's Flag flying at Summer Camp**

## THE LEADERSHIP

Troop 123 is a boy led Troop. Our boy leaders are trained and experienced and will see that your Scout Does His Best. Our Scouts range in age from 10 to 17, with the older Scouts holding the key leadership positions. Several of our older Scouts have served on Simon Kenton Council Summer Camp Staffs and have participated in and been part of the staffs of many Buckeye District Camporees and other Scouting events. Our Troop strongly believes in our Scouts giving back to Scouting and most of our Scouts exceed their service hour requirement. Our older Scouts not only lead Troop 123 but show the younger Scouts the ways of Scouting, both in actions and in teaching them the Scout skills needed for advancement. These Scouts don't lead without support. Troop 123 has about a 2:1 ratio of Scouts to trained adult leaders. Our adults are committed to Scouting and our Scouts.



**Our Troop at Summer Camp  
Camp Powhatan, Blue Ridge Scout Reservation  
Roanoke, VA**



**Challenge yourself on a sailing trip.  
Have fun doing the impossible.**



**On top of Mount Baldy, Philmont Scout Ranch,  
Cimarron, New Mexico**