Troop 35
Wheaton, IL

www.wheatontroop35.org
Boy Scout Troop 35 was founded in 1912. The Troop - sponsored by Gary Memorial United Methodist Church - has more than 40 boys from the Wheaton, Glen Ellyn and Winfield communities ranging in rank from New Scout to Eagle Scout. Since our inception we have had more than 130 Eagle Scouts from our ranks.
Philosophy
Troop 35 is a boy-led organization providing Scouts with opportunities, guidance and a safe non-threatening environment. This allows each Scout to grow and develop to his optimum degree as a young man. Perfection is NOT the goal—doing the best and learning from your mistakes is.

Scouts learn to become responsible for themselves and others through commonsense skills, the importance of teamwork, participating in outdoor activities and assuming roles of leadership and responsibility.

The basic unit of the troop is the patrol. Patrols consist of a small group scouts - usually 8 at most - who are responsible to one another for carrying out basic camping duties, needs, and functioning as a team during other troop activities.
Eagle Scout project helps community

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Scouts from Troop 35 held a book drive to support the community, including the Epilepsy Foundation. The scouts sorted and boxed up hundreds of books as part of Robert W.’s Eagle Scout project. Many books will go to the Epilepsy Foundation, and some will fill a new book-sharing box for the community.
Meetings
Meetings are held on Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We encourage meeting attendance as much as possible but understand the time commitments of a well-rounded youth. Many of our Scouts participate in a variety of activities including band, sports and academic teams as well as holding part-time jobs.

Adult Involvement
Although the troop is a boy-led organization, the success of the troop depends greatly upon the generosity and support of adults like you. We encourage adults to help the Troop in a variety of ways. As an adult you can work closely with Scouts by helping at meetings or at other activities. Another vital area of service to the Scouts is to serve on the Committee that supports the Scouts in their endeavors. A strong group of adults ensures a successful Troop.
Activities

The troop develops a master plan in conjunction with Junior Leader Training semi-annually. A concerted effort is made to schedule one outdoor camping trip each month with the exception of December. We specialize in Dutch oven cooking at these events. Cabin camping is done from November through March. At all other times including summer camp, we tent camp. We periodically offer other forms of activities either separate or in conjunction with camping trips. The following are some examples of the activities we have done (High Adventure Trips are limited to First Class and above and ages 14 and older):
Scout Activities:
• High Adventure Europe tour and International Jamboree
• Philmont Scout Ranch High Adventure Trip in Cimmeron, New Mexico
• Seabase High Adventure Camp, Florida
• Summit Bechtel Reserve, West Virginia
• 8-day backpacking trip to Glacier National Park
• Boundary Waters High Adventure Canoe Trip, Minnesota and Canada
• One week summer camp in June
• Rock climbing at Devil’s Lake in Wisconsin
• Ski trips
• Scout Sunday
• Eagle service projects
• Camporall
• Winter Green and Gold Dinner with Court of Honor
• Fall outdoors family dinner with Court of Honor
• December mini Court of Honor
Troop 35 has one fundraiser per year – our Annual Christmas Wreath Drive. Each scout is expected to sell a reasonable amount of product. Revenues derived from the sale benefit the troop’s general fund as well as each scout. When a scout reaches a certain goal, he will be given “scout bucks.” He may use this money to pay for his dues, summer camp, high adventure camps or monthly campouts.
Membership

Membership in Troop 35 is open to all boys between the ages of 11 through 17 or Cub Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light. Dues for the first year are $75, which includes troop and advancement fees as well as a subscription to Boy’s Life magazine.

Dues include camping fees and cost of food for campouts. Scouts may be responsible for any costs for special activities such as skiing, canoeing, museum fees etc. In addition, the cost of summer camp is typically $324.
Musicians from across the country, including Troop 35’s Noah B., played taps from their front porches at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day. Twenty years ago, Congress passed a law that 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day is “The National Moment of Remembrance.” It’s an annual event that asks Americans, wherever they are at 3 p.m. on Memorial Day, to take a minute to remember those veterans who have died in military service. Because traditional parades and ceremonies were canceled due to the pandemic, “Taps Across America” was formed as a way to honor the significance of Memorial Day, while remaining socially distant.
Scouts work on merit badges during pandemic

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Even with the stay-at-home order, scouts from Troop 35 are working toward earning merit badges. Some of the badges scouts are working on include Cooking, Family Life, Music, and Reading. For Eagle-Required Family Life, you must complete daily chores plus finish both an individual and family project. You can see in the photos below, one scout is cleaning blinds for his individual project and another is assembling masks as part of a family project. For Eagle-Required Cooking, you must cook breakfast, lunch, dinner, and dessert, using different cooking techniques. In the photos below, you can see the scouts pan frying breakfast and baking dessert. Although scouts may not be able to finish all of the requirements, they can accomplish quite a lot during the stay-at-home order, even meeting with their merit badge counselor over video calls.
Troop 35 goes tubing; two scouts earn Polar Bear award

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Troop 35 had a blast tubing at Wilmot Mountain in Wisconsin. The scouts stayed at Camp Oh-Da-Ko-Ta, near Burlington, Wisc. Most scouts slept and cooked inside the cabin, but two boys earned the Polar Bear award. For the Polar Bear award, you must camp outside when the temperature falls below 32-degrees. In the 24-hour period you are outside, your meals must be cooked over a charcoal or wood fire. Congratulations to Eric S. and Jack M.!
Check Us Out
You are always welcome to visit a Troop meeting as individual or as part of your Den. Arrangements can be made for you to join us for a Campout or other Outdoor Activity. We are also available to come visit you – if your Webelos Scout or Webelos Den needs help – let us know.

How To Join
We would love to send a Troop 35 contingent when your Scout crosses over into Boy Scouts. We welcome new Scouts at any point in the year.

More Information
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