Boy Scout Troop 26

Big Bend Wisconsin ***Since 1934***

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Potawatomi Area Console, Boy Scouts of America

Troop 26 Invitation Letter to Arrow of Light (AOL) Scouts

Dear parents and prospective Boy Scouts,

Congratulations on earning your Arrow of Light award, it is the highest award in Cub Scouting! With this accomplishment you may now move on to Boy Scouts and we invite you to join Troop 26. It should help that there are quite a few scouts and adult leaders in the troop whom you probably already know. The goal of our troop is to provide you with the greatest scouting experience possible.

The scout has already received their Arrow of Light award, so he may join the troop now, even if there are Pack activities they still want to participate in this year. We weekly on Tuesday's from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Big Bend/Vernon Lion's Club. Knowing you may have many questions about Boy Scouts, we would like to give you the answers you need. Below is a list of resources which may help:

- General Information about Boy Scout Troop 26
- "Letter Regarding Summer Camp"
- Troop 26 Website: http://www.pacunits.org/t26
- Scout Rank Requirements: https://www.scouting.org/programs/scouts-bsa/advancement-and-awards/

We expect that like the boys already in the troop he will be busy with school, sports, hobbies, … a wide variety of activities, so we encourage him to come as often as he can, but he is not obligated to be at every meeting – but we do hope they make scouts a priority from time to time. There are several upcoming outings* that the new boys may participate in:

May	Road Cleanup (*service)*
May	Ice Cream Social *(crossover)*
June (19th – 25th)	Summer Camp at Camp Long Lake (*camping, advancement*)
July	Outing TBD (camping, advancement)
August	Outing TBD (camping, advancement)
September	New Glarus Woods State Park (*camping*)

* BSA age requirements apply: https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/

It is extremely helpful for new scouts to attend summer camp their first year in Boy Scouts. **Our 2022 Summer Camp is at Camp Long Lake from June 19th through the 25th.** First year summer camp participants will attend PFC (Project First Class) which will jump start the new scout to satisfy requirements they need for early advancement in the scouting program. The "letter regarding summer

camp” gives more complete information. While attending PFC, the first year scout may work on 1 merit badge available for new scouts. In subsequent years, the scout will be able to select various merit badges to work on, as fitting his interests and overall advancement plan.

Since the scout is already a paid member of the Boy Scouts of America for 2020, there is no charge to transfer his membership to the troop. (The yearly BSA membership for all scouts in our council is currently $72; *Boys Life Magazine* is optional for an additional $12.) The yearly troop fee is $28. Participation in troop outings and certain activities have additional costs. Scout Account funds can transfer and be earned to help pay for these costs.

Boy Scouts – Begin the Adventure!

Join Troop 26 by coming to one of our upcoming Tuesday meetings. To get answers to your questions, contact Scoutmaster, Chris Abraham (262-689-9157) or Committee Chair, John Hahn (262-352-7568) / Tron Melzl (262 224 1282).

On a personal perspective, Boy Scouts has been great for our sons. Its focus on the outdoors, life skills, career exposure, leadership training, and just having a good time together will benefit your sons too!

Chris Abraham, Scoutmaster T26
John Hahn (outgoing June ‘22) / Tron Melzl (Incoming June ‘22, Committee Chair T26