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TROOP 3 TOP 10 INDIVIDUAL POINT CONTEST

The troop 3 “**Top 10 Point Contest**” is almost as old as the troop itself. Scoutmaster Reverend Alfred Budd started the point contest in the 1920’s with the winners getting an overnight trip to New York City, a big trip in those days.

Do you have what it takes to be a top 10 Scout?

It as simple as this: attend patrol meetings, troop meetings in full class “a” uniform, participate in the “**summer camp savings thrift fund**” you can earn 250 points a week. That’s 13,000 points a year, and add 500 points for perfect attendance at troop meetings. Points are recorded by the patrol scribe in weekly patrol reports and tabulated by the troop committee.

We have planned trips, activities, campouts, skiing, Klondike derby, winter and summer camp, and Camporee’s etc.... earn up to 300 points per event.

Advancing in rank earns you points, 100 – 1000 points depending on the rank completed. You also receive points for earning merit badges; 200 points for eagle required badges, and 100 points for all others.

As you can see, it’s up to each scout, to do as much as he can to earn points. The top 10 go on a special trip each year or receive a cash prize to be spent on a scouting event.

Mainly the point contest is a way for us to recognize those scouts who are most active and most interested in getting all there is out of scouting.

Good luck

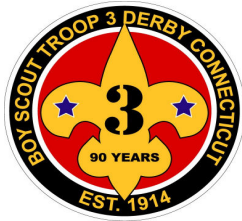


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Recruit a new member	200
Recruited new member earns Tenderfoot	400
Troop Meeting attendance	50
Full Uniform at Troop Meeting	50
Perfect attendance at Troop Meeting	500
Patrol Meeting attendance	100
PLC (Patrol Leader Council) Meeting attendance	100
Den Chief attendance in full uniform at pack / den Meeting	100
Scribe's patrol report	100
Summer Camp Savings Thrift Fund weekly participation	50
Present at Troop Meeting and winning patrol inspection	50
Earn a merit badge	100
Earn an eagle required merit badge	200
Tenderfoot rank	100
2 nd Class rank	200
1 st Class rank	300
Star rank	400
Life rank	500
Eagle rank	1000
Eagle Palm	500
Campout / hike attendance	300
Win a game or contest	10 – 200
Special projects & presentations	100
Council Fire Submission	100

Points can also be lost for un-scout-like behavior.



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Summer Camp Savings Thrift Fund

Weekly you can contribute to the “*Summer Camp Savings Thrift Fund*”. Mr. Ray Oppel or an older scout (we will announce who during the meeting) will collect the money each week. This money is a Savings Account to help offset the cost of summer camp (approximately \$480 for 2 weeks of camp). The troop adds a certain amount of “interest” each year to the Thrift Fund per Scout as determined by the amount each Scout saves. The Thrift Fund can be used for any camping / hiking / scout activity the Troop attends. It’s a way to put a little money away each week for Summer Camp, so you are not hit for the whole \$480 at once. Every week a drawing is held for all Scouts who have contributed to the Thrift Fund that week, and the winner gets a dollar or more added to his fund. You have to contribute to win.

All the money you contribute belongs to you, and the more you save the better the return!

Remember - A Scout is Thrifty.....

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INFORMATION RESOURCES

- E-MAIL ritterrandy@gmail.com
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- WEB PAGE www.troop3derby.org

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EARNING MERIT BADGES

There are over 125 different merit badges a Scout can earn, ranging from Camping to Space Exploration. The way it works is a Scout or group of Scouts decides on a merit badge to undertake. You must get a blue card from the Advancement Chairmen (Mr. Liddel) and it is necessary for the Scout to completely fill out all portions of the card. Then bring the blue card to the Scoutmaster for his signature. ***You must get the Scoutmasters signature before you start the merit badge!*** If its not filled out properly, the Scoutmaster will not sign it until it is done right (must be filled out in ink). Remember, to do these merit badges you most work in groups, never one on one with the adult counselor. You will need to obtain a merit badge book and then contact the counselor to arrange to meet and discuss the requirements. Each scout must individually complete every requirement. Upon completion the counselor will sign a blue card that you got from the Troop Advancement Chairman. The counselor signs the blue card after you complete the requirements. The counselor will keep a portion of the blue card for the counselor's record and then you bring it back to the Scoutmaster for him to sign it again. Then you bring the two portions of the card to the Advancement Chairman and he will keep a portion for the troops record and you will receive the Scout portion for your records. It is very important that the Scout's portion of the blue card be kept in a safe place, like a loose-leaf notebook, because you will need it for advancement, Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review, and to become an Eagle Scout.