

## Scouts BSA Troop 9416 (boy troop)

*Northern Star Council, District L*

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### Meeting at Incarnation Lutheran Church (ILC)

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#### **Why Join Scouts**

Adventure, Leadership, Service, Personal Growth. Plus, a whole lot of fun! New Scouts receive a Troop 416 neckerchief/slide and a Scout handbook.

#### **Meetings**

Meetings are generally each Monday of the month at 7:00pm at ILC and last 1-1.5 hours. One meeting per month is a Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) in which the Patrol Leaders and the Adult Leaders meet to plan upcoming events. The other three meetings may consist of working on Merit Badges, learning and practicing skills (e.g., flag ceremony, knot tying, etc.), or other activities.

#### **Merit Badges/Rank Advancement**

The Troop supports Scouts by hosting Merit Badge sessions with in-house Merit Badge Counselors. Examples of possible Merit Badges include: Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Communication, Personal Fitness, Coin Collecting, and others. Scouts help chose Merit Badges at the PLC meeting.

#### **Summer Camp**

Troop 416 attends Many Point Scout Camp near Park Rapids, MN. The week for camp is August 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Camp runs from Sunday to Saturday. Summer Scout Camp is a great opportunity to earn Merit Badges, learn skills for rank up, and have a ton of fun! Scouts sleep in the Troop's tents, eat family style in the camp dining hall, and attend activities with their patrol and Troop. Typical activities include: swimming, sailing, the aqua tramp, gaga ball, shooting sports, climbing wall, and many others. First year Scouts may attend First Class Adventures which provides them with many of the skills necessary to move up in rank. Web site: <http://manypoint.org/>

#### **Parent/Guardian Involvement**

We welcome and encourage parent involvement. Parents can serve in formal roles or help with specific outings and activities. We need at least 2 adults for any outing/activity that we do!

## **Communication**

The Troop uses a group email distribution list to communicate. There is also a Troop calendar that indicates Troop activities.

## **Fees/Fundraising**

Troop 416 only does wreath and popcorn sales for fundraising, each fall. Scouts are highly encouraged to sell 20 wreath/popcorn items. 60% of the profits from wreath sales is put into the Scout's individual account and can be used to pay for outings, activities or merchandise from a Scout Shop. There is a \$180 annual membership fee paid to the council. Troop activities may have a fee to participate. These fees cover expenses such as meals, camping fees or admission fees.

## **Camping**

The Troop enjoys camping nearly every month of the year. Examples of recent campouts include: Fred C. Anderson Scout Camp, Beaver Valley (rustic cabin in winter), Eagle Cave, Rum River Scout Camp, Many Point Scout Camp, and the College of Wilderness Knowledge.

## **High Adventure**

Troop 416 regularly goes on High Adventure camps, occurring usually in the summer. Examples of these include: Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Okpik at Northern Tier, Boundary Waters (organized by the Troop). Age restrictions may apply to these activities.

## **Service**

Troop 416 engages in service to the community. Examples of possible projects include Feed My Starving Children, Scouting for Food, and the Church Grounds Clean up.

## **Court of Honor (COH)**

The Court of Honor is a special ceremony that occurs twice each year in which the achievements of the Scouts are formally recognized. Families of the Scouts are strongly encouraged to attend. Scouts who move up in rank, earn Merit Badges, and are elected for leadership positions are recognized.

## **Scouts and Other Activities**

Attend Scout meetings and outings when you can. However, Troop leaders understand that there may be times when other activities such as sports, music, or school activities occur on the same dates. Scouts and the other activities in your life can co-exist.

## **Youth Protection**

All Adult Leaders pass criminal background checks and take Youth Protection Training every two years. We practice two deep leadership and adults are mandatory reporters. Scouts utilize the buddy system. Parents are needed on camp outs and outings and encouraged to attend with his/her Scout.

## Do You Have Questions About Scouts BSA? Join Our Zoom Meeting

Do you have questions about Scouts BSA (formerly Boy Scouts)? Are there prerequisites? Do you have to have been a Cub Scout? How old do you have to be? What do Scouts do? These and many other questions will be addressed during this zoom meeting with Wes Erwin, Scoutmaster of Troop 9416. Scouting is a really good opportunity for kids to learn many skills such as social skills, leadership skills, and skills related to the outdoors.

We will be having short informational meetings on the following dates:

Monday January 31, 2022 at 7pm

Tuesday February 1, 2022 at 7pm

Monday February 14, 2022 at 7pm

Just click on the link!

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89222137556?pwd=aHIGNjc0Z2d3RS9wN2NLWXJlYtUUT09>

To RSVP or questions: Wes Erwin, Scoutmaster, Troop 9416, meeting at Incarnation Lutheran Church,  
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