

The Program

"The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is to provide an educational program for boys and young adults to build character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop personal fitness."

Through the following methods the three aims of Scouting listed above are met.

Ideals - The ideals are set forth in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.

Patrols - Utilizes the benefits of interactive teamwork and leadership development brought about by the patrol method.

Outdoor Programs - Enhance cooperation and teamwork while learning ecology, practicing conservation and, most importantly, having fun.

Advancement - Rewards and acknowledges the significant accomplishments along the trail from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

Leadership Development - Throughout the trail, the Scout is encouraged and offered the opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills.

Personal Growth - The above combined with community service, "A Good Turn" and the religious program all add up to personal growth for the Scout.

Last but not least is the Uniform - This apparel is definitely multi-functional. It is a positively recognizable symbol in the community. It is a tie to other Scouts. It is durable to work in. It can be used to demonstrate pride of accomplishment. It is also an equalizer.

Delivering the Promise to our Youth

By the criteria developed by the BSA for successful Troops the answer to these questions is a resounding **YES**.

Criteria

1. 766 has always earned the Gold Journey to Excellence Award.
2. 766 Scoutmaster and Committee Chair has completed both basic and Woodbadge Training.
3. 766 has a high ratio of adults to youth.
4. 766 leaders regularly attend all District Roundtables.
5. 766 Troop Meetings and campouts are planned at the Patrol Leader's Councils.
6. 766 uses BSA materials in planning the Troop program.
7. 766 has a new fully equipped Troop trailer.
8. 766 adds at least 10 Scouts each year.
9. 766 camps at least 25 days and nights per year.
10. 766 has 2 or 3 High Adventures per year.
11. 766 attends a Council long-term camp.
12. 766 leaders are proficient in outdoor skills.
13. 766 easily exceeds the minimum of 21 Scouts.
14. 766 has, through its association with Venture 2000, a very active program for older Scouts.

What a Troop 766 Parent Can Expect

Troop 766 strongly believes there is no better way of enjoying your child's youth than spending quality time together through participating in the Scouting experience.

However, whatever your comfort level is, from little participation to leadership positions, Troop 766 has a place for you and you are always welcome.

Should you choose to be an active parent, Troop 766 will ensure you are shown the ropes either through informal guidance at the Troop level or more formal training put on at the Council level.



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**Building Character
In Iowa Youth
Since 1966**

**Boy Scouts of America
Hawkeye Area Council
Red Cedar District**

Chartered Organization

Troop 766 is fortunate to have as its chartering organization Lovely Lane United Methodist Church.



The vision of Lovely Lane United Methodist Church is to reflect God's glory in our congregation, in our world, and in our hearts. Forgiven by Christ, we forgive. Accepted by God, we accept. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we equip, enable and inspire God's household to servant leadership.

Chapter Location

2424 42nd Street NE
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Venture Crew 2000

Troop 766 also has a close relationship with Venture Crew 2000. They are one of the most ambitious and exciting Venture Crews in the world. What types of things does the most ambitious crew in the world do? How about our Super-High Adventures to Australia, Peru, Hawaii, Alaska, Scotland, New Zealand and Iceland for starters? We are a group of outdoor-focused teens looking for experiences in the fields of: Communications, Wilderness First-Aid, High Adventures, and Shooting Sports.



<http://www.venture2000.org>

Leadership

The leadership of Troop 766, under the direction of Scoutmaster Levi Gritton and Committee Chair Dennis Walker, are dedicated to assuring a successful "YOUTH LED" Troop.

Troop 766 is a very successful Troop. The reasons for the success are:

1. 766 is a "Youth Led" unit (which grows responsibility & experience).
2. 766 has an extensive outdoor program (fun & educational).
3. 766 participates in 2 or 3 High Adventures every year.
4. 766 has adult involvement (advice & guidance).

Scoutmaster

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Assistant Scoutmasters/Committee Members

Troop 766 presently has over 40 registered and fully trained adult volunteers.

Merit Badge Counselors

We have over 30 Merit Badge Counselors within Troop 766, and we are always recruiting and adding new, BSA registered Merit Badge Counselors. With such an extensive list of Merit Badge Counselors, we are able to offer over 100 Merit Badges, including all of the Eagle Required Merit Badges within the Troop.

Information

Should you have further questions about Troop 766 or need information about Scouting in general, please feel free to contact either:

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or

Dennis Walker
Committee Chair
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Statistics and Meetings

Enrollment – As of April 3, 2016, Troop 766 has 93 Scouts and 39 adult leaders.

Eagle Scouts:

- 194 Scouts have earned Eagle Scout.
- Since 2000, over 20,000 Eagle service hours. Each Eagle project has averaged over 162 service hours.
- Over 30% of the Scouts that have joined Troop 766 has earned Eagle Scout!

Well Balanced - Troop 766 has 43 Scouts in the first the lower ranks, 33 in the higher ranks and 17 current Eagle Scouts. A very well balanced Troop!

Order of the Arrow - We currently have 33 Scouts and 8 adults who belong to the Order of the Arrow.

Venture 2000 - There are 25 Scouts and 19 adult leaders dual registered with Venture Crew 2000.

Trained Adults – All adult leaders and Merit Badge Counselors are fully trained. There are 10 adults that have completed Wood Badge training.

Monthly Meetings

1. One or two Troop Meetings.
2. One scheduled Patrol meeting.
3. One or two Advancement Meetings, which are reserved for rank advancement and Merit Badge completions.
4. The full Troop 766 calendar is available at: www.BSATroop766.org

Court of Honor

This is a special meeting held once every three months to recognize the Scouts Achievements. A calendar of events is published regularly; it is also available through our website (www.BSATroop766.org).