

Troop 290 Facts & Information

Chartered to Emmanuel Lutheran Church since 1971 (over 35 years)

Scoutmaster: Paul Tramp ♦ Committee Chair: John Barr Sr.

Over 30 registered scouts ♦ 20 registered adults ♦ 35 past Eagles

Visit us online at: www.troop290.us & Email: scoutmaster@Troop290.us

Participation:

The Troop expects Scouts & parents to participate in Troop activities to ensure the Scout's success. Statistics have shown that Scouts get the most out of the Scouting program when they have at least one active parent.

Full Class-A Uniform (scout handbook, shirt, pants and belt) is expected at every scouting event. We have a uniform loan closet to help reduce your cost. We also prefer neckerchief and slide, but those are optional.

We participate annually in the following service projects:

- Ypsilanti Pride Cleanup Day in the Spring
- Participate in Parades (Memorial Day, July 4th and Heritage Festival)
- Placing flags in Highland Cemetery for Memorial Day
- Support of Eagle Projects and other activities as requested by the community

We participate regularly in the following camping and non-meeting troop events:

- Attendance at an annual week long summer camp
- Participation in Council sponsored Camporees and activities
- Supportive of attendance at National and World Jamborees and High Adventure activities

Leadership & Training:

The Troop strives to be as boy led as possible and adheres to the Patrol Method.

Using annual Scout surveys, the Patrol Leader Council (PLC), the Scouts who are the elected leaders, decides the annual calendar and executes the planned events.

We have annual elections for Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leaders and other positions on the PLC.

Boy-led scouting is not easy and takes a lot of hard work by both the scouts and the adults.

When it works, the boys gain huge satisfaction from it and it helps to develop them as leaders.

Wisdom and leadership skills are gained through two methods:

- Transferred information from publications and adults
- Practical experience using the EDGE and Patrol Method principals

We strive to create a safe environment in which allows the boys to make mistakes and learn from them.

We encourage PLC members to attend the annual Deer Trails Leadership (NYLT) training week.

We maintain two deep leadership at all times. We require that each adult (registered and non-registered) attend Youth Protection Training (YPT)

We highly encourage adults to become Assistant Scoutmasters and/or be active members of the Troop Committee.

We encourage adults to attend Council sponsored training that is appropriate for their leadership position.

Fundraising:

We do not usually participate in Council sponsored fundraising activities (i.e. popcorn sales). We fundraise through wreath sales, flower sales, dinners, etc. We often “tithe” back to our sponsoring organization when our fundraising is finished.

We support the Great Sauk Trail Council through the “Friends of Scouting” program.

Joining Troop 290:

Please let us know your Pack’s crossover date and if you’d like us to attend.

Your sons may attend our meetings but would not be able to advance in Boy Scouts until your Pack has recorded the Arrow of Light Award at the Scout office and he is registered with Troop 290. Until he is registered with the Troop, a parent would need to attend with your son.

The cost for the first year of registration is \$25. Please make checks payable to *Troop 290*. This includes a subscription to Boy’s Life and the Scouting magazine for registered adults.

We have an annual Troop permission slip and the BSA requires an annual physical using their three part form. Adults who attend events must also have annual physical on file.

All forms can be downloaded from the General Information page on our Troop’s website at: www.troop290.us/GeneralInfo/GeneralInfo.htm