



# Troop 727 “Super-Scout” Program

727

In late 2012 the Patrol Leadership Council (PLC) of troop 727, led by SPL Zach Kohlman, developed a plan to reward scouts that work hard to stay in uniform and participate in scouting functions. The program was brainstormed to recognize high achievers and call them Super-Scouts.

## Policy Summary

Scouts that work hard paying attention to detail regarding troop functions, make it their business to attend troop functions with attention to detail, be in the correct uniform as outlined by the PLC/Scoutmaster, and frequent participation should be awarded for their efforts.

## Program Description

The Super-Scout program was boy developed, is boy led, and scored by boys. There may not be another program in scouting that matches Troop 727's Super-Scout program. Because of the characteristics for this program described below it has potential of doing more than creating a competition among scouts. It pulls the troop together in the correct uniform, it assist in developing discipline for remembering key scouting aspects such as bringing scout handbooks and keeping the uniform organized after scout functions, so they can be easily pulled together for the next function. As a boy grows during his scouting years, this contest will teach them they are held accountable for items they are responsible for and they will do well to be in the right place, at the right time, and in the correct attire for years to come.

## Program Duration

The program runs parallel to the elected Patrol Leadership terms of 6 months.

## Event Sign-In Rosters and Attendance

It is the Scout's responsibility to ensure their attendance is recorded at all troop events and counted in attendance. Once the event is complete the attendance rosters are then applied to the Super-Scout program.

**If a scout arrives late, or leaves early, they will not be award points for that event.** This includes leaving a campout, even if the scout returns later. Only PLC and Scoutmaster approval for special circumstances, such as a medical emergency, can award points if a scout does not attend the entire event.

## Awards

Once the six month term is complete, the top two scouts with the greatest amount of points are then considered the “Super Scouts” for the six month term. These are normally awarded at a Court of Honor.

Super Scouts are awarded the following:

1. \$100.00 for 1st prize
2. \$50.00 for second prize.
3. In cases where there is a tie the \$150.00 will be split evenly.

Funds for these prizes are drawn from the troop account and are intended for the scout to purchase scout/outdoor gear. The Scout Law should be considered when utilizing awards. The Super-Scout awards are well deserved as the competition is six month's long requiring perseverance. The point spread is lean making it a close race.

## Super-Scout Point System

Scouts are awarded Super-Scout points for attending troop functions, bringing a friend, bringing their scout handbook, and for wearing the correct uniform parts with all patches positioned and sewn on correctly during troop inspections. At the leisure of the Scoutmaster, preannounced points for Special Events (SE) greater than >50 may be awarded.

### The points are as follows:

- Scout Sunday Attendance – 10 points for wearing the scout uniform correctly to a religious service on Scout Sunday.
- Troop Event Attendance – 10 points
- Troop Campout – 25 points or more. Campouts with more than 25 points must be preannounced.
- Special Events – The Scoutmaster can announce that some events are worth 50 points or more to attend. This must be preannounced.
- Troop Meetings with no inspection – 10 Points
- Troop Meetings with Inspections – Can earn up to 50 points based on inspection sheet.
  - 5 points for attending the full meeting
  - 5 points for having proper headgear
  - 5 points for having your Scout Handbook
  - 5 points for wearing a proper neckerchief and slide. Scouts who are not yet Tenderfoot automatically received these points as they haven't been presented with their neckerchiefs yet.
  - 5 points for wearing the Class A (field uniform) shirt. The shirt must be tucked in and neat in appearance.
  - 5 points for having Awards/Insignia positioned and sewn on properly. This includes having the correct role of responsibility patch on (or removed if no longer in office). The Journey to Excellence (JTE) patch should only be the most recently earned year if the scout chose to wear one. Older JTE patches should be removed. The proper placement of all items is determined by the BSA Guide to Awards and Insignia, including nametags, merit badges, temporary patches, and ranks.
  - 5 points for wearing green pants and a belt.
  - 5 points for wearing a merit badge sash. Scouts who do not yet have at least 6 merit badges are automatically awarded these points as you are not supposed to wear a sash with less than 6 merit badges.
  - 10 points for bringing a friend to the meeting.

## Inspection Card

Below is an example of the inspection card used for Class A inspections by the senior patrol leader (SPL) and patrol leaders (PL).

727		Super Scout Uniform Inspection						727			
Uniform Inspection Date:		Troop Function:					Patrol/Person conducting inspection:				
Scout Name (First-Last)	Attendance: 5 points	Proper Headgear: 5 Points	Have Scout Handbook: 5 Points	Proper Neckerchief and Slider *: 5 Points	Class A Shirt: 5 Points	Awards/Insignia positioned and sewn on properly: 5 Points	Green Pants and a belt: 5 Points	Merit Badge Sash **: 5 Points	Bring a Friend: 10 Points	Total Points	
1											
2											
3											
4											
5											
6											
7											
8											
9											
10											
11											
12											
13											
14											

## Point Tracking

The Scoutmaster, or designee, will obtain sign-in rosters after events have taken place, record and award points appropriately. The Scoutmaster, or designee, will record points based on information collected by the PLC or scouts recording information especially during inspections. Periodically, the points may be announced so scouts understand how many points they have to date.

A scout may request the tracking spreadsheet however; the Scoutmaster or designee holds the master copy.