

The Program

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

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 having **fun**.

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

Association with Adults – Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the Troop.

Leadership Development – Throughout the trail to Eagle, 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.

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 adult leaders are 100% trained.
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 Scouts keep 31% of their popcorn sales going directly to their online Scout Account!
7. 766 has no annual Troop dues.
8. 766 has a new fully equipped Troop trailer.
9. 766 typically adds 15-20 new Scouts each year.
10. 766 has 34% of all Scouts earn Eagle Scout!
11. 766 camps 30+ nights per year.
12. 766 has 3-5 High Adventures per year.
13. 766 attends a Council long-term camp.
14. 766 leaders are proficient in outdoor skills.
15. 766 has, through its association with Venture Crew 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/National level.



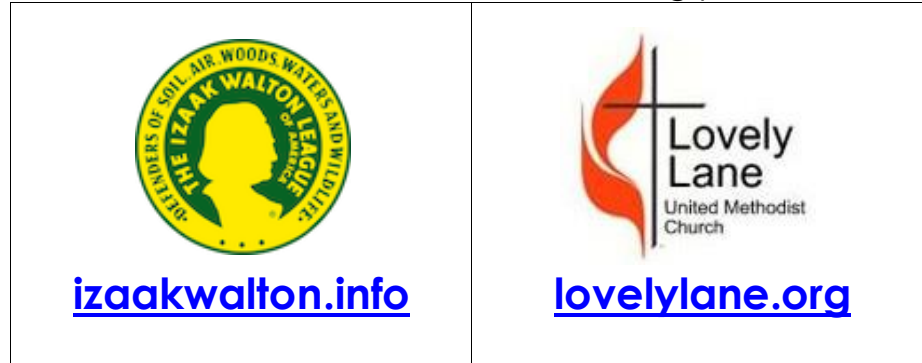
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**Building Character
In Iowa Youth
Since 1966**

**Hawkeye Area Council
Northern Lights District**

Chartered Organization

Troop 766 is fortunate to have as its chartering organization Izaak Walton League with Lovely Lane United Methodist Church as our meeting place!



The [Izaak Walton League](http://izaakwalton.info) is a group dedicated to conserving, restoring, and promoting the sustainable use and enjoyment of our natural resources, including soil, air, woods, waters, and wildlife.

The vision of [Lovely Lane United Methodist Church](http://lovelylane.org) is a "city on a hill, a lamp on a stand," (Matthew 6:14-15) and we are here 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. Lovely Lane is located at:

2424 42nd Street NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52411

Venture Crew 2000

Troop 766 also has a close relationship with [Venture Crew 2000](http://venturecrew2000.org). They are one of the world's most ambitious and exciting Venture Crews. 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? Crew 2000 is a group of outdoor-focused teens looking for experiences in the fields of: Super High Adventures, Shooting Sports, Wilderness First-Aid, and Science & Technology. Dave Blankenship is the Crew's advisor and former Scoutmaster of 766.



Leadership

The leadership of Troop 766, under the direction of Scoutmasters Eric Christoffersen and Jen Biewen, is 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). We camp almost every month during the year!
3. 766 participate in 3-5 High Adventures every year!
4. 766 has adult involvement (advice & guidance).
5. 766 has both a boy Troop and a girl Troop!

Scoutmasters

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Asst Scoutmasters/Committee Members

Troop 766 presently has 31 registered and 100% trained adult volunteers.

Merit Badge Counselors

Troop 766 currently has 25 registered and 100% trained Merit Badge Counselors and we are always recruiting and adding new, BSA registered Merit Badge Counselors. As such, we have an extensive list of 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 Dennis Walker (djw1998v@gmail.com)!



Statistics and Meetings

Enrollment – As of April 2023, Troop 766 has 93 Scouts and 39 100% trained adult leaders. We have 17 older Scouts who are dual-chartered with Crew 2000.

Eagle Scouts:

- 256 Scouts have earned Eagle Scout.
- Since 2000, over 29,000 Eagle service hours.
- Each Eagle project has averaged over 155 service hours.
- Over 34% of the Scouts that have joined Troop 766 have earned Eagle Scout!
- Average Merit Badges earned is 32.
- Average number of High Adventures is 3.

Well-Balanced – Troop 766 has 53 Scouts in the lower ranks, and 40 in the higher ranks! We have 12 current Eagle Scouts in the Troop! A very well-balanced Troop!

Venture Crew 2000 – There are 17 Scouts and 11 adult leaders that are dual registered with Venture Crew 2000.

Trained Adults – All adult leaders and Merit Badge Counselors are 100% trained! There are 11 adult leaders that have completed Wood Badge training.

Troop Pictures – We have almost 114,000 pictures posted on our website with events from 2001 to the present.

Monthly Meetings

1. One Troop Meeting, which is a more formal meeting, similar to a Pack Meeting.
2. One Advancement Meeting, which is reserved for advancement (rank requirements & Merit Badges).
3. One Patrol Meeting prior to campouts.
4. One Fun Meeting! Fun indoor and outdoor events!
5. The Troop 766 calendar is available at: BSATroop766.org ("Calendar" tab).

Court of Honor

This is a special meeting held once every three months to recognize the Scouts' advancements.