

### 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 earned the Quality Unit Award.
2. 766 Scoutmaster has completed Basic Training.
3. 766 has a high ratio of adults to youth.
4. 766 leaders regularly attend round tables.
5. 766 troop meetings are planned at patrol leader's councils.
6. 766 uses BSA materials in planning the troop program.
7. 766 has new Scout patrols.
8. 766 adds at least 10 Scouts each year.
9. 766 camps at least 25 days and nights per year.
10. 766 attends a Council long-term camp.
11. 766 leaders are proficient in outdoor skills.
12. 766 easily exceeds the minimum of 21 Scouts.
13. 766 has, through its association with Venture 2000, a 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, what ever 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.



## Troop 766

**Building Character  
In Iowa Youth  
Since 1966**

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



**www.BSATroop766.org**

**Chartered Organization**

Troop 766 is fortunate to have as its chartering organization The Izaak Walton League of America (IWLA), Linn County Chapter.



The IWLA is first and foremost an organization of active and dedicated volunteer conservationists who help protect and restore the country's natural resources at the local, state and national levels.

The IWLA has many commonalties with the Boy Scouts of America and are an excellent resource for the troop's outdoor program with not only a fine location but also many talented individuals to provide instruction and guidance for the troop.

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The Izaak Walton

League of America

**Leadership**

The leadership of Troop 766, under the direction of Scoutmaster Matt Herlocker, 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).
3. 766 participates in 2 or 3 high adventures every year.
4. 766 has adult involvement (advice & guidance).

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**Assistant Scoutmasters**

Troop 766 presently has over 55 registered Adult Volunteers, most being BSA trained.

**Merit Badge Counselors**

We have approximately 40 Merit Badge Counselors within Troop 766, and we are always recruiting and adding new Merit Badge Counselors. With such an extensive list of Merit Badge Counselors, we are able to offer all of the Eagle Required Merit Badges within the Troop, and most all other Merit Badges.

**Statistics**

**Enrollment** - Troop 766 currently has 89 registered and active Scouts. These Scouts are divided among 14 Patrols.

**Eagle Scouts** - Since the Troops inception in 1966, 135 Scouts have graduated through Eagle Scout.

**Life Scouts** - Troop 766 has 25 Life Scouts currently working towards Eagle.

**Order of the Arrow** - We currently have approximately 27 Scouts who belong to the Order of the Arrow.

**Venture Crew 2000 (V2K)** - There is over 20 young men dual registered with V2K.

**Registered Adults** - Troop 766 has over 55 registered adults. There are 10 registered adults that have completed Wood Badge training.

**Monthly Meetings**

1. Two Troop Meetings at the Ike's
2. One Scheduled Patrol Meeting at a Patrol Member's house (more may be scheduled as required at the patrols discretion).
3. One Advancement Meeting at Lovely Lane UMC. This meeting is reserved for accomplishing final requirements for Rank Advancement and Merit Badge Completion.

**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](http://www.BSATroop766.org)).

**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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