



**Boy Scout Troop 174**  
**Latimer Lane, Simsbury, CT**  
**“Fun With a Purpose”**  
**Sponsored by: The Civitan Club**



Dear Parents and prospective Boy Scouts,

The adult leaders and Boy Scouts of Troop 174 would like you to consider joining our Troop and becoming a Scout.

*Why should you join scouting and Troop 174?*

Scouting provides boys with an opportunity to try new things, learn through the experiences of camping, hiking, leadership, and community service. These scout activities build self-confidence, and reinforce ethical standards. The skills the boys learn in scouting help them overcome obstacles and challenges with courage and character throughout their lives. Scouting fosters self-esteem, a sense of value and belonging, a sense of accountability and teamwork. This is true of scouts in Troop 174.



**Monthly Trips:**

Our monthly activities emphasize scout education and leadership development with a focus on “fun with a purpose” which is our Troop motto. Activities are selected by the scouts and approved by the Scoutmaster. Past trips include:

- Block Island (bicycle back packing)
- West Point Football game, tour of the facility and camp out
- New York City hike visiting many major attractions
- USS Intrepid
- Gettysburg
- Lake Placid

Klondike Derby  
Tuckerman's Ravine spring hike and ski  
Rock Climbing  
White Water Rafting in the Adirondacks and West Virginia  
Canoeing  
Backpacking on the Appalachian Trail and the White Mountains  
Summer Camp (Camp Workcoeman) on West Hill Lake  
High Adventure - Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico  
Scuba diving in Honduras

These are more than trips. Our scout program helps boys grow mentally, physically, socially, and spiritually. The skills they learn in Scouting will help them to succeed throughout their lives.



### *Scouts, Sports and other activities:*

We encourage your son to participate in sports and other activities. We believe in a healthy balance of extra curricular activities including boy scouts. In fact, most scouts in Troop 174 participate in sports whether it is at the high school level, little league, Babe Ruth or town soccer. Boy scouting need not be all consuming. The boys are welcome to come to meetings and activities after practice or games. If it is important that your son participate in scouting, then you can find ways to balance school and other activities.

### *Adult Leadership:*

Troop 174 is fortunate to have over 14 adult leaders and 30 enthusiastic boy scouts ready and willing to learn and apply new skills. What this means to our boys is that each scout has one on one access to the adult leaders and the Scoutmaster. Our Troop is also small enough so scouts and parents are welcome on each outdoor activity. Further, We feel that our Troop size promotes camaraderie and greater

leadership opportunities for developing scouts as well as allows development of deeper personal relationships. Our Adult leaders include:

Nick Civitillo	Mike Motley	Tim Johnson	John Burrows
Jim Tourtillotte	Mark Scully	Hal Collins	Karl Krug
John Lucker	Al Bitzer	Don Reichler	Don Eaton
Ed Novak	George Fogle	Dan Correia	

**What sets Troop 174 apart?** Scouting is a boy led program. What this means is that our scouts learn and practice their leadership skills. Because of our cohesive group, each scout has the opportunity to step up and take on a leadership position as they advance through their ranks towards Eagle Scout.

**Advancement:** The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Since inception in 1971, Troop 174 has honored 99 Eagle Scouts - an average of almost 3 per year!



**Parental Involvement** - The best way to ensure a Scout's success and longevity is to have his parent involved. The largest "Patrol" on our camping trips is typically the "Geezer Patrol" and we have the best meals! While we strongly support a "Boy Run Program" and do our best to guide but not interfere, we all enjoy the outdoors and the camaraderie. Parents are welcome on every event.

**Funding** - Raking leaves in the fall, and selling Christmas Trees in December, generates sufficient funds to cover Troop expenses. In addition, Scouts can earn significant personal "escrow" funds. These funds can be used for Scouting related expenses and equipment.

Web Site - for photos, Troop calendar, and to learn more, visit our website at: [Troop174.org](http://Troop174.org)

When and Where? Our Troop meets every Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm at Latimer Lane School.



*Give your son a valuable gift by encouraging him to join Boy Scouting and Troop 174. The time you invest in him today will make a difference in the person he becomes tomorrow.*

Please contact any us for further information or feel free to visit any Scout meeting on Wednesdays at 7 pm at Latimer Lane. We sincerely hope to see you there.

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