



## Boy Scout Troop 744

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Dear Parent(s):

I would like to tell you about an Eagle ceremony for Kevin Griffin Tuesday, November 20, 2001. This is a special ceremony during our regular meeting, it **does** require that **ALL SCOUTS WEAR their FULL CLASS A uniform**. The attainment of the Eagle Scout Rank is indeed the highest honor that a Scout may achieve. Nationally speaking that is 2 in 100 Scouts reach the rank of Eagle (2%). In our Troop that number is 21% of all Scouts reach the rank of Eagle. Awarding the Eagle is an important and serious matter. It is the climax and goal toward which this Scout has been working for several years. It is the culmination of the efforts of the parents and leaders of this Scout. It is an occasion for pride and for joy. Please be on time for this meeting (7:00 pm if you do not know).

While I'm writing this letter I would like to give each of you a challenge for your Scout. Scouting is much more than just a wholesome and enjoyable activity. Active Scouts develop initiative, leadership, self-reliance, and self-confidence. Scouting helps boys become good citizens of strong character, who will be leaders and achievers in the adult world. The key to successful Scouting is the camping program, and only active Scouts can reap its full benefits. We expect our Scouts to attend overnight campouts year round, and to make every effort to attend our vital week at summer camp. We don't compete with sports, because our experience shows us that the most successful Scouts are those with a variety of activities and interests. We want all our Scouts to be active in church, music, sports, school, and other activities. We expect each of our Scouts to be active, to advance regularly, to wear full Scout uniform, to practice good manners and behavior, and to do his best to live by the Ideals of Scouting as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law. The troop may suspend Scouts for poor behavior. Just as a sports uniform identifies a boy with a team, the Scout uniform identifies a boy with the largest voluntary youth movement in the world. The Scout uniform tends to diminish the importance of a person's financial, social, and ethnic background, while clearly showing each individual's Scouting accomplishments. Troop 744 requires members to wear a full and correct uniform, (please





help us enforce this) consisting of the following official BSA parts (the troop furnishes the **CAPITALIZED** items):

- ?? Scout shirt (short sleeves preferred)
- ?? Scout trousers or Scout shorts (due to cost you may substitute an olive green pair of pants, not blue jeans for long pants during winter months)
- ?? Scout belt & Scout buckle
- ?? **TROOP 744 NECKERCHIEF** with slide
- ?? Scout red-topped socks
- ?? merit badge sash (on formal occasions)

The shirt needs the following insignia:

- ?? red shoulder loops
- ?? **BADGE OF RANK** & Arrow of Light (if earned) on left pocket
- ?? Old North State Council shoulder patch, "744" on left sleeve
- ?? American flag, **PATROL MEDALLION**, & **CURRENT-YEAR QUALITY UNIT PATCH** on right sleeve.
- ?? optional World Scout Crest (above left pocket about 3 inches below shoulder seam.

The Scout Handbook has full-sized sewing templates on the inside front and back covers. Not shown is the Quality Unit patch (sew on the right sleeve 4 inches below the shoulder seam just below the patrol medallion). We have started a Uniform Closet at the Scout Hut. There is a need for any experienced uniforms or uniforms that you would like to donate to this Uniform Closet, please see Jimmie Ellington.

In an effort to communicate with parents easier, we have started a web page for you to get the latest information. The web address is <http://www.geocities.com/troop744ons>. There are pictures of events that we have been on and a way to check your scouts rank requirements that we have passed off. It is still Under Construction and is consistently being updated, so visit often. You can access your Scouts information on the EasyScout Link. Put **Troop 744** in the Troop name and use your Scouts password to access their information. If you do not know the password **contact Jimmie**.

Please make the effort to be on time and in uniform for all meetings. Mark your calendar for Scout Camp, June 23 – 29, 2001.

Yours in Scouting

Jimmie Ellington, Chartered Organizational Representative Troop 744

