



# Welcome to Troop 4173

Troop 4173 is chartered by "Big Deuce" Chapter of the FA Association and is in the Black Beaver District of the Last Frontier Council. We encourage visitors to come to one of our meetings and see us in action.

## **Some Basic Information**

Troop 4173 is a "youth-led" troop that develops young men into accountable leaders by stressing character development, citizenship training and personal fitness while having lots of fun.

### Who we are

Troop 4173 has been in existence for sixty-five years and currently has membership of 34 scouts and 25 registered adults, 13 are registered Scoutmasters (SM/ASM). All Scoutmasters are BSA trained and collectively have decades of Scout Leader experience.

### When we meet

Troop 4173 meets every Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM.

Parent/Committee Meetings, to which all

parents are invited, are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Campouts are typically the third weekend of each month.



### Where we meet

Troop 4173 meets at the Scout Hut Building 1450 Punch Bowl Road, Fort Sill, OK.

### What we do

Our activities are based on the Scouts' plans with adult leader guidance. Once a year a planning session is held at which monthly themes for the upcoming year are decided, camping locations selected, service opportunities and other activities are identified.



Camping is a key component in the scouting program. Last year we attended summer camp at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch and a high adventure camp at the Chisholm Trail Adventure.

Monthly campouts were at Camp George Thomas, Camp Eagle at Fort Sill, LETRA, and the National Scouting Museum in Irving, Texas. Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose.

### Service to others

We strongly encourage service, as it reflects the ideals of Scouting. We support multiple Fort Sill military balls, flag placements at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery and others. Boys grow as they participate in "Good Turns" for others. We also have a partnership with VFW Post 8580, Elgin, for flag placements on ten holidays, annually.



Our troop encourages boys to develop leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding leadership concepts helps a Scout accept the leadership role and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting. In 2016, we assisted in sending one Scout to NYLT and three scouts to NAYLE, Philmont SR.

### Uniforms

The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive image in the community, and it gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. Uniforms, Scout Handbooks and other items are available at Laura Fields Scout Service Center & Scout Shop



620 NW Cache Road  
Lawton, OK 73507  
(580) 357-3633  
(888) 357-3633 (toll free)

Custom Troop t-shirts, neckerchiefs and sweatshirts are available for purchase directly from the Troop.



### Parent Involvement

Parents are strongly encouraged to be registered adults as either Assistant Scoutmasters or Committee Members. Parent participation is instrumental to their son's success and may be personally rewarding for them as well. The world of Boy Scouting can seem strange and confusing to new parents, even those who have been involved in Cub Scouting, or who were Boy Scouts themselves. There is an excellent overview for new Boy Scout parents at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org).

### Youth Protection Standards

Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for all leaders who have direct contact with youth. It is recommended training for parents of all youth. YPT teaches the do's and don'ts of working with youth and is offered on-line through [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)



### Helpful Links

Information about the Last Frontier Council with links to Black Beaver District and other BSA events can be obtained at [www.lastfrontiercouncil.org](http://www.lastfrontiercouncil.org)

Adult training, registration for Council events and access to Unit, District and Council tools can be obtained at [www.myscouting.org](http://www.myscouting.org)

### **Contact Information**

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### **Visit Our Website**

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### Annual Costs

Youth registration Fee is  
BSA Registration \$25

Adult registration fee is  
BSA Registration \$25

Boys' Life Subscription (optional) is  
Total for one year \$12

### Monthly Costs

Dues, Troop \$10



### Camping Activities/Outings - Recent:

Jul 17-23	NYLT, CGT
Jul 23 - 30	NAYLE, Philmont SR, NM
Aug 5-6	TOW, Scout Hut, Fort Sill
Aug 19-20	Intro. to Leadership Skills for Troops (ILST), Lock-in, Scout Hut
Sep 16-18	BB District Camporee, Camp George Thomas
Nov 18-20	Scout Skills, LETRA
Dec 2-3	Troop Lock-in, Scout Hut
Jan 20-22	Hiking/Scout Skills, Camp Eagle
Feb 24-26	Pioneering, Nichols SR
Mar 18	Intro to Leadership Skills (ILST)
Mar 24-26	Hiking/Scout Skills, Camp Doris
Apr 21-23	Webelos Woods, Camp George Thomas

### 2017 Camping Activities/Outings - Upcoming:

May 19-20	Elgin Flags, Armed Forces Day
May 28-29	Memorial Day Flags, multiple locations
Jun 5-8	STEM Workshop, Scout Hut
Jun 10-23	Philmont Trek #611-S, NM
Jun 25-Jul 1	Summer Camp, Kerr SR@SF
Dec 2-3	Troop Lock-in, Scout Hut