

Sixteen Tips for New Scouters

(From the AIS Survey)

In their own words, today's Scouters speak to adults who are new to Scouting:

1. Get involved. **Make Scouting a family affair.** - 35 yr. Leader
 2. **Volunteer** to be on the Troop Committee and show your son that the entire family is involved in the Scouting program. The worst thing a parent can do is treat Scouting as a free babysitting service. -5 yr. Leader
 3. Get involved. You won't regret it. **If you don't have time for your child, someone else with more time will.** Think about it! 10 yr. Leader
 4. Be patient and **get involved.** You don't have to be an Assistant Scoutmaster or Scoutmaster, but help on the committee, or just be a driver to get the Scouts to an event. 7 yr., Eagle Scout
 5. Be a part of your son's Scouting experience. **It's well worth it!** - 6 yr., Eagle Scout
 6. Get involved. Scouting is a family thing. The boys that I see that have an involved family do well in Scouts. Even something as small as driving to an activity is a great help to the Scout Leaders. **If everyone helps a little, no one has to do a lot.** - 7 yr. Leader
 7. Get involved! It would **help**
- the Unit** and give you [the parent(s)] the ability to understand the program and goals of the Scouting movement. 22yrs, Eagle Scout
8. Get involved. **Your kids are only this age once.** Then, all you will have is memories. Make as many memories as you can with your son. If you don't influence your son, someone will! - 20 yr., Eagle
 9. Get involved as much as possible. Join in the pack as a Leader. The few that are there can only do so much. **You CAN make a difference in your son's Scouting experience.** No matter what you can contribute. 9 yr. Leader
 10. Spend some time looking over your son's Wolf, Bear, or Webelos books. Most, if not all of your questions, can be answered there. Offer assistance to the Den Leader. Get to know the Den Leader and **tell them thanks** every once in a while. The feeling that a Den Leader gets when one of the parents says "Wow this Scouting thing sure is neat. I wish my son had been in it longer," is almost beyond belief. - 2+yrs, Eagle Scout
 11. As with anything, you only get out of it what you put into it. Your children only grow up once. **Use Scouting as both a tool** to help them grow and as a way to be involved in that growth. -5yr Leader, Eagle
- Scout
12. Get involved. Get registered. Get trained. **You will have the time of your life.** - 10 yr. Leader
 13. **Find an experienced Leader** who can provide you or show you the resources available to do your job. Also attend the monthly roundtables. - 10 yr., Eagle Scout
 14. Become Involved! **Take an active interest** in your son's activities. You will enjoy the experience and so will your son. - 10 yr. Leader
 15. BECOME INVOLVED. **Look over the TROOP like you look over a NEW car.** After all, you're going to invest a lot of time and money on it over the next six to seven years. GET TRAINED - then get more training and network with other Scouters. - 12 yr. Leader
 16. Stand by your Scout (not literally-unless you want to) and **let him/her go (grow)** -8 yr. Leader
- The point is GET INVOLVED! Boys grow into men, and once they do, they won't be your little boy anymore. You can't make up the time you didn't spend with him when he was small, so spend that time NOW with him. Help him to grow into the man you dream him to be. Scouting helps families grow... together.