

When a scout is in the Boy Scouts of America organization, they continuously go through different rank advancements on the journey to Eagle. These rank advancements include:

## *Aiming High On the Journey To Eagle*

# Troop 236



Harrison City, PA  
*Chartered by St. Barbara's  
Catholic Church*



### **Scout**

Scout is the first rank, which acclimates the scout to the basics of scouting.



### **Tenderfoot**

At this point, the scout has almost fully adjusted to the scouting program.



### **Second Class**

The scout is continuing to earn merit badges and learn new things.



### **First Class**

The scout is over half way there, and knows he can't stop now.



### **Star**

The scout should have half of his Eagle required badges at this point.



### **Life**

The scout should almost be ready to earn the greatest and highest accomplishment of Eagle.



### **Eagle**

Many years of hard work have finally paid off and the scout has earned the highest award of scouting.



Boy Scout Troop 236 has many interesting qualities that are definitely great to have in a troop. We have become close friends, almost like a second family. Also, no matter the reason, we always try to help a fellow scout if they are feeling under the weather. There is no doubt that the generosity of the troop keeps the reputation of the kindness in scouting intact. The troop has their meetings most Thursday nights from 7:00-8:30pm in the Social Hall at St. Barbara's Church in Harrison City, Pa. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining our troop, or if you are just in the neighborhood, we would love to have you stop by and visit us!

To learn more information about our troop, visit our website at [www.troop236.com](http://www.troop236.com)

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Boy Scout Troop 236 has been serving Harrison City and the surrounding areas since 1977. Currently, Troop 236 has remained strong and involved in community services. Ever since the troop was founded, it has focused on teaching young men the values and lessons they need to acquire to become outstanding citizens in their community. Troop 236 practices teaching skills, leadership building and social skills. The troop knows when it's time to get serious, but it also knows how to have fun. We try hard to play a structured game at the end of every meeting.



During the scouting year, the troop goes on camping trips at least once a month. On these trips, we do a lot of exciting activities from sightseeing hikes to directional learning called geo cashing. The troop also tries to get in an occasional head-to-head "Capture the Flag" game.

Besides the tent camping trips, we also take some cabin camping trips in the winter months. We schedule several backpacking weekends as well, which teaches scouts good organization skills. Although sometimes the cabin camping trips might be a little chilly, they are always guaranteed to be full of adventure.



Troop 236 also believes strongly in the inclusion of religion in scouting. The troop attends two religious retreats throughout the year, one in the fall and one in the spring. This includes a weekend trip to St. Francis College located in Loretto, PA.

Some of the scouts in the troop also like to attend annual national Jamborees. These help spark scout interest in new things and also foster interaction with scouts from all over the United States.



By far, the biggest camping trip we take each year is to Camp Conestoga near Somerset, Pa. Every July, we head up Sunday morning with our belongings that must last us for the next six days. In their first year, new scouts go through an introduction called *Pathfinders* for the major things they will need to know to be a Boy Scout. This is the time of year when the scouts have an opportunity to earn merit badges, which help scouts learn new things in a variety of subjects.



Some of them could be Eagle required badges, or ones that are just for fun. Also on Wednesday of that week, there is always a Parent Night, which gives parents the opportunity to bring up any forgotten things not taken on Sunday, or just to alleviate any possible scout homesickness. This week is a chance for a scout to do some very exciting activities such as:

- Taking a dip in the pool
- Paddling through the beautiful, nearby lake
- Soaring through the air on the sightseeing zip line