

Facebook provides another avenue for our Scouts to stay in touch with troop activities.

A private site for our Troop has been set up on Facebook called “Troop 55 GAD”. The site is not available to the public at large. Access is not available to anyone outside of our Troop. Senior Patrol Leader Carl Mueller and I will be the site administrators who must invite an individual to join. Our PASM’s and Troop Committee Chair have been invited to be members and thus provide an additional layer of adult oversight.

Scouts wishing to participate in this optional Facebook group should do several things: First, the Scout’s parents must approve and be comfortable with their son being a part of this Facebook group. Parents and Scouts should also review the internet safety considerations found in the Boy Scout Handbook. Once these things are done, the Scout will have to establish a Facebook account. Third, he must e mail Senior Patrol Leader Carl Mueller or me and request that he be made part of this group. Carl’s e mail address is carl.mueller@live.com and my address is zig@junk2art.com. We will then send the Scout an invitation to join. Once he accepts the invitation, he will become part of the Troop 55 GAD Facebook group.

Joining the Troop 55 GAD group is not mandatory! It is simply a communications tool to get news out to our Scouts using a medium many of our Scouts find familiar. If the parent believes joining the Troop 55 GAD group is not appropriate for his or her son, then the Scout need not participate. All announcements will still be made through *Troop 55 News*, Troop website and, where appropriate, at Troop meetings.

We strive to improve keeping our Troop 55 Scouting community informed. Facebook is just one of the many tools that we have available today to that end.

Yours in Scouting,

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