

## Lexington Park Rotary Club Proudly Sponsors Troop 560G

### Troop 561 At a Glance

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#### Troop Information

**Scoutmaster**

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**Committee Chair**

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**Charter Org. Rep.**

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**Council**

National Capital Area Council (NCAC)

Serves Washington, DC, Maryland, Virginia and the US Virgin Islands

**District**

Western Shore District (WSD)

**Charter Organization** Lexington Park Rotary Club

- o **Facebook:** <http://facebook.com/BSATroop560GMD>

**Communication**

- o **Events/Advancements & Calendar:** Reminder emails from Scoutmaster, SPL and committee are sent through BAND and email.

**Meeting Location**

Our troop typically meets at Esperanza Middle School in Lexington Park. Some meetings are at other venues. Please reach out via email for an updated location.

**Meeting**

**Types/Details**

- o Full troop meeting every Monday from 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- o Patrol Leadership Meeting on the last Monday, 6:00– 7:30 PM
- o Troop Committee Meeting on 3rd Tuesday via Google Meets
- o Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review are scheduled as needed with individual Scouts for rank advancement.

**Troop 561 Program**

Our troop provides a year-round calendar of balanced activities, including outdoor adventure, life skills and community service. We also typically plan a week-long summer camp and other high adventure opportunities.

[Adult involvement is key to our successful program.](#)

**Organizational Roles**

**Scout Led, Adult Fed**

In accordance with BSA Guidelines, Troop 560 is Scout led, with mentoring and guidance from volunteer adult leadership. The Senior Patrol Leader runs meetings and Youth Scout Leaders plan the program and activities. Adults serve as advisors and merit badge counselors.

*We always need volunteers – be sure to fill out the **Troop Resource Survey** when you register.*

- o **Adult Leadership:** Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Chair, and Committee Members.
- o **Scout Leadership:** Troop 560 is led by a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is elected by the Scouts and appoints Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) (ASPL).
- o Scouts are grouped into Patrols. The troop elects Patrol Leaders (PL) and each PL appoints an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL).
- o Other Positions of Responsibility within the troop: Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Chaplain Aid, Den Chief, Bugler.

**Requirements to Join Troop 561**

- I. The Scout has reached 11 years, completed 5<sup>th</sup> grade, or has completed 2nd Year Webelos. We require the following:
- II. BSA Medical Form Parts A and B are required to participate in troop meetings and short trips. Part C is completed by a physician for events longer than 48 hours, such as summer camps.
- III. Uniform and basic equipment.
- IV. Regular attendances at all scout activities including weekly meetings.
- V. Behavior in accordance with the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
- VI. Participation in at least one fundraiser per year.

**The troop provides:** neckerchief, patrol, position and rank patches; merit badges. Scout is responsible for other uniform items.

**Contact the Troop Committee Chair if you need help supplying the required uniform – the troop has a recycled uniform box.**

**Uniform**

**Dress/Class A uniform** (September – May and traveling for events):

- o **Official BSA shirt with appropriate markings and patches:**  
*American flag, NCAC patch, Troop 560 numerals, Patrol patch, current rank and position.*
- o **Pants/shorts:** Appropriate pants/shorts that look clean and neat.
- o BSA or troop neckerchief and slide.
- o No open-toed shoes (no sandals).

**Casual/Class B uniform** (June – August and while at events)

- o Shirt (T-shirt or sweatshirt) which displays troop logo.

**Purchase uniforms**

**Online:** <https://www.scoutshop.org/>

National Capital Scout Shop in Bethesda, MD

**Scout Equipment Needs**

- o Each Scout provides backpack/daypack, tent, sleeping bag and pad, mess kit, water bottle, and other personal gear (clothing, toiletries, first aid kit, raingear, etc.).
- o The troop provides cooking equipment, tools, tarps, etc

Scouts and participating adults pay an annual fee to maintain membership.

**Finances/Dues**

**The total fee is comprised of the following:**

<b>Troop 560 Dues (Scouts):</b>	\$40.00
<b>BSA Registration (Scouts):</b>	\$160.00
<b>BSA Registration (Scout NEW):</b>	\$25.00 (one-time fee)

<b>Scout Life Magazine (Scouts):</b>	\$15.00 (optional)
<b>BSA Registration(Adults):</b>	\$80.00
<b>BSA Insurance (Scouts &amp; Adults):</b>	\$2.00
<b>Total Scout (New)</b>	\$187.00 <b>(\$202 if adding Scout Life)</b>
<b>Total Scout (Returning)</b>	\$162 <b>(\$177 if adding Scout Life)</b>
<b>Total Adult</b>	\$82.00

Troop dues cover rank advancements, merit badges and other costs associated in providing and maintaining materials and

- Each Scout has an individual Scout Account with the troop where fundraising earnings are kept for Scout use to pay for Scout-related expenses.
- Fees for activities are “pay-as-you-go,” to include registration, food, gas.

Scouts are encouraged to participate in at least one fundraiser per year to help the troop purchase equipment and to increase the Scout's personal account.

## Fundraising

### **These could include:**

- Popcorn – Fall
- Festivals – Throughout the year
- Product Sales - Throughout the year