



# Troop 161

## Leander United Methodist Church

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# Troop 161 Overview

- Troop 161 is celebrating over 50 years of Scouting excellence. Over these 50 years, we have guided 40 Scouts to Scouting's highest honor, the Eagle Scout rank.
- LUMC has been our continuous charter organization for the last 42 years.
- We are fiercely boy led. The patrol leaders' council produces the plans for the troop, and we, as adults guide and help the Scouts to enable their success.
- We have 13 Scouts currently registered, and most of them are active and meeting in-person.
- We have an excellent relationship with LUMC. In a non-pandemic environment, we meet in their building.

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- The troop has again earned Journey to Excellence Gold status. This means we are an active troop! Here are our year's highlights in review.
  - 30 Troop meetings (normally 32-34)
    - *Meet Mondays from 7:00-8:30 pm at LUMC (during pandemic we have been meeting online, at parks, and at members homes)*
  - 10 PLC and committee meetings (normally 12)
  - 9 Camping events. (Normally 10-11)
  - 6 Service project events, including 2 Eagle Scout projects.
  - 4 Weeks of online summer camp (Normally 1 week in person summer camp)
  - 2 Troop Elections
  - 2 Court of Honor events (Normally do 3-4 per year)
  - 2 Swimming test days
  - 1 Canoeing day (our troop owns 7 canoes). (Normally 2-3)

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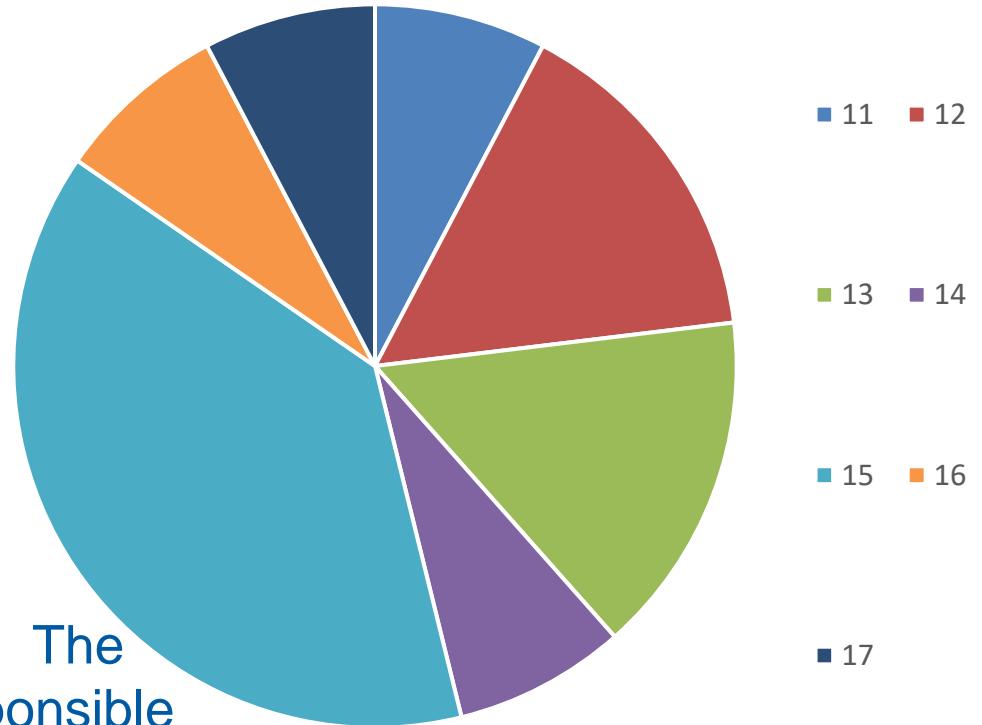




# Troop 161 Demographics

- Troop size - 13 boys
- 2 Patrols
  - Roadrunner
  - Sons of Liberty
- Age demographics
  - 11-17 see chart

- New boys will be added to a new patrol and assigned an older Scout as a troop guide. The troop guide will be responsible for helping and guiding each boy's integration into the troop so they can achieve advancement.



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# Troop 161 Cost/Funding

- Fundraisers (Strictly voluntary, but necessary) earn money for your Scout account.
  - Popcorn
  - Mulch
- Dues \$10 per month
- Campout: Scout's typical food budget is \$7-\$10 per Scout. Adults usually spend approximately \$10+.
- Registration fees are set by National, same as Cub Scouts.

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# Troop 161 Camping

- Troop 161 enjoys a variety of camping experiences on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month.
  - We camp from canoes similar to a backpacking campout.
  - We have backpacking resources within our troop.
    - ***We backpacked and camped this year in Sam Houston National Forest.***
  - We do some lightweight car camping.
  - We mountain biked at a campout this year.
  - During spring break, we plan to go to Palo Duro Canyon to hike and mountain bike.
  - Summer camp is typically outside of Texas, however, this year we plan to stay closer to home due to the uncertainty of the pandemic. June/July
    - ***2017 Colorado Camp Alexander***
    - ***2018 New Mexico Camp Wehinahpay***
    - ***2019 Arkansas Camp Kia Kima, Florida Seabase***
    - ***2020 Colorado Camp Chris Dobbins (Cancelled due to Covid)***
    - ***2021 Texas choices (Lost Pines, Bear Creek, Worth Scout camp)***

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# Troop 161 Adult Leaders

- We have 15 adult leaders available.
  - 1 Scoutmaster
  - 4 Assistant Scoutmasters
  - 10 Committee members
- Leader interest and skills
  - 2 leaders certified for Rifle and Shotgun
  - 1 leader certified for Climbing merit badge
  - 2 leaders certified for paddle craft.
  - 2 leaders certified for lifeguard.
  - 11 merit badge councilors covering 54 merit badges.

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# FAQs

- How frequent are Patrol Activities; weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly?
  - *Patrol time each meeting typically.*
- Will I, as a parent, be able to help the troop?
  - *Absolutely*
- Will I, as a parent, be required to help the troop if my Scout joins?
  - *No, but we prefer that you do to help keep you and your Scout stay engaged.*
- Do I, as a parent, have to go on all the campouts/activities?
  - *No, its important that your boy build some independence.*
- Does the troop have a problem if I want to go on camp out/activities?
  - *No, its great if you can participate as an adult for some events so that the boys get to interact with a variety of people.*
- Can Moms go camping?
  - *Sure, why not some of our leaders are moms.*

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# Q&A



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