

# Where to Start?

Welcome to Troop 157. You have decided to join our amazing Troop and now what? Here is a checklist of things to get done over the next couple of weeks. This does not have to be done in any certain order but it will help you turn in all of the needed paperwork, meet most of the adult leaders and get you connected.

- Meet the Scoutmaster, Mike Lindsay  
Contact info: [c.michael.lindsay@gmail.com](mailto:c.michael.lindsay@gmail.com) (850) 855-0287
- Meet the Assistant Scoutmaster that will be working directly with your son's patrol.
- Meet the Committee Chair, Mike Dixon,  
Contact info: [mldixon1234@gmail.com](mailto:mldixon1234@gmail.com) (850) 333-6553
- Turn in Adult Application Form with a copy of your Youth Protection Training Certificate to Todd Wilkinson or Lonnie Hodges. Currently, our fee structure is as follows: BSA Dues - \$33/year, Gulf Coast Council Dues - \$10/year, Troop Dues - \$5/month, and Boys Life (optional) - \$12/year. Mr. Wilkinson can be reached at (850) 830-1091, or [tsw630@gmail.com](mailto:tsw630@gmail.com). Mr. Hodges can be reached at (850) 902-1457, or [lonwhodg@hotmail.com](mailto:lonwhodg@hotmail.com).
- Turn in Youth Application Form to Todd Wilkinson or Lonnie Hodges.
- Turn in Youth Annual Health and Medical Record parts A and B only- unless you are camping for more than three days and you will need to get part C filled out by a Medical Provider. These forms can be found at [www.scouting.org](http://www.scouting.org) in the search section in the upper right type "Annual Health Forms" and download the forms under **All Scouting Events**. You will also need to sign the Troop 157 Permission Form. Fill these out and return or email to Mrs. Tracy Lindsay at [lindsay4family@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay4family@gmail.com).
- Fill out and complete the Troop Information Sheet. You can turn this into Mr. Ron Magwood or Mrs. Lorrie Bishop or email it to [r.magwood@comcast.net](mailto:r.magwood@comcast.net). This will make sure that you get added to the email chain and let us know a little about yourself and your scouting experience.
- If you are interested in getting a Troop Class-B T-shirt please see one of the committee members. They are good quality wicking shirts that are \$18. We also have some older gear that boys have grown out of for sale at reasonable prices.
- Troop Website: [www.troop157niceville.com](http://www.troop157niceville.com) this is where you can find Scout resources, calendars, event dates, contact information and forms.
- Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/troop157niceville](http://www.facebook.com/troop157niceville). Where we post pictures, fun Troop news, announcements and reminders.
- Remind App: sign up by sending a text to 81010 and enter the message @t157all for the "Troop 157 All" account. Send a text to 81010 and enter the message @troop157o for the "Troop 157 Outing". The outing account will be emptied after each trip and then people reenroll as they sign up for the next trip.

This is a great Troop that is very active in the Scouting Adventure. Please find a way to get involved. We have a very active Committee Team that meets on the fourth Monday of each month. This is one of the best ways to get connected to the Troop, find out how we conduct business and the behind the scenes operation of the Troop. Please ask lots of questions and a big WELCOME to Troop 157!