

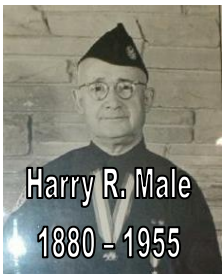
History of Troop 17

Troop 17 was organized December 8, 1936 at Broadway Presbyterian Church on the South Side of downtown Fort Worth. Charles Dobbs (SM), Harry R. Male (Committee Chair) and A. J. Fulkerson, (Committee Member) among others were responsible for the establishment of the troop at the then named, Broadway Presbyterian Church. In 1942 the church purchased land between TCU and the Fort Worth Zoo for the construction of a new church facility. The church agreed to fund 50% of the cost of a new Scout Lodge on the new land provided the Troop could raise the other funds required for construction. By collecting newspapers to be recycled into newsprint, the scouts raised enough money to fund their part of the agreement. The Scout Lodge was finished five years before construction began on the new church building.



Harry Male Scout Lodge Under Construction

The Scout Lodge is dedicated to Harry R. Male for his years of dedication to the scouting program at St Stephen. On April 22, 2003, his former scouts, in tribute, granted Mr. Male's 1949 request for a flagpole at the scout lodge. It is dedicated to Troop 17 Scoutmaster E.E. Stewart. Currently, Troop 17 begins each meeting with a formal flag ceremony at the E.E. Stewart Flagpole.



Harry R. Male
1880 - 1955

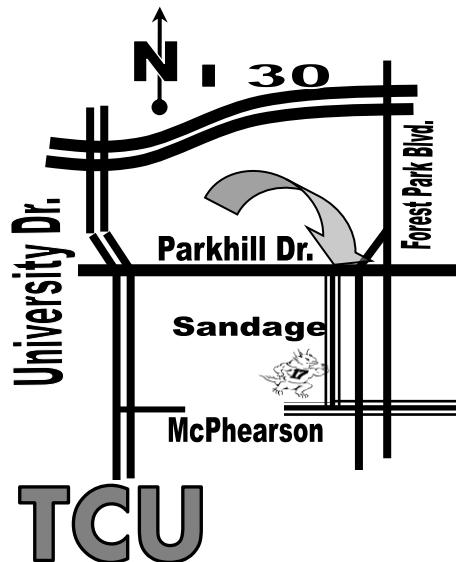


E E Stewart
1895 - 1966

Directions to Troop 17's Scout Lodge

From the Fort Worth Zoo:

1. Go South on University Drive to Park Hill Dr. (Traffic Light)
2. Turn Left (East) onto Park Hill
3. Go 5 blocks East to Sandage.
4. Turn right (South) on Sandage.
5. Proceed 2 blocks to McPhearson
6. Scout Lodge located on corner of Sandage & McPhearson.



Corner of Sandage & McPhearson
North-East of the TCU Campus

WHO: Scouts Age 11 to 18
WHAT: Troop 17, B.S.A.
WHERE: St Stephen Presbyterian's
Harry Male Scout Lodge
WHEN: 7:30PM Every Tuesday Night
WHY: *Traditional Scouting Program At
It's Very Best!*

Troop 17



7:30 PM

Tuesday

St Stephen

Presbyterian Church

www.troop17.net/join.asp



BOY LEADER PHILOSOPHY

Troop 17 is boy led. This means boys are placed in trusted positions of leadership and expected to demonstrate Scouting principals and ideals in their leadership role. This leadership laboratory encourages experimentation and discovery of leadership talent in young men. As with any lab experiment, results may not be as predicted or expected, but they always lead to new discoveries and opportunities for learning.

The casual observer may see only chaos and confusion, but this is where the leadership process is tested and refined. The TRUE objective of our program is not to hold quiet meetings, but rather to teach young men life skills in judgment and understanding. Scouting, like no other program, teaches young men how to think, act and lead in interpersonal relationships. This process can be labeled as "Character Under Construction" and is the hallmark of the Troop 17 Scouting Program.



MEETINGS

Troop Meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:00 PM. Campouts are one weekend a month plus summer trips.

COST

Annual Troop dues are \$35.00 per scout. Weekend Campouts are \$20.00 to \$45.00 per scout to cover meals and transportation plus special activities, depending on the event. High adventure costs will vary, as adventure level requires. Fundraisers include catering Blue & Gold Banquets, TCU Football Concessions and other fundraising events as needed for special trips.



UNIFORMS

We represent The Boy Scouts of America. Troop 17 wears the complete scout uniform: Troop Hat, Neckerchief, Scout Shirt, Scout Shorts & Scout Socks. Ask any scout in Troop 17 why he wears his full, Class-A, Scout Uniform. Check out www.scoutsocks.com ...

TROOP ORGANIZATION

Troop 17 is organized into patrols of 8 to 12 members each. The patrols are: The Staff Patrol, Unknown Patrol, Eagle Patrol, Hawk Patrol, Panther Patrol and, The Outstanding Fathers Patrol.

Patrols are responsible for planning their menu and purchasing groceries for each campout. Meetings are planned and conducted by the Senior Patrol Leader.



INVITATION

You are invited to visit Troop 17 during our regular troop meeting and/or on a campout. Please contact Troop 17 Scoutmaster Dan Turner for details. Email: scoutmaster@troop17.net

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE

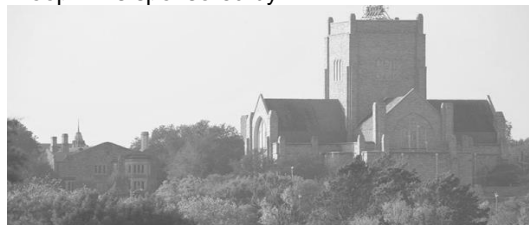
Troop 17 wants and needs parental involvement in our program. It would be impossible to deliver the quality of program expected without your help. Please ask how you can help.

Troop 17 Needs

- Merit Badge Counselors
- Program Specialists
- CDL Certified Bus Drivers
- Trailer Pullers
- Trained Scouters
- Teachers
- Coaches
- Concerned Parents



Troop 17 is sponsored by –



St. Stephen Presbyterian Church
2700 McPherson Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76109



WWW.TROOP17.NET

CAMPING

Troop 17 undertakes an aggressive outdoor camping schedule. We go camping once a month for 12 months a year, rain or shine, hot or cold.

January: This is our leader training campout. All scouts first class and above are invited to attend. Program focus on this weekend is on leadership, scout craft skills, patrol organization and cooking.

February through April: These weekend campouts are planned and scheduled by the troop under the leadership of the Senior Patrol Leader. They set the location, program activity and objectives. These trips can include Canoeing, Backpacking, 'Heavy' Patrol Camping, Shooting Sports, Rocketry and special Merit Badge based program opportunities.

May: The May campout is usually focused on aquatic programs. These include events such as cardboard canoe races, sailing and other wet program opportunities.

June: One Week at Worth Ranch. "The Big Adventure" Summer camp at Worth Ranch is the highlight of the camping year. Older scouts from Troop 17 often serve on camp staff and it is an excellent opportunity for younger scouts to earn merit badges and develop lifelong memories.

July – August: High Adventure. These trips are the result of months (sometimes years) of planning and development. Roughly every other year, Troop 17 sends scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch where participants spend 12 days hiking in the New Mexico back country (generally 80+ miles of hiking!).

Previous high adventure trips include Scotland in 2017, canoeing the Canadian Boundary Waters in 2015, NM (highest point in NM) in 2014 and 2008, Wheeler Peak, hiking Big Bend in 2012, Kandersteg, Switzerland in 2010, Jungles of Belize in 2006, sailing the Bahamas in 2004, and touring London & Paris in 1999.

September: We strive to mark the end of summer with a trip to the Texas Hill Country or the Eastern Oklahoma River Country to take advantage of the river and water resources available there.

October – November – December: The cool weather camping in North Texas is some of the best in the country. These trips hold special memories for every scout who has ever camped with the troop. In 2016 Troop 17 celebrated their 20th annual "Flour War" campout at Worth Ranch. Will you be there for #21?