



Pack 3371
Christ United Methodist Church
Lafayette, IN

Visiting Troop 371

On **Monday, October 10th**, at **7:00 PM** we will be **visiting with Troop 371**. They meet at the First Baptist Church, 411 N 7th Street, Lafayette, IN 47905. Although the official street address is on 7th Street, the entrance to the parking lot is actually on North Street (see map below).



About Troop 371

Troop 371 meets every Monday during the school year, except for holidays and voted on absences. They have eleven boys on the charter. Since the troop is small, a lot of the patrol meetings for officers are done at the meetings or through outside communications between leaders and boy leaders.

The troop tries to have an outing every month of the year but December. The boys vote on activities they wish to participate in. Some months the boys go camping and others they go on day trips to the Renaissance Fair, Field Museum in Chicago, Turkey Run, and Maple Syrup Festival down by Rockville. The troop tries to incorporate scout skills plus merit badge work. The boys are more academic than some scouts and they enjoy sometimes more intellectual activities such as science exploration and historical experiences. Service is important and the troop helps with Cub programs such as Webelos Midway and Haunted Trail. Plus they help other troops with the Feast of the Hunters Moon and do community work.

The boys in the troop are from the Lafayette School Corporation, from Tippecanoe School Corporation, and from home schooled parents. There are some 5th graders, 7th graders, 9th graders and 12th graders. Some boys have special needs including ADD and Autism.

Troop 371 goes to summer camp. The last two years they have gone to Ransburg in Bloomington. In the past they have gone to Camp Buffalo, Camp Owiseppe in Michigan, and Camp Little Turtle. The belief is that the boys choose what they want to do and the troop leaders try to pick the camp that best fits those needs.

The leadership of Troop 371 is unique. They have a female Scoutmaster and a female Troop Committee Chairman. The troop leadership is actively encouraged to be trained as the Scoutmaster is the District Training Chairman. They encourage men to participate but often jobs are in conflict.

In advancement the troop encourages boys to do their best and try to get the guys to get to First Class as soon as possible. Had 4 boys work on Eagle in 2010 and 2011 with one completing the rank. The troop picks a merit badge to work on as a unit. So at times the troop is either working on scout skills or a merit badge skill such as cooking, camping, management, or many others.

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