Your son may have just joined Troop 61 but we like to think of you as joining the troop too! We know from past experience the parent who becomes involved in Scouting is the parent who sees their son advance — and nothing is more exciting than watching your son roll forward as he learns to work with other scouts.

1. With your son, complete all the registration requirements from his joining folder (New Scout Checklist). Don’t forget to sign all forms.
   1. This registration goes into our troop records and becomes his contact information. It is important that the information be complete and accurate.
2. Your son should be able to earn his Scout Rank in just a month or two. One of the requirements is for you to read How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide. It is in the front of your son’s Scout Handbook. Please make time to do this right away. The Section 2 should be read and discussed with your Scout.
3. Decide ASAP whether your son will attend Summer Camp. The Troop will be attending **Camp Pioneer in Oregon in August**. Please use the Troop Calendar to RSVP and contact the Summer Camp Coordinator for more details and discuss payment.
4. The more you know, the more you can help your son. We recommend that you take some or all of the courses below to help you understand the program. You will need to create an account if you do not yet have one. (You must be a registered leader to attend Summer Camp according to 2018 BSA guidelines.)
   1. Youth Protection Training (mandatory for all adults going on outings)
   2. Position Specific Training
      1. Troop Committee
      2. Scoutmaster
      3. Merit Badge Counselor
   3. Program Safety
5. Meet the Troop 61 Adult Leadership
   1. These are the adult leaders who have volunteered to work with your boy or behind the scenes to make your son’s Scouting experience as exciting as possible.
   2. Attend a Troop Committee meeting and consider volunteering. We encourage you to step forward! We meet every 4th Monday at 7:15 PM.
6. Stay current with the Troop
   1. Once your son turns in his membership form, you will also be added to TroopTrack, our online Scout tracking program. Here you will have access to the Troop Calendar and Member contact information.
   2. Join our Facebook page: BSA Troop 61, Lynnwood WA.
   3. Ensure you son RSVPs on TroopTrack ASAP to events he is interested in attending.