

Diversity

“The individual differences that make each of us unique”

What is Diversity?

- What does “unique” mean?
- How are we different?
- Aren't we all the same?
- Is being different important?
- How does Troop 71 help us?
- What can we do?

Let's take a look.



How are we different?

- Cultural: Our ethnic background, our religion
- Economic: Our parents' income
- Physical: Our height, hair color, shoe size
- Medical: Asthma, Diabetes, physical challenges, learning challenges



“We have no control over these differences ”

How are we the same?

- We are Americans
- We have hopes and dreams for our future
- We want friends
- We want to part of a group
- We are learning together





"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness."

Ola Joseph



Why is our Diversity Important?

Our Troop is a small version of our country. We are diverse. We have Scouts from different neighborhoods, different schools, and different backgrounds. Our parents work different jobs. Our families practice different faiths.



In Troop 71, every boy is welcome. Ideas and suggestions are always accepted from any Scout. Just like our country, our diversity is our greatest strength. Different backgrounds bring new ways to solve problems. Because every Scout is unique; his thoughts and ideas are also unique.



What does Troop 71 provide?

- Structure: Adult leadership, positive role models, strong values and morals
- Friendship: Boys that always welcome new boys
- Challenges: Activities and adventures that teach skills, knowledge, and life lessons
- Fun: The heart of all we do
- A safe place: Respect for each other in all things

What can we do?

- We improve our Troop by accepting and appreciating every new boy. Every Scout is involved and actively encouraged to participate.
- We help our communities by sharing our vision of diversity with our friends, our neighbors, our schools, and our churches.
- We are an example to others. The best way to encourage people to embrace diversity is to always conduct ourselves in a manner that follows our beliefs.





“Be the change you wish to see reflected in the world.”

Mahatma Gandhi