

**TROOP 870**  
**Scoutmaster Vision of Success**  
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The common driving force behind any successful group or organization is strong leadership. Within the Boy Scouts, strong leadership at its core exemplifies the three foundational building blocks of faith, service and leadership.

**Faith**

The first and most important component of leadership is faith. What I mean by faith is a God-driven faith that motivates us to live our lives according to a set of values and tenants, and a moral standard that is higher than us all. This set of values and way of living is illustrated for us in the Boy Scout Law. No individual or group of individuals will ever be successful unless they are grounded in a strong sense of "right" while surrounded by family, friends and more importantly an all powerful God that will encourage and guide us to make right decisions while selflessly serving others.

**Service**

I believe that the best measurement of a successful Boy Scout Troop is whether or not the core driver of everything the troop does is related to service; service to others both inside and outside of their troop family. Acts of service is also the best way to judge the heart and soul of what a troop is all about. Finally, participation in righteous service endeavors is the best and quickest way for current and developing boy leaders of our troop to both model and practice the behaviors and life style of leadership. Service also becomes the beacon or avenue which enables strong leaders to help others to follow their good example and develop into strong leaders themselves.

**Leadership**

Show be a Boy Scout Troop with no where to go and I'll show you a troop without a set of strong leaders in it. Within the environment of BSA it takes leadership to make leadership. For those troops like 870 I am convinced that the glue that holds strong troops together that demonstrate their tireless passion for service time in and time out is the adult leaders of the troop. The primary role of the adult leaders in any troop is to surround all of the scouts constantly with good and right guidance and council administered by a strong sense of mentorship. Every boy starts his boy scout journey with some leadership skills, but it is the job of the adult leaders to help those boys build their portfolio of leadership skills while using the troop family itself as a safe and nurturing place to practice these building skills. It is a wondrous sight to behold when our scouts can rally around a strong boy leader that can clearly model the acts of leadership that other boys both admire and strive to achieve some day for themselves.

**TROOP 870 Vision**

Simply put my vision of success for our troop is.....

A group of boys driven by a strong sense of faith in the Boy Scout's timeless traditions and values committing themselves to a life style of selfless service to others by continual practice and demonstration of character and leadership enabled by strong adult mentors and the support and care of all the adults within our troop family.