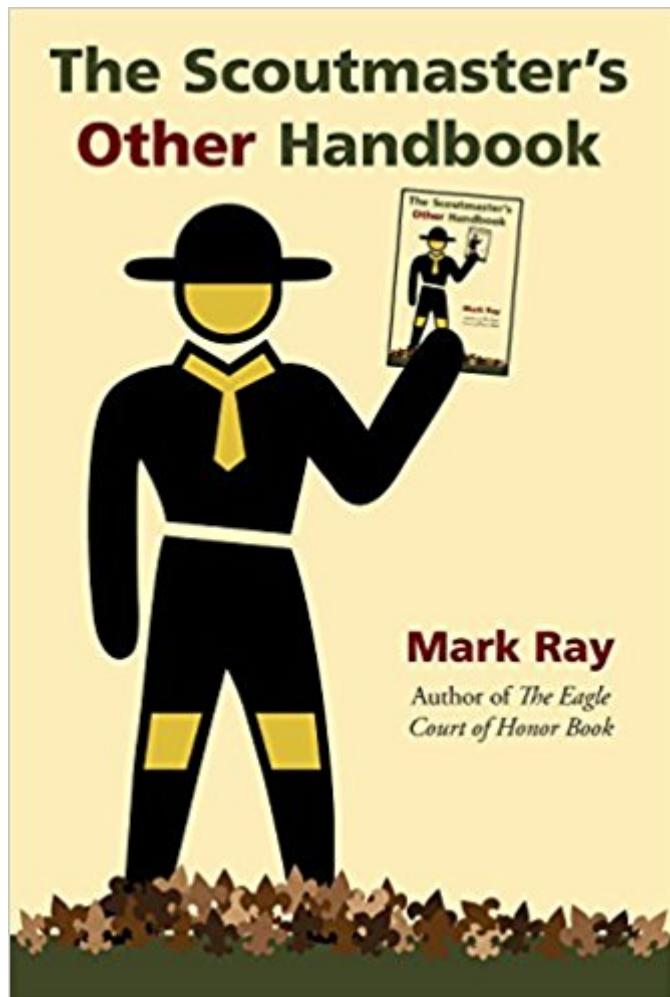


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# The Scoutmaster's Other Handbook



## **Synopsis**

With his first book Mark Ray revolutionized the Eagle Scout court of honor, showing tens of thousands of readers how to make Scouting's greatest moment truly great. Now, he turns his attention to an even bigger task: building great Boy Scout troops. In this unique and highly personal book, Ray offers hundreds of proven ideas for building strong, successful, sustainable troops that truly achieve the promise of Scouting. Beginning with Scouting's aims and methods, the book moves quickly through every aspect of the program, from troop meetings and outings to fundraising and administration. The revised and expanded second edition includes dozens of updates and new material from Mark's popular blog.

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In a Scouting career spanning more than a quarter of a century, Mark Ray has participated in the program at almost every level: as a Cub Scout, a Boy Scout, a district executive, a Scout parent, a Wood Badge and National Jamboree staff member, and a Scoutmaster. Ray is an Eagle Scout, a Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow, and a recipient of the Silver Beaver. When he's not participating in Scouting activities, Ray is a freelance writer based in Louisville, Kentucky. His specialties include technology writing and corporate communications.

Good insights and tips on how to run a Boy Scout troop.

This has a hundred great tips for Scout leaders (not just the Scoutmaster). I'm an ASM and it's

given me lots of new ideas about how to get our troop moving better and more-efficiently, as well as growing and having more fun. I've finished reading it once, now I'm about to re-read and create a ToDo list from it. The only thing I think would improve it would be more links to website references. There are a number in this edition, but a new edition should have more.

Eh its OK. Nice to have another perspective but honestly the program materials from the BSA are more valuable.

As a first time Assistant Scoutmaster I found this book to be a good resource. There are a number of items offered as suggestions that are more common sense than anything else, but it is still a good tool for the first-timer. One thing that differentiates this resource is the list of places to contact or websites to visit at the end of each section. These are the nuggets of information you continually write on the back of business cards and napkins to you can find them in the future. Ray has included these tidbits in an easy to find topical sections. I would recommend this to my peers. It is a quick read, easy review of what we learn in training. The author is down-to-earth in the presentation of the materials and I would think this should be one of the tools in every Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster toolbox.

This is a really great guide to practical matters that the official books may not tell you. Mr. Ray is an expert and conveys what he's learned in a way that makes it easy to benefit from his experience.

As a current Assistant Scoutmaster and soon-to-be Troop Committee Chair, with extensive experience as a Cub Scout leader, I've learned a lot from this book. It really is a great handbook and gives you all kinds of information and tips that you won't find in the official Scoutmaster's handbook from BSA. Highly recommended.

As a new scoutmaster, this book was a great tool to get some new ideas. Generally, scoutmaster's come and go with their kids through their years of scouting. There's no reason to re-invent the wheel whenever a new scoutmaster comes along. This book was full of advice from an experienced scoutmaster and I found it very useful. Also took a bit of the stress out of taking over the scoutmaster position. Thanks.

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