

Forming a Teleo Scouts Group

Forming a Teleo Scouts chapter is easy! Just follow these three steps:

1. Once two or more Christian men determine they want to form a Teleo Scouts' group, they simply inform The Teleo Scouts' main office (231-539-7773) of their intent. The representative can provide curriculum materials for your group as well. There are no administrative fees associated with joining.
2. Each member will want to review our *Statement of Faith and Central Convictions* to ensure that the spirit and integrity of the program is maintained. This document is available online.
3. You will need to order the Teleo Scouts curriculum for each family, which is comprised of two components:

Made for Manhood: Christian Maturity for Fathers and Sons—This text contains seventeen lessons for young men and fathers alike.

Made for Fatherhood: Effective Parenting and Leadership—This text also contains the core seventeen lessons, as well as guidelines and tips on how to present the lessons and be part of a Teleo Scouts chapter. Note: This text is *not* an essential component.

Once these steps are taken, your Teleo Scouts chapter has been formed. It's that easy!

Of course, deciding who will be in your group and when you will meet will take some consideration, but the return on investment is well worth the relatively small effort. If needed, a Teleo Scouts representative is available via phone or online to provide training or to answer any questions you may have related to beginning a chapter.

Suggestions and guidelines for organizing local chapters are also offered in *Made for Fatherhood*. In addition, our website also offers a Frequently Asked Questions section that may be useful.

The Group Leader

One of the men in the chapter acts as its leader. The leader's primary role is to organize the schedule of the group. *Made for Fatherhood* or our free online resources provide guidelines and instruction for carrying out this enjoyable role. The other men, along with the leader, take turns facilitating the events of the schedule.

Group Meetings

A local chapter meets as little or as often as it likes. A recommended starting point is twice a month. After some time, the group may determine that it wants to meet more or less often.

Meetings consist of a lesson from *Made for Manhood* and an activity planned by the men.

Lessons

The lessons are provided in the *Made for Manhood*. All group members are encouraged to read and review an assigned lesson before meeting time. During meetings, the lesson is presented and taught by one of the fathers. The other fathers in the group may also offer their wisdom and insight during the lesson as they deem appropriate.

The “plurality of leadership” is a powerful and effective way to speak into the lives of the boys. There are “homework assignments” built into the lessons.

The lessons will take about a year to cover in their entirety, depending on how often the group meets.

Activities

The group’s activities are designed and planned by the various men in the group, each taking turns in a manner that best suits their schedule.

Activities can reflect the diverse backgrounds and talents of the fathers, or they may reflect new interests that the group would like to experience together. Regardless, these activities provide hands-on learning and rich memories that produce well-rounded, young men.

An activity may take place before or after a lesson, however it best suits the group. *Made for Fatherhood* or our online resources offer an extensive list of possible activities for consideration.

What About Fatherless Boys?

Teleo Scouts recognizes the privilege of ministering to boys whose fathers are absent. Suggestions and guidelines for doing so are offered in *Made for Fatherhood* or our online resources.

In Addition....

Occasionally some groups inquire about a merit award program. Teleo Scouts prides itself on the simplicity of its design. A group should not feel that it needs to have such a program. However, we recognize that certain groups do have the time and desire to incorporate an achievement based component into their settings. For this reason, we are developing an optional Merit Award Program for those interested. Please contact the Teleo Scouts office for details.

Thanks for your interest in Teleo Scouts! God bless you on your journey to *completion in Christ!*

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