



Troop 313

Equipment Note

New Scouts and Parents,

One of the pieces of equipment you will need to purchase or acquire for your scouting career is a compass.

There are many kinds of compasses, but they fall basically into two categories:

1. a military or lensatic style compass
- or
2. an orienteering style compass

Both types of compasses are pictured below.

While both kinds of compasses point north, the scouting rank requirements and example explanations relating to compass and map work in the Scout Handbook are geared to using an orienteering compass. These activities are not understood and as easily adapted to a military or lensatic style compass. Therefore we strongly encourage all new scouts to acquire an orienteering style compass and NOT a military or lensatic style compass to make full filling the map and compass rank requirements easier to understand and complete. As with all things there are various grades of orienteering compass. Baseplate compasses start at \$10 and can go as high as \$100. The amount you spend is up to you. However, a \$10-\$15 baseplate compass is sufficient for all our scouting requirements and activities. These are available at Uncle Sam's, the Scout Shop, or any outdoor supplier like Dick's Sporting Goods or REI. As long as it has the clear plastic baseplate with the rotating needle housing attached onto that.

NO



YES



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