



Troop 682 Poway, CA
A Troop Guide for Parents
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TROOP 682

“THE BASICS”

Welcome to Troop 682!

Troop 682 is composed of boys mostly from the Poway, Sabre Springs, and Rancho Bernardo areas and we fall within the Black Mountain District of the San Diego Imperial Council. Our Troop’s Chartering Organization is St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church, where most meetings are held. Troop 682 prides itself on striving to be “boy-led”, where the Scouts do the majority of planning and conduct meetings and outings, with Adult Leaders present to mentor and provide minimal assistance when needed.

Parents, regardless of whether they are registered leaders, play an important role in the Troop! Active participation from all parents is crucial to the success and growth of our Scouts – whether through merit badge counseling, fundraising support, arranging outings, or transportation. Please review this information, and help your boy review the information in his new Troop Binder.

Costs

The Troop maintains an account for each Scout, from which camping costs (e.g. camping fees, summer camp payments), travel costs (to/from camps), dues (currently \$10 per month), and any other special costs are deducted on an as-needed basis. Certain fundraisers result in deposits to a Scout’s account based on participation. Statements are e-mailed periodically, and the account balance can be checked at any time online. It is suggested that parents try to keep at least \$50 in each Scout’s account at all times. Grubbing (food for campouts) is NOT deducted from the Scout account; each Scout is responsible for bringing those fees to the Troop meeting before a campout.

Meetings

Troop 682 meets every **Monday evening, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** at St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church (16275 Pomerado Road), except for most school holidays and Mondays immediately after a regular Troop camping trip (with occasional variations). Mondays after camping trips are usually reserved for the Troop Committee (parents) and Patrol Leaders’ Council (Scouts) meetings.

Twice a year (normally early Fall and late Spring), the Troop holds a formal Court of Honor in lieu of a regular meeting. At the Court of Honor, boys are recognized for any rank advancement, merit badges, and other awards earned during the previous six months. Scouts may “rank up” and wear a new rank at any time! Two other “mini” informal courts of honor are held in early spring and late summer.



“A boy on joining wants to begin Scouting right away.”
- Lord Robert Baden-Powell

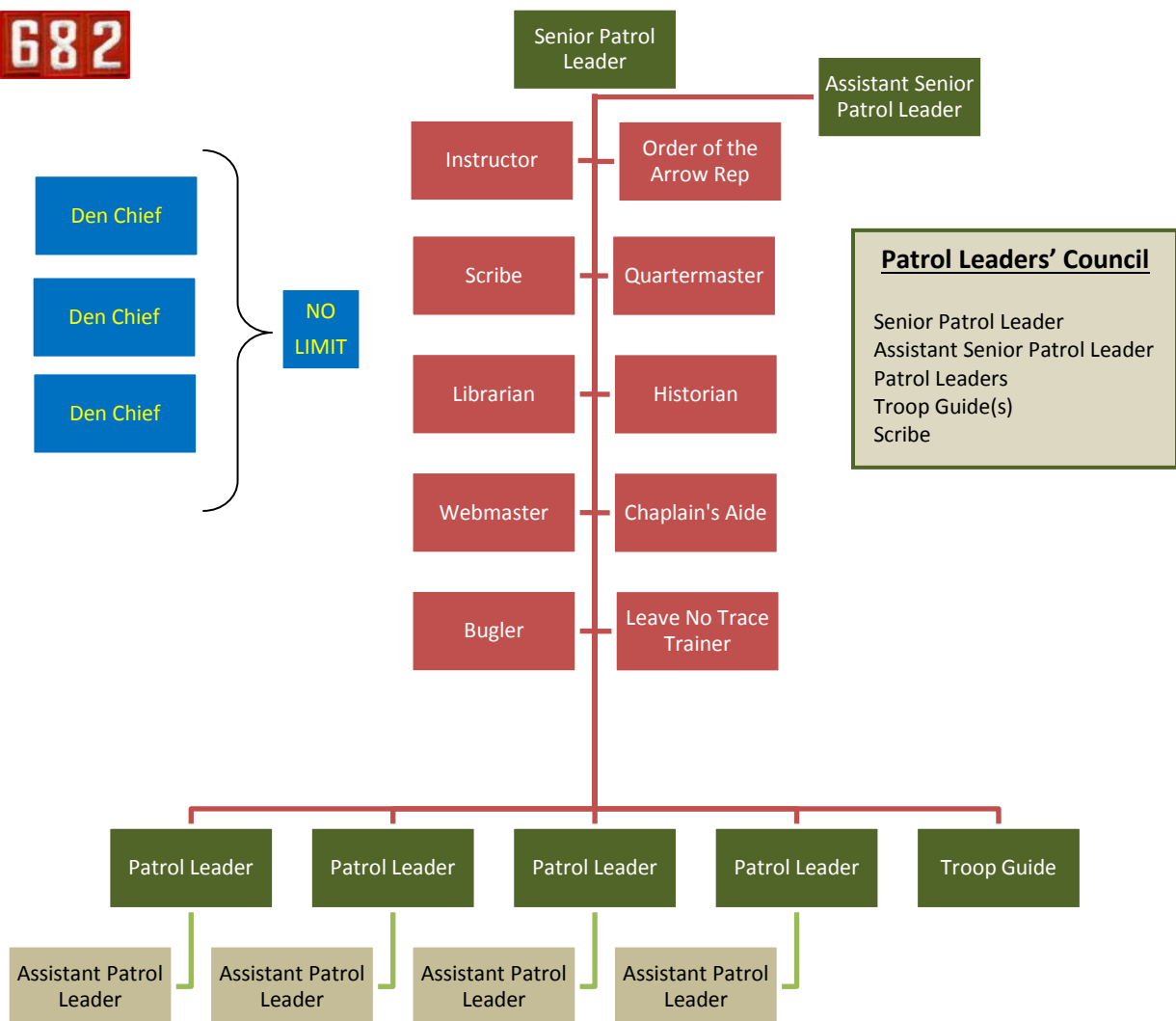
TROOP STRUCTURE



Troop Organization

The Troop is led by the Senior Patrol Leader, elected by all Scouts in the Troop. The Troop is then divided into patrols, of which there are currently four. Each patrol is made up of 8-12 Scouts led by a Patrol Leader, with as many age groups as possible represented. Patrols develop an individual identity, with a special Patrol patch, flag, and yell. Patrols sit and work together at Troop meetings, and camp/eat together during campouts. Patrols may also have Patrol meetings separate from Troop meetings.

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“The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy.” - Lord Baden-Powell

Troop Leadership

All members of the Troop 682 Scout Leadership are elected semi-annually by the Scouts in the troop. New leaders meet after election to help develop goals for the Troop and plan activities for the next year (reviewing the upcoming six months and creating a plan for the following six months). Additionally, each month the Patrol Leaders' Council reviews the prior month's activities and refines the plan for the following month. Members of the Patrol Leaders' Council are the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, all Patrol Leaders, all Troop Guides, and the Scribe.

All Scout leadership positions are described below:

Senior Patrol Leader



The senior patrol leader (SPL) is elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top youth leader in the troop. He runs all troop meetings, events, activities, the annual program planning conference, and the patrol leaders' council meeting. He appoints other troop youth leaders with the advice and counsel of the Scoutmaster. In order to serve as Senior Patrol Leader, a Scout must have served as a Patrol Leader.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader



The assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL) is the second highest-ranking youth leader in the troop. He is appointed by the senior patrol leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster. The assistant senior patrol leader acts as the senior patrol leader in the absence of the senior patrol leader or when called upon. He also provides leadership to other youth leaders in the troop.

Patrol Leader



The patrol leader is the elected leader of his patrol. He represents his patrol on the patrol leaders' council and appoints the assistant patrol leader. In order to be a Patrol Leader, a Scout must be of 1st Class rank or higher.

Troop Guide



The troop guide works with new Scouts. He helps them feel comfortable and to earn their First Class rank in their first year. He teaches basic Scout skills and works with the Senior Patrol Leader at patrol leaders' council meetings. Serving as Guide can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

Assistant Patrol Leader



The assistant patrol leader is appointed by the patrol leader and leads the patrol in his absence. He represents his patrol at patrol leaders' council meetings when the patrol leader cannot attend. The assistant patrol leader position does not count towards leadership requirements for Star, Life, or Eagle.

Quartermaster



The quartermaster keeps track of troop equipment and sees that it is in good working order. He keeps records on patrol and troop equipment, makes sure equipment is in good working condition, and issues equipment and makes sure it is returned in good condition. Serving as Quartermaster can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

Scribe



The scribe keeps the troop records. He records the activities of the patrol leaders' council and keeps a record of advancement and Scout attendance at troop meetings.

Historian



The historian preserves troop photographs, news stories, trophies, flags, scrapbooks, awards, and other memorabilia. Serving as Historian can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

Librarian



The librarian oversees the care and use of troop books, pamphlets, magazines, and audiovisuals.

Instructor



The instructor teaches Scouting skills. An instructor is an older troop member proficient both in a Scouting skill and in the ability to teach others. First aid, camping, backpacking, - the subject can encompass any of the areas that Scouts will want to master, especially those required for outdoor activities and rank advancement. Troops may have more than one instructor.

Chaplain Aide



The chaplain aide works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblems program.

Den Chief



The den chief works with the Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in a Cub Scout pack. He helps Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks and encourages Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout troop upon graduation. Serving as Den Chief can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Eagle in a Boy Scout Troop.

Order of the Arrow Representative



The Order of the Arrow Representative is a youth liaison serving between the local Order of the Arrow (OA) lodge or chapter and his troop. In his unit, he helps meet the needs of the unit and will serve as a communication and programmatic link to and from Arrowmen, adult leaders and Scouts who are not presently members of the Order.

Webmaster



The troop webmaster is responsible for maintaining the troop's website. He should make sure that information posted on the website is correct and up to date and that members' and leaders' privacy is protected. A member of the troop committee may assist him with his work.

Leave No Trace Trainer



The Leave No Trace Trainer specializes in teaching Leave No Trace principles and ensures that the troop follows the principles of Leave No Trace on all outings such as camping and other outdoor activities. He can also help Scouts earn the Leave No Trace award. He should have a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace. Ideally, he should have completed Leave No Trace training as well as earned both the Camping and Environmental Science merit badges.

Bugler



The Bugler should be able to make appropriate bugle calls, as requested, at troop activities. Serving as Bugler can apply towards Positions of Responsibility requirements for Star and Life but **not** Eagle.

New Scouts

When a boy joins the Troop during the spring, he is initially assigned to a "New Scout" Patrol. Each New Scout Patrol consists of 8-10 new Scouts and is led by a Troop Guide, an older Scout who is responsible for teaching the boys how the Troop works, how to camp with the Troop, and the skills needed to earn (at a minimum) the Tenderfoot rank. After approximately six months (normally when school resumes), the boys become part of a regular Patrol. For Scouts joining outside the Spring Webelos – Boy Scout transition period, they are incorporated into the existing Patrol structure and led by a Patrol Leader (1st Class Scout or above).



"Can't Wait," 1972, Norman Rockwell (1894-1978)

ADULT LEADERSHIP



The Scoutmaster

The Scoutmaster's primary job is to train youth leaders. This includes things like teaching them how to work with and motivate other youth and helping them learn how to plan ahead.

A Scoutmaster is a mentor to the youth leaders. He presents them with ideas and information and provides support. One of the most difficult things a Scoutmaster has to do is to allow the youth to lead, even when he can see failure looming on the horizon. A Scoutmaster might say things like "Have you considered ...?" and "What do you think might happen if ...?", but the youth don't always take the hint.



The rule of thumb often heard is, "If it's not illegal, immoral, or dangerous, then let them try it their way." Failure is a good teacher and most youth will rebound from it with a positive attitude.

"When you want a thing done, 'Don't do it yourself' is a good motto for Scoutmasters." – Lord Baden-Powell

A Scoutmaster has Scoutmaster Conferences with troop members. He shows an interest in them and talks to them about what is happening in their lives. He uses the Methods of Scouting to work toward achieving the Aims of Scouting for the youth.

The Scoutmaster works with the Troop Committee to make sure the youth have the resources they need for a strong youth program. A good working relationship with the committee is essential. The Scoutmaster may be male or female and must be at least 21 years old. He or she is appointed by the head of the chartered organization.



Assistant Scoutmasters

Assistant Scoutmasters assist in providing two-deep leadership in the Troop; at least one ASM is assigned to each of the Patrols in the Troop. Assistant Scoutmasters may also be directed by the Scoutmaster to assist in skills instruction and adult assistance with delivering the troop program. Duties may overlap or assist with roles performed by members of the Troop Committee. Assistant

Scoutmasters not on BSA's troop organizational chart may be assigned specific duties.

Examples of additional ASM duties in Troop 682 include:

- Fundraising
- Webmaster
- Historian
- Librarian
- Recruiting/New Scouts
- Backpacking
- Scribe
- Chaplain

Troop Committee

The Troop Committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the Scoutmaster and Scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities. The committee also has the responsibility to provide adults for boards of review. This is an important responsibility and is one area where help is always needed and appreciated. The committee consists of parent volunteers who fulfill various roles on the committee. The Troop Committee normally meets monthly on the Monday after each outing, to discuss what we need to do to support and encourage the boys. This includes administrative issues, suggestions for future activities, fundraising, and "lessons learned" from past activities. One parent of each scout is strongly encouraged to attend each meeting.



Minimum positions for a chartered troop include a Chartered Organization Representative, a Committee Chairman, at least two committee members, and a Scoutmaster. Additional positions include:

- Chartered Organization Representative - the direct contact between the unit and the Chartered Organization. This individual is also the organization's contact with the district committee and the Local Council. The chartered organization representative may become a member of the district committee and is a voting member of the council. The Chartered Organization Representative appoints the unit committee chair.
- Troop Committee Chairman - appointed by the chartered organization and registered as an adult leader of the BSA. The unit committee chairman appoints and supervises the unit committee and unit leaders.
- Troop Secretary - appointed by the committee chairman to keep minutes and records, send notices, and handle publicity.
- Troop Treasurer - appointed by the committee chairman to handle unit funds, pay bills, maintain accounts, coordinate the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign, and supervise fundraising.

- Troop Advancement Chair - appointed by the committee chairman to ensure that the unit has at least monthly boards of review, quarterly courts of honor, and that the unit has goals of helping each Scout advance a rank each year and for new Scouts to reach First Class rank during their first year. The advancement coordinator is also responsible for record keeping and submitting advancement reports.
- Troop Equipment Coordinator/Quartermaster - appointed by the committee chairman to work with the youth Quartermaster and is responsible inventory, storage, and maintenance of unit equipment.
- Troop Outings Chair - appointed by the committee chairman to secure tour permits and permission to use camping sites, serve as transportation coordinator, and ensure a monthly outdoor program.
- Troop Membership Chair - appointed by the committee chairman to help ensure a smooth transition of new Scouts into the unit and orientation for new parents.
- Troop Training Chair - appointed by the committee chairman to ensure training opportunities are available, maintain training records and materials, and is responsible for BSA Youth Protection training.
- Troop Fundraising Chair - appointed by the committee chairman to supervise Fundraising and ensure that every youth member has the opportunity to participate in Troop and council fundraising events.
- Troop Medical Records Chair – appointed by the committee chairman to handle collection and maintenance of BSA medical records (Parts A, B, and C). Responsible for keeping the Troop WebHost medical record database current and for working with the outing chair to assure that medical records accompany scouts and adult leaders on camping trips.

Parent Involvement

While Troop 682 is a truly “boy led” troop, parent involvement is still important. The Troop relies on the participation of adults from each family in any of the following areas:

- Assisting with committee groups (e.g. fundraising, trip planning, etc)
- Attending camping and other trips – all parents are welcome
- Driving to & from campouts to transport Scouts & gear (even if you do not camp)
- Towing the troop trailer if you have a suitable tow vehicle
- Grubbing for the adults on a campout
- Being a Merit Badge Counselor in subjects of your expertise or interest (see Merit badge section)
- Becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster

Important Note: before you participate in any way (including driving to/from activities), Boy Scouts of America requires that all adults take the online Youth Protection Training (YPT) at www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx

“The real way to gain happiness is to give it to others.”

- Lord Baden-Powell



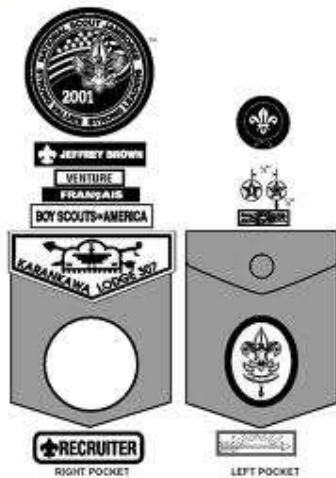
UNIFORMS



Troop 682 uses two Scout uniforms. The official Class "A" uniform is worn at Boy Scout meetings and functions (including breakfast & dinner at summer camp), and during travel to/from outings:



- Scout uniform shirt with appropriate patches (see diagrams below)
- Scout belt and buckle
- Scout neckerchief (provided to new Scouts by the Troop) and slide
- Dark, plain pants or shorts. Official Boy Scout pants preferred but not required.
- Scout hat. Recommended but not mandatory – no other hat allowed at meetings.
- Merit badge sash (not needed right away – worn to display merit badges)



“The uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country.” – Lord Baden-Powell

Scouts wear the Class "B" uniform while at outings and campouts, during the day at summer camp and to meetings during summer vacation:

- BSA or Troop T-shirt (available at Troop Meetings for a nominal charge; Scouts create a new design every year)
- Dark colored pants or shorts
- Scout belt.
- Scout hat. Recommended but not mandatory – no other hat allowed at meetings. For camping, a hat is required.

Important note: Scouts are expected to travel to and from monthly campouts and summer camp in Class A uniforms, including neckerchiefs!



CAMPING



Overnight camping and outdoor activities are a critical part of the Scouting experience and provide many opportunities for the Scouts to learn new Scout skills and assume new responsibilities. Many elements in camping provide opportunities for Scouts to develop leadership skills, whether it is assigning grubbing duties, helping to train younger Scouts or making decisions such as where to pitch their tent; there is no end to experiences they gain.



Our Scouts do everything from car camping to backpacking, at locations from the beach, to the mountains, to the desert. Programs include hiking, fishing, canoeing, white water rafting, first aid, cooking, rock climbing, beach sports, snow play, shooting sports and more. Other activities can include attending sports events (e.g., Storm or Padres baseball), overnights on the Midway, and whatever else might interest the Scouts. The Troop has a diverse and well rounded program that all the Scouts in the Troop can enjoy!

These opportunities are only possible with the help of adult participation. Ideally, a minimum of three adults attend each campout. Two of the adults should be registered with the BSA, one as Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. All adults must have current Youth Protection Guidelines (YPG) certification. Adults are always welcome on campouts and the Troop encourages every parent to attend at least one or two campouts each year. This includes Moms as well as Dads. Siblings are also welcome on certain trips (designated “Family Camping”; normally scheduled 2-3 times per year). For all other occasions, however, prior approval must be obtained from the Scoutmaster (or Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of that campout) before siblings can attend.

Each summer the Troop attends a week-long summer camp at an official BSA staffed camp. In recent years, Summer Camp has been in June soon after school ends. Recent choices have included Camp Emerald Bay on Catalina Island; Lost Valley Scout Ranch in Warner Springs; and Camp Chawanakee in the Sierra Nevada. During the Fall, the Troop chooses the following summer’s camp location – upon joining, be sure to sign up as soon as possible, summer camp fees are normally due during the late winter/early spring timeframe.

“A week of camp life is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.” – Lord Baden-Powell

As Scouts get older (completion of 8th grade or 14 years of age), they are eligible for high adventure programs. Troop 682 has sent Scouts to Philmont Scout Ranch, the pinnacle of the Boy Scouts of America’s High Adventure program. Based on the tremendous experience the Scouts and adults had while there, we hope to continue providing high adventure opportunities in the future!



During any given year the Troop will also plan two to three overnight backpacking trips. When there is sufficient interest, the Troop may also plan an extended backpacking trip of 4-5 nights with at least one at high altitude. Scouts wishing to participate in the high altitude backpacking will need to demonstrate their readiness through one or more of the other backpacking trips and obtain permission from the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge prior to the extended high altitude trip.

General

The boys work, sleep, and eat by Patrol. The Old Goats Patrol (i.e., the adults) camp in a separate segregated area but are sufficiently close to ensure safety.



All Scouts (with rare exception) travel to and from camping in Class A uniforms. Upon arrival, Scouts should wear BSA or Troop 682 T-Shirts (Class B uniforms) during stay in camp. Certain trips, including Summer Camp and Camporees (where many Troops camp together) require Class A uniforms other than travel to and from.

Important note: Scouts are expected to help set up Troop and Patrol equipment immediately on arrival at camp. Personal gear is to be set up only after the Troop and Patrol gear.

Camping Costs

Troop 682 charges a “co-pay” for each trip, the cost is evenly divided among all participants after deducting the troop share of \$200; (The “co-pay” is waived if a campground is free, e.g. most backpacking trips.) The co-pay is deducted from the Scout’s Troop Account; Adults are not charged the co-pay.

Activity fees (e.g., whitewater rafting outfitter fees, Palm Springs Aerial Tram, etc.) are not covered by the co-pay and will be either charged to the Scout’s Troop account or paid ahead of time depending on the outing.

Each Scout is also charged for travel based on the distance traveled; the travel charges are paid to the Scout accounts of the parents who volunteer their time to drive. Travel costs are assessed based on the current cost of gas, calculated as 1/40th of the average price of gas during the month. Food costs (“grubbing”) are paid separately. See below for information concerning grubbing.

Event Sign-up Permissions and Instructions

Parent permission for event participation is granted when they electronically sign their scout up for an event. All scouts must have a current, completed **Troop 682 Annual Activity Permission/Medical Approval Form** and current **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Part A & B** (for trips shorter than 72 hours) or **Part A, B, & C** (for trips longer than 72 hours) in order to participate.

By signing up as a driver (checking the driver bubble during WebHost sign-up), you are assuring that you have read the Boy Scout Transportation Guidelines and will abide by them. You are also guaranteeing that your automobile insurance liability coverage meets the BSA minimum coverage requirements of \$100,000 per person, \$300,000 per accident, and \$100,000 property.

For specifics on event sign-ups, see the section in Chapter 8: Troop WebHost.

Grubbing (Scouts)

Grubbing is the Scout term for the menu preparation, acquisition, and preparation of food at camp by each Patrol. The Scouts grub by Patrol; if a Patrol's attendance numbers do not support grubbing, they may be included in another Patrol's grubbing. The Troop provides cooking and cleaning equipment for each Patrol. Each Scout is expected to be responsible for bringing their own eating utensils – to include a plate, bowl, silverware, and cup/mug. For backpacking trips, each boy is usually responsible for his own food and cooking equipment. The Troop has several quality backpacking stoves to lend.



At a meeting prior to a trip (normally 1-2 weeks beforehand), each Patrol plans their menu and selects a grubber for the trip. The grubber collects \$20 from each Scout, and then becomes responsible for purchasing the food for his Patrol. A Microsoft Excel spreadsheet grubbing tool is available (and included in the Scout's Troop Guide binder) to assist with this process. If your son is chosen for grubbing duty, you should accompany him in the store. Allow the Scout to choose the food and make purchase decisions himself (some small free advice may be required). If you help by confirming his knowledge of the menu, review that the shopping list reflects the menu, and ensure he knows the amount of spending money he has available, it will go a long way towards a successful grubbing experience.

Important note: Friday night (the "Crackerbarrel") is generally not included in grubbing. Each boy should bring a sack dinner to each trip unless otherwise instructed.

Grubbing (Adults)

The Old Goats Patrol (the adults) grubs separately from the boys. Any adult attending the campout can volunteer to grub for one or more meals on a camping trip. Our adults like to eat well, and it is a good opportunity to demonstrate to the boys what they can accomplish with a little planning and effort.

Each adult grubber is responsible for:

- Deciding what to eat at the meal(s) he/she is preparing
- Purchasing the food and bringing it to the campout
- Turning in receipts to the Troop Treasurer.

The cost of adult meals is deducted from each adult's son's Scout account and transferred to the grubber's son's account.

Like the boys, each adult is responsible for bringing their own eating utensils (plates, bowls, silverware, cup or mug). The Troop provides the cooking and cleaning equipment. All adults are expected to pitch in with cooking and cleanup.

Packing

Each Scout is expected to have the necessary personal equipment to camp safely. Each boy should do their own planning and packing of their items at home. Scouts are responsible for bringing their personal gear (a sample is provided below; there are additional packing lists in the Scout binder.) Troop 682 has a Troop trailer used to transport the Troop equipment to camping trips. It contains the stoves, cooking equipment and other Troop gear.

Each boy needs to provide his own sleeping bag and pad, mess kit (plates, cup, and eating utensils), hiking boots, clothing, and personal hygiene supplies. (A more complete list will be in the Troop 3-ring binder, provided to each new Scout.) Each boy also needs to have access to a 2-3 person tent, which he will share with another boy in his Patrol (his "tent buddy") unless he is of Star rank or above. Keep in mind the stated capacity of a tent does not include gear inside the tent, if Scouts plan on having gear inside the tent they will need a tent 1 size larger than the number of Scouts sleeping in the tent. Older Scouts or adult leaders can provide suggestions and sources for good, inexpensive gear.



The Troop owns several tents, which can be loaned if requested in advance. The Troop also owns several backpacks and backpacking stoves which can be loaned out for backpacking trips.

Important Note: all scouts under First Class Rank must bring their packs to the Troop meeting before the camping trip for approval by their Patrol Leader or the Senior Patrol Leader.

Packing

The following list is a sample for a car camping trip of 2 nights with fair weather. Actual conditions and duration may require an adjustment to sufficiently prepare the Scout for the outing:

Personal Equipment

- ✓ Sack dinner (for Friday night)
- ✓ Duffle bag/backpack
- ✓ Daypack (for 10 Essentials)
- ✓ Sleeping bag
- ✓ Sleeping pad
- ✓ Tent /Stakes/ Ground cloth
- ✓ Scout Handbook
- ✓ Pen & Paper/Notepad
- ✓ Personal Toiletries
- ✓ Plate/Bowl/Mug/Silverware
- ✓ 10 Essentials (SEE NEXT SECTION)

Clothing

- ✓ Class A Uniform
- ✓ Hiking Boots
- ✓ Socks (2 pair)
- ✓ Underwear (2 pair)
- ✓ Scout shorts/pants
- ✓ T-shirts (2, Class B)
- ✓ Camp shoes (old shoes – closed toed!)
- ✓ Rain gear
- ✓ Fleece jacket/vest
- ✓ Fleece cap
- ✓ Sun hat
- ✓ Towel

Miscellaneous Items

- ✓ Outing-specific items
- ✓ Manners
- ✓ Scout Spirit!!!!

DO NOT BRING THESE!!!!



The 10 Essentials (+2)



THE 10 ESSENTIALS are items every outdoor adventurer should include in his or her pack. The original list was devised in the 1930's by The Mountaineers, a Seattle-based hiking, climbing, and conservation organization, whose members get out in some truly dreadful weather—including in the rainy North Cascades, along the Olympic Peninsula, and on such snow-covered peaks as Mount Rainier.

The Mountaineers' essentials list was designed to keep climbers safe in case of accident, injury, or misadventure. Over time, like any classic, the list has been used and altered, but the core remains the same. Seventy years later, the list is included in many outdoor guides, including the latest edition of the Boy Scout *Fieldbook*. Troop 682 adds two additional items (the “plus 2”) to the ten essentials – whistle and mirror – as they are critical tools in the event an individual is lost in the wilderness.

Here's what your Scout will need:

- ✓ Pocket Knife
- ✓ First Aid Kit
- ✓ Extra Clothing
- ✓ Flashlight
- ✓ Rain gear
- ✓ 2 Water bottles (≥1L)
- ✓ Map & Compass
- ✓ Matches or firestarter
- ✓ Sun protection (hat, sunscreen)
- ✓ Trail food
- ✓ Whistle
- ✓ Mirror



Important Note: The 10 Essentials are worthless if you don't have them with you – most Scouts don't have enough pockets to keep everything on hand; bringing a daypack is CRITICAL to keeping the 10 Essentials on hand while hiking at a campout!

First Aid Kits

Scout First Aid Kits, as part of their 10 Essentials, can either be store-bought or created by the Scout themselves. If a Scout elects to create their own First Aid Kit, the following items are recommended by the Troop:

- Aspirin/ Tylenol or other family approved painkiller
- Allergy medicine if taken
- Scout Medical Information Sheet
 - ✓ Name
 - ✓ Home telephone
 - ✓ Alternate phone
 - ✓ Doctor/Insurance name and phone #
 - ✓ List of Allergic Reactions
 - ✓ Medications Taken Regularly (including allergy)
 - ✓ Parent / Guardian
- Tums or other family Antacid
- Mole Skin ""- 1 sheet
- 1 pair latex gloves
- 6 adhesive bandages (various sizes)
- 2, 3x3-inch sterile gauze pads
- Small roll of adhesive tape
- Small pair scissors)
- Small tube or packets of Neosporin, Betadine or other family approved antibiotic ointment
- \$1.00 in quarters and dimes (for phone)
- Imodium or other family approved anti-diarrhea medication



Tents and Tent Buddies

Scouts sleep in tents by Patrol. Scouts, before each trip, determine sleeping arrangements. Scouts of Star rank or above are allowed to tent by themselves (if Patrol numbers support); those First Class and below are required to find one or more “tent buddies” in his Patrol to share a tent. Ideally, one of the buddies will provide the tent: the troop has limited numbers of tents available for use by Scouts and does not generally provide tents for “car camping” campouts. The Troop does have several lightweight two-man tents which can be checked out for backpacking trips.





Transportation

Participation from all adults is needed to enable all of our sons to have the opportunity to go on as many outings as possible. We are fortunate that we have never had to limit the number of Scouts on a campout due to transportation problems; however, that is only possible with the full cooperation of all adults. Driving requirements include:

- Each adult must complete the BSA Youth Protection Training (YPT) before transporting any youth. YPT is available at: <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>
- Each adult is required to keep the Outings Chairperson up to date with the necessary vehicle information, license #s and verification of insurance requirements.
- Each driver is required to make sure they are familiar with and follow all of the safety precautions required by the BSA.
- Every adult driver shall make sure that they are helping to transport as many Scouts and as much gear as may be needed for a given campout.
- A driver is needed on most trips to tow the Troop trailer. This trailer is towable by full size pick up trucks and sport utility vehicles along with some vans. Speak with the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters if you would like to discuss the feasibility of towing with your specific vehicle.

Tow vehicles need to be equipped with a tow package and braking system, unless transporting the trailer a short duration with no altitude change (e.g. to the Church for a Troop Meeting).

The Troop departs for most of the campouts at 5: 15 pm Friday evenings and returns late morning to mid-day on Sunday. Departure points are St. Bartholomew's, the Park and Ride at Sabre Springs Parkway and Poway Road, or from Twin Peaks Middle School. The departure point depends on the destination and most efficient route of travel - details will be promulgated before the trip. With rare exception, the arrival point is the same as the departure point. Return times vary based on distance and Scout efficiency - Scouts are responsible for the proper loading and stowage of Troop equipment in the Troop trailer at the beginning and end of each campout. The Troop does not leave unless all gear has been properly stowed in the trailer.

Arriving Late / Leaving Early

Scouts are strongly encouraged to participate in the entire campout, though the Troop understands that *occasionally* other commitments require arriving late or leaving early. Scouts not attending the entire campout should be the exception, not the norm, as all the boys in a Patrol are expected to work as a Patrol in the setting up of camp upon arrival along with the packing up and general clean-up of the camp at the end of the trip. As a troop we also usually try to do a very thorough clean-up, not only of our campsite but beyond, to always ensure we are leaving the area in better condition than when we arrived. There will also usually be a short gathering at the end of every trip to talk as a group about specifics of that trip ("Thorns and Roses") and at times to conduct a short "Scouts Own" service. The full Scouting experience is not obtained unless a Scout is present for the entire trip.



ADVANCEMENTS



The Boy Scout Handbook includes the requirements for Rank advancements. However, advancements in Boy Scouts are significantly different than in Cub Scouts. The responsibility now lies with the boy to make sure that they advance. You can help in this effort by encouraging your boy to bring his Scout Handbook to every meeting and reminding him to have his Patrol Leader, the Senior Patrol Leader, or an Assistant Scoutmaster sign off each requirement as he completes it. Parents SHOULD NOT sign off requirements for their own children! In order to avoid the appearance of impropriety, Troop leaders will not normally sign off rank requirements for their own sons. Infrequent exceptions may be made in the case of a leader who is teaching skills to several Scouts at once at a patrol or troop meeting or other Scouting function, but every effort should be made to have another leader sign off the instructing leader's sons if possible.

“The Scoutmaster must be alert to check badge hunting as compared to badge earning.” – Lord Baden-Powell

How Rank is Achieved

When a Scout has completed all of the requirements for a rank, the Scout must schedule a Scoutmaster conference with the Scoutmaster, and a Board of Review by contacting the Troop Advancements Chair. The Board of Review normally consists of three adults from the Troop who will ask the Scout a series of questions regarding their current rank, Scouting, and their plans for the future. Boards of Review are both an opportunity for the Scout to practice composure and public speaking, in eventual preparation for their Eagle Scout Board of Review (with adults from throughout the Council), and a chance for parents in the Troop to assess how well the Boy Scout Program is being administered by adult and youth leadership as well as encouraging Scouts to progress further in rank.

THE RANKS OF SCOUTING



The Troop offers help for advancements through:

- The March New Scout camping trip, where the older boys assist the younger boys with most of the requirements for the Tenderfoot rank.
- Troop parents serving as Assistant Scoutmasters and Merit Badge Counselors.
- Troop Meetings and events, where the Scout Skills requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are often covered
- Summer Camp – Scouts can often earn 3-4 merit badges during the week of camp!
- Tracking each boy's progress and reminders in advance of each Court of Honor.

Merit Badges

The Boy Scout Merit Badge program allows Scouts to learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers. There are more than 100 merit badges - any Boy Scout may earn any merit badge at any time. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible. As you progress in rank, Merit Badges become important requirements for advancement. Merit Badges can be earned several ways:

- Boys attending Summer Camp usually earn 3 - 5 Merit Badges during the week.
- Several times per year the Troop will sponsor a Merit Badge class or classes. Recent examples have been Communications and Personal Fitness.
- On occasion, the Troop will have a speaker at a Troop Meeting to introduce a Merit Badge. Boys who are interested in completing that Merit Badge can then arrange with the speaker to complete the Merit Badge.
- Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a boy can take the initiative to contact a Merit Badge counselor who is qualified for a Badge he is interested in. Besides the Troop parents who are Counselors (accessible via WebHost, under "Advancements", "Merit Badge Counselors", a list of Counselors is available on the Council website

www.sdicbsa.org

"In Scouting, a boy is encouraged to educate himself instead of being instructed." – Lord Baden-Powell

Important Note: listed to the right are the Merit Badges required for Eagle Scout. There are several that require a significant time investment on the part of the Scout. Developing a plan to work on Eagle Merit Badge requirements reduces the likelihood of a frantic 'last-minute' push for merit badges as the Scout nears 18 years of age!

Eagle Required Merit Badges

 Camping	 Citizenship in the Community	 Citizenship in the Nation	 Citizenship in the World
 Communications	 Cooking	 Family Life	 First Aid
 Environmental Science or Sustainability	 Personal Fitness	 Personal Management	
	 Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving		
 Cycling or Hiking or Swimming			

Blue Cards

Before starting a Merit Badge, the boy must contact the Scoutmaster to get a “blue card”. When the Scout has completed the Merit Badge, the counselor will sign the blue card, and the Scout will return it to the Scoutmaster. One part of the card is retained by the counselor, one by the Troop, and the third by the Scout.

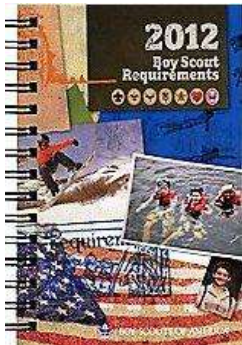
The form is titled "APPLICATION FOR MERIT BADGE" and is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a table with columns for "Merit Badge", "Counselor", "Scoutmaster", and "Scout". The main body of the form contains sections for "Information for Applicant", "Information for Counselor", and "Information for Scoutmaster". The "Information for Applicant" section includes instructions for the Scout, such as "A merit badge application can be approved only by a registered merit badge counselor." The "Information for Counselor" section includes instructions for the Scoutmaster, such as "Merit badge applications must be signed in advance by the applicant and Scoutmaster." The "Information for Scoutmaster" section includes instructions for the Scoutmaster, such as "The Scoutmaster must sign the merit badge application and certificate as a number one Scoutmaster." The form also includes fields for Name, Address, City, State, and Zip, and checkboxes for "Boy Scout" and "Venturer". At the bottom, it says "BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA" and "© 2014 Boy Scouts of America".

Merit badges are awarded four times a year at the Court of Honor ceremonies. When a boy is awarded the Merit Badge, that portion of the blue card belonging to the Scout will be returned.

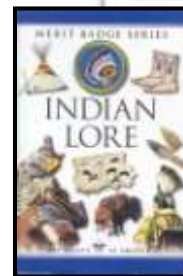
Important Note: You must save the blue card – it will be required as proof of the merit badge to earn the Eagle rank. A card protector is included to help you and your Scout keep track of the blue cards.

Helpful Tools

Before starting a Merit Badge, it's a good idea to review the requirements – these can either be found in the Boy Scout Requirements book (available at the Scout Store or check with the Troop



Librarian) or online at www.meritbadge.org. Rank requirements are also available online at the same website. Once the requirements have been reviewed, a Scout should look through the BSA Merit Badge book for the badge in question and print out a copy of the workbook for the merit badge. Workbooks can also be found at www.meritbadge.org. In many cases, work can be accomplished on the merit badge prior to meeting with the merit badge counselor. It's best to check before the first meeting to confirm their desires!



Other BSA Awards

There are many other BSA Awards that a Scout can earn while a member of Troop 682. A comprehensive list of the “special opportunities” that exist can be found on the BSA website:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards.aspx>



FUNDRAISING



The Troop runs fundraisers throughout each year. The Troop's primary fundraiser is collecting Christmas trees for recycling. The proceeds from this go to the Troop's account, and are used to



pay for Troop expenses, such as camping fees, purchasing awards, and maintaining Troop gear like the trailer, stoves, etc. Flyers are normally put together by Scouts and parents at the last meeting in November, and then distributed before Christmas to homes in the area. Collection occurs just after the New Year's. All Troop Scouts are expected to contribute assistance to the fundraiser.

The proceeds from other fundraisers may go directly to each individual Scout's account, minimizing direct contributions from parents and helping to pay for summer camp, dues, and other expenses. Past fundraisers of this type have included greenery sales, holiday wrapping site sales, See's Candy, Interstate Batteries, San Diego Union Tribune subscriptions, and Scout Fair coupon books. For individual fundraisers, there is no pressure to participate – however, the more a Scout sells, the more money goes to his account.



SERVICE



The Scouts participate in a range of service projects each year. In recent years these included cleaning out a flower bed at the Church for replanting; helping package donated food for "Friends and Family" to be shipped to Tanzania; a beach clean-up day at Mission Beach (they collected 50 pounds + of trash!); trail maintenance at Lake Dixon, maintenance at Creekside Elementary, and building a new fence at Mataguay. Opportunities for service projects will be announced periodically when they become available.



Service Requirements for Rank Advancement

Certain ranks have service requirements before they can be obtained. They include:

- 2nd Class: 1 hour approved service project
- Star: service projects totaling 6 hours of work (project approved by Scoutmaster)
- Life: service projects totaling 6 hours of work (project approved by Scoutmaster)

The Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project is the capstone of the Boy Scout service continuum. The prospective Eagle Scout must plan, develop, and then execute a service project helpful to some outside entity from Boy Scouting. This project builds on all the skills learned throughout a Scout's service during Scouting and creates memories and skills that last a lifetime. Troop 682 Eagle candidates will often ask for assistance from other members of the Troop and their families to complete their Eagle project.

"We must change boys from a 'what can I get' to a 'what can I give' attitude."

"The Good Turn will educate the boy out of the groove of selfishness."

- Lord Baden-Powell

**On my honor,
I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.**



TROOP WebHOST



Financial Information

The Troop maintains a Troop Account that pays for re-chartering of the Troop, advancement recognition, certain camping fees, and additional reimbursements as needed throughout the year. Within the Troop account, there are separate accounts for each Scout, from which camping costs (e.g. camping fees, summer camp payments), travel costs (to/from camps), dues (currently \$10 per month), and any other special costs are deducted on an as-needed basis. Certain fundraisers may result in deposits to a Scout's account based on participation. Statements are e-mailed periodically, and the account balance can be checked at any time online. It is suggested that parents try to keep at least \$50 in each Scout's account at all times. Grubbing (food for campouts) is NOT deducted from the Scout account; each Scout is responsible for bringing those fees (normally \$20) to the Troop meeting before a campout.

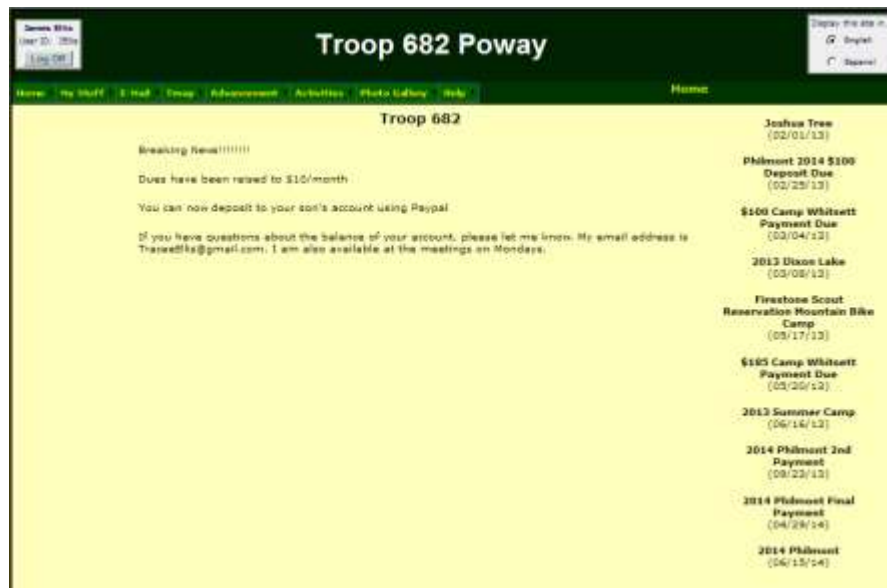
Checking your Scout's Account

Please follow the directions below to check your son's account balance and transactions, if you have issues or concerns please contact the Troop 682 Treasurer, Tracee Ellis, at:

TraceeEllis@gmail.com or (858) 231-3084

The troop website for Scout Accounts is: <http://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop682Poway/>

- Please log in using your login information, if you don't have it or need it resent please send the Treasurer an email.
- Once you log in your screen should look similar to the one below



- To access your son's account, select the header "My Stuff", then select "My Scouts" from the drop down list



- This will show you the summary of your son's account. You will be able to see his current account balance.
- You can also click on Account Detail, to see a list of the transactions that have been deducted from his account.



- The Account Detail will look similar to the screen below.

Date	Transaction Type	Description	Amount
02/01/2013	Charge Troop Member Dues	Feb 2013 dues	-10.00
01/13/2013	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	Sam's Spa Mileage	-22.91
01/11/2013	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	Sam's Spa Camp fees	-16.00
01/10/2013	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	Sam's Spa Tran fees	-24.00
01/09/2013	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	rocket sheet	-6.00
01/09/2013	Credit Member Account from Event	Heater City	106.47
01/01/2013	Charge Troop Member Dues	Jan 2013 dues	-10.00
12/21/2012	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	Camp Whitsett Deposit	-100.00
12/02/2012	Deposit To Member Account	getitrap donation	20.00
12/01/2012	Charge Troop Member Dues	Dec troop dues	-7.00
11/30/2012	Charge Troop Member Account For Event	Heater City Travel & Camp Fees	-18.64
11/26/2012	Troop Expenses Paid By Troop Member For Event	troop tree fundraiser supplies	19.37

- If you see any transactions that you believe are incorrect, please contact the Treasurer.

Event Sign-up

Parent permission for event participation is granted when they electronically sign their scout up for an event. All scouts must have a current, completed **Troop 682 Annual Activity Permission/Medical Approval Form** and current **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record Part A & B** (for trips shorter than 72 hours) or **Part A, B & C** (for trips longer than 72 hours) in order to participate.

By signing up as a driver (checking the driver bubble), you are assuring that you have read the Boy Scout Transportation Guidelines and will abide by them. You are also guaranteeing that your automobile insurance liability coverage meets the BSA minimum coverage requirements of \$100,000/person, \$300,000/accident and \$100,000 property.

Directions

To access the event sign up page in Webhost, log in with your username and password. Enter "My Stuff" on the top tool bar, then "My Scouts", then "Event Sign Up" which will lead you to the page below.

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User ID: Orlaura

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Oh, Christopher M "Chris"
Indicate whether your scout plans to attend each event, then click **Save** to save your selections.

Participation	Event Name	Sign-Up Deadline	Driver?	Comment	Permissions Slip
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Andrew Heale - Map Painting (05/03/15)	05/02/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Potrero Camping Trip (05/15/15)	05/01/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Flag Ceremony at The Fair (06/14/15)	06/01/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Unknown	San Onofre Beach Camping (09/19/15)	06/01/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	March Air Force Base Campout (09/11/15)	06/11/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N

To sign your scout up, fill in the yes bubble. If only your scout is going, but you are willing to drive, check the driver box. In the comment section, please write the number of seats available (including driver) in numerical form (i.e. "6"). Write "changes" in the comment section if you will be emailing changes in medications or pick-up information to the event leader (see San Onofre Beach Camping Event below).

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User ID: CHLaur

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Oh, Christopher M "Chris"

Indicate whether your scout plans to attend each event, then click **Save** to save your selections.

Participation	Event Name	Sign-Up Deadline	Driver?	Comment	Permission Slip
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<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	March Air Force Base Campout (09/11/15)	08/31/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N

In the above image, Chris is going to San Onofre without a parent. However, I offered to drive and can take 7 total people in my van. Lastly, Chris has some changes that I will email to the event coordinator.

If the parent is signing up to attend a trip, access the Event Sign Up page by selecting "My Stuff", then "Sign Up for Upcoming Events". **If the parent is attending, carpool information should be written in the comments section under the attending parent** (check driver box under your name and write the number of available car seats under your comment section). Also write in the comments section the meal you will make for the adults (i.e. "Sat. Break", "lunch", "dinner" or "Sun. Break")."

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Troop 682 Poway

User ID: DLaura

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Oh, Laura

Indicate whether you plan to attend each event, then click **Save** to save your selections.

Participation	Event Name	Sign-Up Deadline	Driver?	Comment	Permission Slip
<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Unknown	Andrew Neale - Map Painting (05/03/15)	05/02/2015	<input type="checkbox"/>		N
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> Unknown	Potrero Camping Trip (05/15/15)	05/01/2015	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	7, Sat. Breakfast	N
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In the above image, I will be attending Potrero. I can take 7 people in my van and I signed up to prepare Saturday breakfast for the adults.

Remember, everything you write in the comments section is viewable by the entire troop. Do not include private information (medical or otherwise) in the comments section.

Personal Data Sheets

Located under “My Stuff”, “My Contact Information”. At a minimum, please provide the following information:

- Name
Complete mailing address
- Home/Cell phone numbers
- E-mail Address
- Driver’s License # and State of Issue
- All vehicle information fields
- Emergency Contact Information

Troop Contact Lists

Contact information for Youth and Adults in the Troop can be found under “Troop”, “Membership Reports”.

E-mail

To compose an e-mail to a specific individual or individuals, use the “Compose E-mail” tab.

To compose an e-mail to a group (e.g. an entire patrol; Old Goats adult patrol; PLC, etc.) use the “E-mail Group” tab.

Merit Badge Counselors

Those Adults who are Merit Badge Counselors and have volunteered to have their information posted can be found under “Advancement”, “Merit Badge Counselors”. A list of Merit Badge Counselors volunteering Council-wide may be found at <http://www.sdicbsa.org>.

Library Books

With regard to the library inventory, a scout can see all of the items currently available for checkout when he selects My Library Materials from the My Stuff menu and then clicks the “Check Out My Library Materials” button.

Adult Leaders

A list of Adult Leaders in the Troop can be found under “Troop”, “Membership Reports”, “Adult Leader Directory”.

CONTACT INFORMATION

USEFUL REFERENCES



TROOP WEBSITE: <http://www.Troop682.com>

SCOUT ACCOUNT WEBSITE: <http://www.troopwebhost.org/Troop682Poway/Index.htm>

Most Troop communications are by email, so please make sure the Troop has an accurate email address.

While on the Troop website, you can see pictures from our activities. The Troop also has a Flickr account for pictures (bsatroop682), and a Google groups account for messages and documents Troop_682@googlegroups.com.

A Scout, Patrol, and Adult Leadership roster follow this section.

Troop 682 Quick Reference Leadership

Scoutmaster: Craig Dickson

Assistant Scoutmasters: Tom Crimmel, Manuel Garcia, Bruce Hammon, John Hartvig, John Meloling, Laura Oh, Wade Page, Carter Smith, Joseph Yin, Dana Collins, Dan Mondru

Troop Committee Chair: Laura Oh

Useful References

Scouting

- BSA Website: <http://www.scouting.org>
- Scouting Magazine: <http://scoutingmagazine.org>
- U.S. Scouting Service Project: <http://usscouts.org>
- MacScouter: <http://www.macscouter.com>
- Merit Badges: <http://www.meritbadge.org>
- Adult Training: www.myscouting.org