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A Guide to Scouting



Introduction

The Boy Scouts of America is a program that was brought to America on February 8th, 1910, by W. D. Boyce, after being helped by an unknown Scout in one while on a trip to London. Now, over 2.7 million boys are in the Boy Scouts and it continues to teach young men to have good integrity through leadership, community service, and hard work.

Troop 713, based out of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Del Mar, California, currently has over 80 scouts enrolled with several adult leaders. We are a high adventure troop frequently have trips to the Sierra Nevada, Philmont New Mexico, the Florida Keys, Catalina Island, and many other locations. We also pride ourselves on being almost completely boy-led, with our meetings, work projects, and most camping trips being led by boys from the troop. Our current Scout Master Frank Bavaro has been with the troop for many years and is dedicated to helping keep it running and our dedicated group of Assistant Scoutmasters and merit badge counselors help the Boy Scouts to advance in scouting.



The journey you are about to embark on will be more than just pitching a tent in a forest, hiking on a mountain, or cooking hot dogs on a portable stove. For the next five years, you will learn to have a virtuous character, be a leader among your peers, and help yourself become ready for life as an adult.

Important Information

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| Troop 713 Website | bsatroop713.com |
| St. Peter's Episcopal Church Address | 334 14th Street, Del Mar |
| San Diego Scout Store Address | 1207 Upas Street, San Diego |
| San Diego Scout Store Website | www.sdicbsa.org/ScoutShop/ |

Troop Meetings will take place every other Tuesday at St. Peters. While the meeting starts at 7:13 PM, all scouts are expected to arrive at 7:00 in full Class A uniform. Here, scouts can sign up for troop outings, organize meetings with their patrols, or finish merit badges. For a detailed calendar, visit the troop website.



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If you have any questions or comments, you can email your Troop Guide:

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Oaths, Laws, and Codes

These following pledges state the duties and qualities a Boy Scout is required to live by, and are expected to be memorized by the time a scout moves up to Tenderfoot.

Scout Oath

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.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful,
thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to –

Be clean in my outdoor manners.

Be careful with fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors.

Be conservation minded.

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily

Scout Motto

Be Prepared



Merit Badges

Merit Badges

Merit badges can be earned by attending certain classes in which you will learn about a concept relevant to the Scout Oath and Law. In order to achieve Eagle Rank, you must earn 21 merit badges, including first aid, citizenship in the community, citizenship in the nation, citizenship in the world, communication, cooking, personal fitness, emergency preparedness or lifesaving, environmental science or sustainability, personal management, swimming or hiking or cycling, camping, and family life, along with an additional 8 elective merit badges. Eagle-required merit badges can be identified by their silver edge, while elective merit badges have a green edge.



To see all the merit badges, go to:

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

For Merit Badge Worksheets go to:

http://meritbadge.org/wiki/index.php/Merit_Badge_Worksheets

Totem Chit and Fireman's Chit

While not merit badges, the Totin' Chip and Firem'n Chit must be earned before a scout can use woodworking tools and handle fire, respectively.

Before you can earn a merit badge, you must fill out a blue card for that badge. The Scoutmaster as well as the counselor for the merit badge must sign off before you turn the card in.

This space will be used for merit
badges with multiple counselors

You keep one third of card (applicant's Record, the counselor keeps the Counselor's Record third, and the Troop Advancement Coordinator will get the last third.

Rank Advancement

During your time in the troop, you will constantly be striving to advance in ranks. Each rank has certain requirements that must be met before you can achieve that rank. These requirements can be found in the red section of the scout book. Any scout who has reached the rank of Life or Eagle can sign off on most of these requirements, and the Scoutmaster will sign off a few others. Once you have met all the requirements, you can organize a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review, in which you will be tested on the skills you learned. The ranks of Scouting are as follows;

Scout is a joining badge, earned by completing the requirements to join Boy Scouting. The Scout badge has a brown fleur-de-lis on a tan background. The badge is awarded when the boy demonstrates a rudimentary knowledge of the Scouting ideals such as tying a square knot and knowing the Scout oath, law, and slogan.



Tenderfoot is the first rank. A Scout can work on the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks at the same time, but each rank must be earned in sequence. The badge is awarded when the Scout completes requirements in the areas of Scoutcraft, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and Scout Spirit.



Second Class is the rank above Tenderfoot and below First Class. A Scout can work on the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks at the same time, but must be earned in sequence. The badge is awarded when the Scout completes requirements in the areas of Scoutcraft, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and Scout Spirit.



First Class is the rank above Second Class and below Star Scout. A Scout can work on the requirements for the Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class ranks at the same time, but must earn them in sequence. The badge is awarded when the Scout completes requirements in the areas of Scoutcraft, physical fitness, citizenship, personal growth and Scout Spirit.



Star is the rank above First Class and below Life Scout. Star is awarded when the Scout serves actively in the troop, team or crew in a position of responsibility for at least 4 months; performs at least six hours of community service; and earns six merit badges (four of which must be required for Eagle Scout rank).



Life is second highest rank attainable and ranks above Star Scout and below Eagle. Life is awarded when the Scout serves actively in the troop, team or crew, serves in a position of responsibility for six months, and performs six hours of community service. Another thing a scout must do in order to achieve Life is earn an additional five merit badges (three of which are required for the rank of Eagle), to make a minimum total of eleven merit badges (including the six previously required for Star).



Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouting division. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. Requirements include earning a number of merit badges and demonstration of Scout Spirit, service and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Eagle Scouts are presented with a medal and a badge that visibly recognizes the accomplishments of the Scout.



Eagle Palms are awarded when an Eagle Scout stays in scouting to earn additional merit badges. For every five merit badges a scout receives after he earns Eagle, he will be given one palm. The bronze palm will be awarded first, then the gold palm, and finally the silver palm.



Troop Advancement Protocol: To arrange for rank advancement you must:

1. Complete scout skill rank requirements and demonstrate to a Life or Eagle Scout for sign off,
2. Contact the Merit Badge Advancement Chair for sign off on merit badge rank requirements,
3. Contact the Scout Participation Chair for sign off on Service Hours and Nights of Camping rank requirements,
4. Contact the Scoutmaster for your Scoutmaster Conference (SMC),
5. Contact the Board of Review (BOR) Coordinator for a board of review to be completed at least 2 weeks prior to the next Court of Honor,
6. Show your completely signed off scout book to the Rank Advancement Chair in order to have your Rank Advancement recorded.

Boy Scout Uniform

Class A

The complete Boy Scout uniform is often referred to as “Class A”. It is worn for troop meetings, travelling, and formal Boy Scout events, such as an Eagle Scout Ceremony. The basic uniform can be bought from the scout store and will be a place to display the achievements you gain in Scouting.



Class B

The “Class B” uniform is just the red troop shirt worn with whatever clothes are appropriate for the event. Class B is worn during camping trips and at informal scout events. The shirts can be bought from the troop quartermaster. You will have the choice of cotton or polyester. I would recommend buying the polyester shirt because they can be worn for water activities and are not flammable.

Front Side



Back Side

