

Troop Guide Book

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Welcome to Troop 777 of the Boy Scouts of America!

The mission of the Boy Scouts is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. Our goal is to meet the boys' hope for fun and adventure by using the methods of Scouting to achieve Aims of Scouting of encouraging character development, citizenship, and mental and physical fitness.

Beginning with the ideals spelled out in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout motto, and Scout slogan, the youth leaders plan the Troop program in August for the coming year. The program provides an outdoor setting for personal growth through advancement in skill and rank, leadership development in roles of increasing responsibility within a patrol of 3 to 8 boys and the association with adults who stand as positive role models.

The Scoutmaster and Adult Scouters must care about young people, be willing to teach boys how to be leaders and then allow them the opportunity to lead and serve as role models for these youth.

The Troop Committee supports the Troop by ensuring that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained, provides adequate meeting facilities and any needed support for the adult leaders in carrying out the program. The Committee advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization and is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget and related policies.

The parents support their sons by helping transport the troop, assisting with events, activities and fundraisers and by serving as Merit Badge counselors. Please complete the Troop Resource Survey found in this packet and consider where you would like to "pitch in." Rest assured that you will be asked when help is needed.

Each year a number of fundraising events are planned. Each Scout family is expected to participate in a minimum of at least one fundraiser a year. We also provide other fundraisers that allow the scout to earn monies that go into their 'Scout account' and may be applied towards Scout related equipment purchases and camp fees and costs.

This guidebook is for your information as well as to distribute the paperwork needed before your son's attendance at Troop outings. The annual medical record included in the membership application needs to be completed up through Section II at this time. The Doctors' portion (Section III) is required for Summer Camp or high adventure activities and must be resubmitted every three years. Please complete and return all of the forms included in this package as soon as you are able.

Please make note of upcoming activities and place them on your family calendar. The current calendar of events, this guidebook and Troop Committee, and Scoutmaster Policies are available on line at: www.bsa777.org.

If you would like to find out more about the Troop, please join us on the second Monday of each month from 6:45 PM - 8:30 PM at our Committee meeting or feel free to call me anytime.

Thank you,

Vickie

Vickie Jones
Troop 777 Committee Chairman
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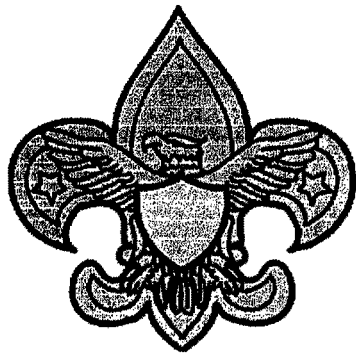
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INTEREST SURVEY

(to be completed by Scouts)

Complete the following. Your responses will be used to help develop the program of activities throughout the year, so it is very important that you provide complete responses.

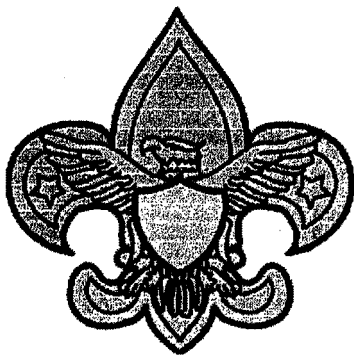
Name: _____

Date: _____

1. What specific interests do you have that you would like to see the Troop pursue during this year? _____

2. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for activities that would address these interests? _____

3. Consider for a moment the areas of citizenship, service, leadership, social, outdoor, and fitness. How would your interests fit into any of these areas?



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INTEREST SURVEY

(to be completed by Scouts)

INTEREST SURVEY—ALPHA LIST

PLEASE CHECK EACH ACTIVITY THAT YOU WOULD LIKE THE TROOP TO PLAN TO DO IN THE NEXT YEAR

- | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Airport tour | <input type="checkbox"/> First aid training | <input type="checkbox"/> Public speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Automobile plant/dealership | <input type="checkbox"/> Gourmet cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Recycling center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Government official | <input type="checkbox"/> River rafting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue party | <input type="checkbox"/> Halloween party | <input type="checkbox"/> Road rally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beach party | <input type="checkbox"/> Ham radio | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock climbing/rappelling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bike hike | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking trail cleanup | <input type="checkbox"/> Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Block party | <input type="checkbox"/> History, study the town's | <input type="checkbox"/> Saving money |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bowling | <input type="checkbox"/> History, trace family | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buy a car, how to | <input type="checkbox"/> Hobby smorgasbord | <input type="checkbox"/> Scuba |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping trip | <input type="checkbox"/> Horseback riding | <input type="checkbox"/> Senior citizens, assistance to |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Hunter education | <input type="checkbox"/> Shooting sports meet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car wash | <input type="checkbox"/> Ice-skating party | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Career clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry, local | <input type="checkbox"/> Ski weekend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cave exploring | <input type="checkbox"/> Intercrew activities | <input type="checkbox"/> Slide show, plan a |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Child care | <input type="checkbox"/> Job interviewing skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Snorkeling/scuba diving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas party | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Spaghetti dinner |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil defense | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving, swimming | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College or university visit | <input type="checkbox"/> Military base trip | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> College panel discussion | <input type="checkbox"/> Morality, ethics | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports tournament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Mountaineering | <input type="checkbox"/> State capitol, visit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community cleanup activity | <input type="checkbox"/> Movies | <input type="checkbox"/> Summer jobs clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation project | <input type="checkbox"/> Music listening | <input type="checkbox"/> Swim meet |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter writing | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming party |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Court session | <input type="checkbox"/> Orientation flight | <input type="checkbox"/> Television station |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crew reunion party | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Tennis clinic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise, sailing | <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor living history | <input type="checkbox"/> Train trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling/mountain biking | <input type="checkbox"/> Pancake breakfast/supper | <input type="checkbox"/> United Way, support the |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dance | <input type="checkbox"/> Parents' night | <input type="checkbox"/> Watercraft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diet and nutrition | <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time jobs clinic | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterskiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabled citizens, assistance to | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather bureau |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drug abuse/alcoholism | <input type="checkbox"/> Physical fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness survival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Easter egg hunt for children | <input type="checkbox"/> Planetarium | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter camping trip |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Plants and wildlife | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family picnic | <input type="checkbox"/> Play, produce a | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Family sports day | <input type="checkbox"/> Power station | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fashion show | <input type="checkbox"/> Progressive dinner | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fire safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Project COPE | _____ |

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Membership Contract

If approved for full membership at the expiration of my probationary period (90 days from application date and receipt of dues) I, _____, agree to follow all standards as set forth by the Troop. I understand that in order to be admitted as a full member to Troop 777, I must pass a Skills Review, a Scoutmaster Interview, an interview with the Membership Committee and then be elected by seventy-five percent or more of the current Troop members.

I understand that as a member of Troop 777, I will be expected to be an active member of the Troop, retain extensive knowledge of all Scouting skills, display the highest degree of maturity in all appropriate activities and accept responsibility for all of my actions.

I agree to abide by and accept the following disciplinary measures should they be necessary (as determined in the sole and absolute discretion of the Scoutmaster):

First Infraction: Warning.

Second Infraction: Probation. Membership will be reevaluated in three months to see if area of discipline has improved.

Third Infraction: Removal from the Troop.

I understand and agree to the above conditions:

Date: _____
Signature of person desiring membership in Troop 777

Date: _____
Signature(s) of new member's Parent(s)

Date: _____
Signature(s) of new member's Parent(s)

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Scoutmaster Discipline Documentation

As outlined in the Troop Membership Contract with _____, the Scoutmaster has taken the following actions:

First Infraction: Warning.

Description of infraction (date/time, etc.) _____

_____ Date: _____ _____ Date: _____
Scout Signature Scoutmaster Signature

Second Infraction: Probation. Membership will be reevaluated in three months to see if area of discipline has improved.

Description of infraction (date/time, etc.) _____

_____ Date: _____ _____ Date: _____
Scout Signature Scoutmaster Signature

Third Infraction: Removal from the Troop.

Description of infraction (date/time, etc.) _____

_____ Date: _____ _____ Date: _____
Scout Signature Scoutmaster Signature

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Outdoor Rules and Permission Form

A Scouts behavior must conform to the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code.

No campfire will be permitted until authorized by the Senior Patrol Leader ('SPL') and the Patrol Leader ('PL'). All campfires will be built in a spot from which fire will not spread. To ensure this, combustible materials will be cleared at least 10' away from any fire. The area must be checked for overhanging branches. Cooking and campfires will be extinguished properly. All fire laws; ordinances and regulations will be obeyed.

Tents must be pitched at least 20 feet away from an open fire. Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents.

Flammable chemicals such as charcoal lighter, bug repellent, and flame sources such as liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, candles and matches may only be used in designated areas. Fuel will be stored in approved containers and must be kept away from hot stoves and campfires at all times.

Stoves and lanterns will be used only outdoors and must be cool before refueling. Before changing fuel or refueling fuel containers, the container must be inspected for leaks. All stoves and lanterns will be placed on a level, secure surface before operating. On snow, an insulated support will be used to prevent melting and tipping. When lighting a stove or lantern, keep your head and body to one side for added safety. Stoves and lanterns which are in use must be attended to at all times.

The Scoutmaster must approve the use of any electronic devices, butane lighters, any pressurized cans (regardless of contents), junk food, soda and any toys (including cards or card games) in advance of Troop outing(s) or meeting(s).

Any Scout that carries a knife, ax or saw must have a Totin' Chip/Fire & Chit on his person or shall be subject to the item(s) being confiscated.

A campout packing list can be found in the Boy Scout Hand Book (pages 51-54). Don't worry about gear. The Patrol's will organize who needs what to bring by outing.

The 'Buddy System' (see your Scout Book) will be used at all activities.

I, _____ the parent/guardian of _____, request Troop 777 to allow him to participate in all outings for the _____ - _____ calendar year. We have read, understood and agreed to abide by the Troop 777 Outdoor Rules and acknowledge that a violation may result in the Scout being sent home prematurely from the activity and/or the Scoutmaster exercising his authority as noted in the Scoutmaster Discipline Form. Permission is also granted, in case of an emergency, for first aid and/or medical attention from a physician or other qualified party as is further noted in the Informed Consent and Hold Harmless Agreement.

Scout Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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Miscellaneous (but important!) info.

- All of the forms in the Troop 777 Guidebook, as well as the Boy Scouts of America application for membership AND the medical forms attached thereto, must be completed, signed, turned in AND dues paid before your Scout can attend any outdoor activity.
- The Troop plans its outings, monthly theme and merit badge classes each August/September for the upcoming year. See the full calendar on our website www.bsa777.org. Generally speaking, we plan one outing per month, four or five 'big' outings per year, at least one week long summer camp and several 'service projects' to help our sponsor and the community.
- Our regular troop meeting is each Monday night from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.
- Uniform inspections are held each week.
- Troop Committee meetings (Adults / Troop administration) are held on the second Monday of the month from 7:00 to 8:30. These meetings are held in one of the small side rooms simultaneously with the regular Troop meeting. The Troop Committee supports the Scoutmaster, the annual calendar (Troop Annual Plan - the 'TAP') and the Scouts.
- Greenbar (Scout leadership) monthly planning meetings are held on the third Monday of the month at 6:00 PM. Additionally, Greenbar meets every Monday from 6:30 - 7:00 before the Troop meeting. Greenbar consists of the Scouts who have been elected by their fellow Scouts to serve as Troop Leadership for a six month term (October 1st - March 31st / April 1st - September 30th).
- Scoutmaster meetings (Adults / Scout administration) are usually held on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM at the El Camino Baptist Church (check in with the Scoutmaster before showing up as this meeting is NOT cast in concrete at this time or location). Scoutmaster meetings are comprised of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster(s) and other Scoutmaster appointed adults.
- ALL meetings are open to the parents / guardians of any member Scout, or prospective member Scout. Please attend any meeting you wish.

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What we expect from our Scouts:

- Regular attendance at Monday night Troop meetings.
- Passing the uniform inspection (3 uniform elements minimum!).
- Bring paper, pencil and your Scout book to each meeting.
- When you are in uniform you represent ALL Boy Scouts. Act accordingly. Set a good example, do a good turn and above all else... Be Prepared!
- Earning your Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class rank advancements within your first year of Scouting.
- Respecting the property of our Sponsor (El Camino Baptist Church).
- Participating in Eagle Projects (Service Projects) when asked by your fellow Scouts.
- Participating in Troop Service Projects (see TAP for dates). We generally plan on service project to benefit our sponsor and one service project to benefit the community per year.
- Participation in at least one Troop fundraisers per year so that you help earn the extra money we need for equipment and activity costs which are part of the annual expenses the Troop budgets for each year.
- Earning the money to pay for your summer camp costs. We schedule several Troop fundraisers each year and help organize several individual fundraising opportunities that you can choose from. Summer camp costs about \$250 for one week (food, transportation and camp fees).

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Our expectations of the Parents of our Scouts:

- That you will support your son in his advancement in the Troop.
- That you will support the Scoutmaster in his efforts to help your son learn the Scouting method and Troop program.
- That you will support the Troop Committee in its efforts to help run the administrative end of the Troop program. There are plenty opportunities for you to help - please familiarize yourself with the Committee structure and volunteer where you feel you can do the most good.
- That you will volunteer (two times per year suggested minimum) to drive Scouts to/from a monthly activity, act as an adult volunteer on a weekend activity or volunteer as a merit badge counselor.
- That you will volunteer (two times per year suggested minimum) to help on a Troop fundraiser so that we can earn the money to fund the Troops annual budget.
- That you will make suggestions to the Troop Committee regarding what you would like the Troop Committee to do (or not) or how you would like the Troop Committee to do something (or not). Constructive criticism is welcomed and encouraged.
- That you will make suggestions to the Scoutmaster regarding what you would like the Troop to do (or not) or how you would like the Troop to do something (or not). Constructive criticism is welcomed and encouraged.
- That you will familiarize yourself with the Troop Calendar (the 'TAP'), that you will enter these dates in your family's calendar and that you will plan, to the extent possible, around Troop functions. There is no better way to ensure your son's success than to make Scouting a high priority in your family's planning.

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PARENTAL INFORMED CONSENT AND HOLD-HARMLESS / RELEASE AGREEMENT

I/We understand that participation in the various activities offered through Troop 777 of the Catalina Council, BSA, during the current calendar years involve a certain degree of risk that could result in injury or death. We have received and reviewed a copy of the Troop Annual Plan "TAP" and are aware of the events, activities and functions in which my/our son may participate.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived and after carefully considering the risk involved, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an organization in which membership is voluntary, and having full confidence that precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of my (son/ daughter), I/We have given _____
_____ (name of Scout) my/our consent to participate in all approved Troop 777 activities and waive all claims I/We may have against Troop 777, the Boy Scouts of America, Catalina Council, the activity coordinator(s), Troop 777 adult volunteers and all employees, volunteers, or sponsors associated with the (activity).

In case of emergency, I/We understand every effort will be made to contact me/us. In the event I/We cannot be reached. I/We hereby give my/our permission to the physician selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child.

Emergency Contact Information:

Who should we contact first? Name: _____
Relationship? _____ Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Who should we contact second? Name: _____
Relationship? _____ Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Name of Family Physician: _____
Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Health Insurance Provider: _____ Policy#: _____

Date of last Tetanus shot: _____ Allergies? _____
_____ Required Medications? _____

This form must have both parent/guardian signatures prior to attendance at any approved Troop 777 outing or activity by your Scout.

Signature Date Signature Date

TROOP RESOURCE SURVEY

(To be completed by adults)



Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop. In making this survey the committee wishes to find way you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Scout family of troop No. _____ in the _____ Council.

Please return this survey to _____

(Please print)

Name _____ Home phone _____

Street address _____ Business Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

1. What is your favorite hobby? _____ Occupation _____

2. In what sports do you take an active part? _____

3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally? _____

4. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help.

General Activities

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Bookkeeping
- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other _____
please print

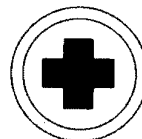
Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a station wagon or _____ truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to a cottage.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I can help with troop equipment.
- I have access to a personal computer.

5. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach.

- | | |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Ropework (knots and lashings) | • Conservation |
| • Outdoor cooking | • Aquatics |
| • First aid | • Knife and ax handling |
| • Star study | • Citizenship |
| • Map and compass use | • Camping |

Check the merit badges on the other side of this sheet that you are willing to help our Boy Scouts earn.



MERIT BADGES

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Check the merit badges that you can help Boy Scouts earn

- American Business
- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- American Labor
- Animal Science
- Archeology
- Archery
- Architecture
- Art
- Astronomy
- Athletics
- Atomic Energy
- Auto Mechanics
- Aviation
- Backpacking
- Basketball
- Bird Study
- Bugling
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Chemistry
- Cinematography
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Climbing
- Coin Collecting
- Collections
- Communications
- Computers
- Cooking
- Crime Prevention
- Cycling
- Dentistry
- Disability Awareness
- Dog Care
- Drafting
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Energy
- Engineering
- Entrepreneur
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- Farm Mechanics
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Golf
- Graphics Arts
- Hiking
- Home Repairs
- Horsemanship
- Indian Lore
- Insect Study
- Journalism
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Leatherwork
- Lifesaving
- Mammal Study
- Medicine
- Metalwork
- Model Design
- Motorboating
- Music
- Nature
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Painting
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Pets
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Plumbing
- Pottery
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Pulp and Paper
- Radio
- Railroad
- Reading
- Reptile/Amphibian Study
- Rifle Shooting
- Rowing
- Safety
- Salesmanship
- Scholarship
- Sculpture
- Shotgun Shooting
- Skating
- Skiing
- Small Boat Sailing
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Space Exploration
- Sports
- Stamp Collecting
- Surveying
- Swimming
- Textile
- Theater
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Veterinary Medicine
- Water Skiing
- Weather
- Whitewater
- Wilderness Survival
- Wood Carving
- Woodwork

Other skills and activities I could assist in for the older-Scout program:

- Backpacking
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Business
- Cross-country skiing
- Cycling
- Downhill skiing
- Fishing
- Free-style biking
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kayaking
- Mechanics
- Mountain man
- Orienteering
- Rafting
- Rappelling
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shooting sports
- Slow-pitch softball
- Snow camping
- Soccer
- Spelunking
- Survival
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Video/photography
- Volleyball
- Whitewater canoeing
- Windsurfing

