

Troop 90
Information Guide
for
Parents & Guardians



Monday Evenings, 7:00 — 8:30 p.m.
East Hills Community Church
20660 Orange Terrace Parkway
Riverside CA 92508

Mr. Burk, Scoutmaster

www.bsatroop90.org



Dear Fellow Scouter:

Welcome to Troop 90, Riverside, California. For over 50 years Troop 90 has been one of the most active and successful Troops in the Riverside area. Our program for boys has always been a balance of fun activities and opportunities for personal growth and service to the community. Activities involve overnight camping, long-term summer camps, day trips and involved Troop meetings. The boys run our Troop, from the Troop meetings to the outing location and program. We are blessed with a very active adult support group that includes Scoutmasters and committee members.

I invite you to visit our Troop as a group or individually. If you have any questions, feel free to talk to any of the Scouts or Adults in attendance. Thank you for taking the time to visit our Troop. We hope that your Scout will have a successful career in Scouting. Troop 90 is interested in being a part of that success.

Yours in Scouting,

Michael Burk
Scoutmaster

Welcome to Troop 90!

Whether your son is continuing his Scouting career from Cub Scouts, another Troop, or is joining Scouts for the first time, let me welcome both you and your son into a terrific Troop. Our Troop is boy-led and boy-run with appropriate adult supervision. It is our hope your Scout enjoys his time here as he advances in rank, the ideal is to become an Eagle Scout.

We have a wonderful group of adults to help your Scout achieve his full potential. Some have very obvious and public roles such as the Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters, while others are more “behind the scenes” such as Secretary, Recharter Coordinator and Camping Coordinator.

All of these positions are invaluable in supporting and providing the Troop 90 program. If you think you would like to help out – *in any way* – please ask! There’s a good bet there’s a job with your name waiting for you.

Yours in Scouting,

Kenneth Campbell
Committee Chair



PURPOSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide for an effective program for boys, designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop in them personal fitness, thus to help in the development of American citizens who:

- Are physically, mentally and emotionally fit.
- Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.
- Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts.
- Have the desire and the skills to help others.
- Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental system.
- Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.
- Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.
- Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and in the forums of the world.

The Boy Scouts of America accomplishes this purpose by making its program available in partnership with existing groups having compatible goals, including religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and governmental bodies.

YOUR LIFE AS A SCOUT

Today you are a boy. Before long you will be a man. It is important to yourself that you become a citizen of fine character, physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight. Boy scouting will help you become that kind of citizen. But also, Scouting will give you fellowship and fun.

Yes, it's fun to be a Boy Scout! It's fun to go hiking and camping with your friends... to swim... to dive... to paddle a canoe... to wield an ax... to follow the footsteps of the pioneers who led the way through the wilderness... to stare into the glowing embers of a campfire and dream of the wonders of the life that is in store for you.

It is also fun to learn to walk noiselessly through the woods... to stand close to a grazing deer without being noticed... to bring a bird close to you by imitating its call. It is fun to find your way cross-country by map and compass...to make a meal when you are hungry...to take a safe swim when you are hot...to make yourself comfortable for the night in a tent or under the stars. In Scouting you become an outdoorsman.



But Scouting is far more than fun in the outdoors, hiking, and camping. Scouting is a way of life. Scouting is growing into responsible manhood, learning to be of service to others.

The Scout Oath and Scout Law are your guides to citizenship. They tell you what is expected of a Scout. They point out your duties. The Scout Motto is “**Be Prepared**”- prepared to take care of yourself and to help people in need. The Scout slogan is “**Do a Good Turn Daily.**” Together, the motto and slogan spell out your ability and your willingness to serve.

Your life as a Scout will make you strong and self-reliant. You will learn Scout craft skills that will benefit you as you grow. In time, you will develop skills of leadership as well.

So pitch in! Swing into action! In your patrol and your troop you will have some of the best times of your life.

About Troop 90

Troop 90 is a BOY RUN TROOP. The role of the adult leaders and parents is to give GUIDANCE to the boys and the elected leaders—NOT TO DO THE JOBS FOR THEM!

Scouting is what each of us, working together, makes of it. It requires a commitment in time and effort, by the boy and by the parents. What a boy gets out of the program is directly related to what the parents put in. Parents who care and want to help their Scout sons, have an opportunity to serve on the Troop Committee; be Assistant Scoutmasters; Merit Badge Counselors; work at a District level position; or go on an occasional camp-out or hike, are encouraged to participate. Without parents helping on the Troop Committee, going on camp-outs, and helping in other ways the Troop will not function. We can always use more parents helping in the Troop. THERE IS A JOB FOR EVERYONE!

REMEMBER- In most cases the Scout who has a parent that works with the Troop will stay with the program longer and get more out of it.

Troop 90 History

Troop 90 was chartered in August of 1947. The Riverside Arlington Kiwanis Club has sponsored us since 1976. Hundreds of young men have been in Troop 90 over the years in which over 65 members have made it to the rank of Eagle Scout, the top level in scouting! Currently the troop has a large active membership.



Troop Meetings and Functions:

Regular Troop Meetings

Troop 90 generally meets every Monday evening (except holidays and the last two weeks of the year) of every month from 7:00PM to 8:30PM at East Hills Community Church, 20660 Orange Terrace Parkway in Riverside. (Eating or drinking at or during Troop meetings is prohibited.) **Full uniform is required at each Scouting function.**

A lot of information is given out at the Troop meetings, so it is important that the Scouts bring a notebook with paper and a pencil to take notes. At times, fliers will be handed out with information for the Scouts. To make sure this information is passed on to the parents of the Scouts, it would be a good idea to ask them if they received any fliers or were given any information as soon as they get home. Many times this information is washed in the uniform or left in the notebook and forgotten until it is too late. We would hate to have a Scout miss an outing because he forgot to give the information to his parents. The Scout should also bring his Scout handbook with him as he will need it during the meetings and outings. The Troop also maintains a website that contains current information. The address is **www.bsatroop90.org**.

Hikes and Other Outdoors Activities

Troop 90 schedules at least one camp-out or other outdoor activity each month (see Troop 90 Calendar). We also schedule one week at a B.S.A. summer camp. The cost of each outdoor program is announced prior to the event, and is flexible to cover the cost of food, campsites, etc. The cost of food will depend on the menu the Scouts plan within their patrol.

Attendance at outdoor activities is strongly encouraged due to the fact that some skills and Merit Badges require participation in those types of events. Scouts who do participate are also eligible to receive many High Adventure awards made available through the various Boy Scout Councils. ***Please note that radios, tape players, electronic games or wrist watches with electronic games are strictly prohibited at ALL Troop activities.***

TROOP 90 ORGANIZATION

Troop 90 is organized into Patrols of approximately eight boys or less. The Scoutmaster, based on information, which you supply, will place your Scout in a Patrol. The Scoutmaster has the option to make changes with Patrols, as he/she deems necessary.

The Troop is administered by an adult committee, made up of the parents of the boys in the Troop and other volunteers. The Troop Committee meets throughout the year. These meetings are in place of a regular Troop meeting (see calendar for dates). The Committee/Parent meetings will generally be held at the Troop's meeting location.



TROOP POSITIONS (SIX MONTH TERM)

The experience of leadership is an important part of Scout advancement. Many leadership positions are available in our Troop. As your Scout progresses, he may possibly find himself elected as a Patrol Leader. Other leadership positions include Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster and Troop Guide. Job descriptions and duties for each position is available on the Troop website, bsatroop90.org

His conduct at Troop meetings and other Troop functions is important to his progress and to his selection for one of these important positions. All Scouts holding a leadership position in the Troop are expected to participate in proper uniform, live by the Scout Oath and law, and set a good example for the rest of the Troop to follow. Training of the mentioned positions will be provided by the Scoutmaster or by another adult counterpart on the Troop Committee.

TROOP REGISTRATION AND DUES

To help the Troop run we collect dues. This money goes towards the Scouts awards and other expenses incurred by the Troop. A Scout is Thrifty, so it is a good idea if he helps with the dues by earning some of the money. In addition to dues we have fundraisers throughout the year to defer costs. Registration and dues are currently \$25.00 per Scout per year and \$15 for each additional Scout, per family. This includes your official registration with Boy Scouts of America for one year, the subscription to Boys Life Magazine and insurance.* The adult leader registration is \$10.

If you are currently registered with a Cub Scout Pack, or are transferring from another Troop, your registration may carry over into Troop 90 by the payment of a \$1.00 transfer fee. Registration and dues, which are due in December of each year, will be prorated depending on the month in which you join the Troop.

*Only one subscription per family is necessary if you have more than one Scout in Troop 90.

DUES:

1. Dues are paid yearly in December; however, they may be paid monthly with the approval of the Troop Committee.
2. Any boy in arrears will not be permitted to attend monthly trips until paid in full. He will be considered inactive in the Troop.



HOW CAN I HELP MY SCOUT GROW IN THE SCOUTING PROGRAM

GOLDEN RULES FOR A SUCCESSFUL SCOUT:

1. BE INTERESTED AND INVOLVED WITH YOUR SONS ADVANCEMENT.
 - Set a time that you can go over your son's next rank. Set goals as to when he should complete the rank. Review the requirements with him to make sure he understands the material. If you are unsure of something make an appointment with the Scoutmaster so you and your son can be sure you understand correctly.
 - Periodically review with your son how he is progressing towards his goal. Check with him to make sure he is making appointments to get requirements signed off.
Note: Parents cannot sign off requirements.

2. BE INTERESTED AND INVOLVED WITH YOUR SONS TROOP PROGRAM.
 - Ask him how the Troop meeting went. Find out if there were any fliers handed out at the meeting and go over them with him. If fliers were handed out about an upcoming event, find out if he will be attending. And if so mark the Troop calendar with the date the permission slip and money are due and make sure he gets them in on time.
 - Check the Troop calendar for upcoming events. (*See Troop 90 Calendar*)
 - When he returns from a camp out ask him about it. Find out where he went and what he did on the camp out. I am sure he will have a story or two to tell you about the camp out. He probably did cooking on the camp out, find out what he cooked.

3. MAKE SURE YOUR SON GETS TO TROOP EVENTS ON TIME AND PICKED UP ON TIME.
 - Make sure you check with your son on upcoming events such as patrol meetings, special training, Patrol Leader council meetings, etc. If he needs to attend make sure he is there and on time. Make sure that he has a ride home when the event is over so he does not have to sit around waiting.

4. BE PREPARED FOR TROOP EVENTS.
 - Make sure your son is prepared for Troop meetings. Check with him during the week to see if he needs to be prepared with a skill event, game, opening, closing or any other part of the meeting. Make sure he has any camping money due, and permission slips. Make sure he has his uniform, Scout handbook, notebook and pencil/pen.
 - Make sure he has the equipment he needs for camp outs and other events.



5. TAKE THE TIME TO ATTEND:

- An occasional Troop Meeting
- Courts of Honor (4 per year)
- All Parents Meeting (6-8 per year)
- An occasional campout

6. IF YOUR SON CANNOT ATTEND A TROOP MEETING OR EVENT

- Make sure he calls his Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster to inform them of his absence. After the Monday meeting, follow up with one of the above to see what he missed and of any announcements of upcoming events he might want to attend.



Troop 90 Committee Positions

Committee Chair	Kenneth Campbell
Scoutmaster	Michael Burk
Treasurer	Jennifer Smalley
Secretary / Scrip Coordinator	Sherrie Marcinov
Service Project Coordinator	Barbra Archibeque
Advancement Chair	Susanne Hove
Webmaster / Assistant Scoutmaster	Michael Hare
Merit Badges	Christie Anderson
Life-to-Eagle Advisor	Steve Bradley
Camping Coordinator	Cheryl Riding
Popcorn Sales	Dave Aguilar
Chaplain	Larry Cole
Re-Charter Coordinator	Roger Chaussee
Medical Paperwork Coordinator	Chris Archibeque
Refreshment Chair	Evelyn Burk
Training Coordinator	Eric Hansen
Quartermaster Adult Chair	Hugh Smith
Equipment Coordinator	Susanne Hove
Chartered Organization Representative	Michael Stong

