



Parent Information

Welcome to Troop 787

The attached package of information is yours to read and will help to assist your family's transition to Boy Scouts. It answers many of your questions, offers information about the troop's history and other important expectations.

Troop 787 has many traditions and continues to be an active troop within all levels of scouting. We strive to hold one major and one minor outing each month. Our hikes range from short day bag trips to high adventure backpacking trips depending on the season and level of scout experience. We schedule activities such as white water rafting, rock climbing and launching rockets in the desert that were built by the scouts. These are just samples of our troop activities.

We wish for every scout joining Troop 787 to advance as far as their abilities and desires will take them. We insist on active scout participation and scout spirit as discussed in this package.

To accomplish the troop's goals, advancement programs and activities, we need parental support and help! Parents who would like to become an Adult Leader, also called a Scouter, in the troop should talk to an Assistant Scoutmaster or me about registering and becoming trained. This would help not only your own scout, but also other scouts in the troop. Parents are encouraged to attend and assist at our troop meetings.

Please take the time to read the attached information and feel free to ask the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters any questions you might have regarding this information.

Yours in Scouting,

Chito Parong
Scoutmaster

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What is Expected of Every Scout?

- A Scout should attend 50% of the Troop/Patrol meetings. Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm is the troop meeting night. Patrol meetings may be scheduled before the start of the troop meeting or at other times of the month.
- The troop holds a series of training hikes annually to prepare all scouts and scouters for major backpacks in the summer, and we hold about 10 overnight camping events. A Scout is expected to attend 50% of the campout activities.
 - If a Scout is involved with school or other organized sports, he has a valid excuse to miss conflicting meetings and campouts. Therefore, he should try to attend as many meetings and campouts as possible during the remainder of the year.
- A Scout is expected to participate in at least 2 troop fundraisers per year.
 - See the full list of troop fundraisers below.
- A Scout should make every attempt to complete his rank advancement in a timely manner.
- Summer Camp is a great place to work on Merit Badges. First-year Scouts usually earn 1-3 badges, second year boys could earn 3-4, and third year Scouts can earn 4-5 badges.

What is Expected of Every Parent?

- Attend the troop meetings to hear announcements.
- Attend the bi-annual Parent Meetings. They are held in April and October.
- Train as a Scout Leader. Saddleback District offers bi-annual Scout Adult Leader Training, which is an opportunity to build your scout skills in a fun and active setting using the patrol method.
- Assist with a committee or tripmaster position.
- Assist your son and others with rank advancement.
- Be part of a “Board of Review” for Rank Advancement.
- Become a Merit Badge Counselor.
- Drive to and/or from outings.
- Attend outings with your son.
- Participate with your scout in the troop fundraisers.
 - Troop 787 has 4 major fundraisers a year.
 - They are: 1) Holiday Gift Wrap, 2) holiday sales (e.g. candy or Christmas greens), and selling our famous egg rolls at the 3) Mission Viejo 4th of July Fair and 4) San Clemente Chamber of Commerce Street Fair.
 - The troop receives a rebate when parents participate in the Albertson’s/Sav-On Community Partners program. The troop also makes a commission on sales from selling O.C. Council Popcorn and Saddleback District Scout-O-Rama booklets.

Summary of Honors

Troop 787 has received the **National Quality Unit Award** for every year since 1982. In order to receive the award, a troop must complete 6 of 10 requirements such as conducting a service project annually, 60% or more of the Scouts in the troop must advance in rank per year, the troop must attend a Boy Scout long-term camp per year, the troop must conduct an annual program planning conference and publish an annual troop calendar plus more. This award is a true measure of a Boy Scout troop's success.

Troop 787 has also received the **Founder's Award** every year since 1995. To receive this award the troop must be a National Quality Unit plus complete additional requirements such as participating in the service project of Scouting for Food, the Orange County Scout-O-Rama, 100% participation in subscribing to the magazine *Boys' Life*, the Popcorn campaign and involvement in the Friends of Scouting program.

National and World Jamborees are opportunities for Scouts to camp together, share knowledge and develop friendships with other Scouts from across our nation and other countries. Scouts from Troop 787 have had the good fortune to attend the following Jamborees:

- In 1985 Scoutmaster of Troop 787, Mr. Reed, led Orange County Scouts to the National Silver Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia. Seven Scouts from Troop 787 attended.
- In 1988 two Scouts from Troop 787 attended the World Jamboree in Australia and a Scout won the R. G. Canning Award along with a trip to Burma.
- In 1993, five Scouts and two Scouters from Troop 787 attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.
- In 1995, two Scouts and two Scouters from Troop 787 attended the World Jamboree held in Holland.
- In 1997, twelve Scouts and one Scouter from Troop 787 attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.
- In 1999, five Scouts and one Scouter from Troop 787 attended the World Jamboree in Chile.
- In 2001, twenty Scouts and six Scouters from Troop 787 attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.
- In 2005, nineteen Scouts from Troop 787 attended the National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia.
- In 2007, four Scouts and two Scouters from Troop 787 attended the World Scouting Jamboree at Hylands Park, Chelmsford, United Kingdom to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of World Scouting
- In 2010, eight Scouts and two Scouters from Troop 787 attended the Centennial National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting in America.

Troop 787

EAGLE'S EYRIE

1. Kirk "Waffle" Illingworth	1976	57. Jonathan Willner	2001
2. Jace Ellis	1978	58. Justin Kam	2002
3. Bryon Smith	1979	59. Bryan Nesthus	2002
4. Mike Davin	1979	60. Mike Scott	2002
5. Steve Urisino	1980	61. Kevin Yackle	2002
6. Kevin O'Neill	1984	62. Ryan Nielson	2002
7. Jeff Lyons	1984	63. Rick Ferguson	2002
8. James Joyce	1985	64. Kyle Nishi	2002
9. John Remmell	1985	65. Ryan Gantz	2002
10. Gavin Zeff	1987	66. Steven Prodan	2003
11. Jeff Duesing	1987	67. Matthew Barger	2003
12. Eric Reed	1987	68. Robert Cooper	2003
13. Jonah Braxton-Brown	1987	69. Kevan Froman	2004
14. Duayne Mortenson	1987	70. Chris Heckman	2004
15. Matt Coplan	1987	71. Mike Morrow	2004
16. Damien Wooldridge	1987	72. Eugene Disney	2004
17. David Van Slyke	1988	73. Mike Barr	2004
18. Aaron Zeff	1988	74. Paul Breazeale	2004
19. Dinesh Rajadhyaksha	1989	75. Bryan Bae	2004
20. Ben Laubbacher	1989	76. Tyler Guest	2005
21. Forrest Cutler	1989	77. Douglas Long	2005
22. Brodie Brickley	1989	78. Matthew Jung	2005
23. Sean Rueter	1990	79. Ryan Galovan	2006
24. Brent Coplan	1991	80. Andrew Ruesch	2006
25. Ryan Allen	1991	81. Alex Teunissen	2006
26. Jeremy Braxton-Brown	1991	82. Ryan Campos	2006
27. Peter Kiehl	1991	83. Richard Prodan	2006
28. Paul Henry	1992	84. Logan Froman	2006
29. Marc Horton	1992	85. Brandon Galovan	2006
30. William Gonzales	1992	86. Erik Anderson	2006
31. Sean Billings	1993	87. Leandro Yuan	2006
32. Andy Kiehl	1993	88. Blair Sammons	2006
33. Scott Rueter	1994	89. Ryan Chen	2006
34. Todd Sterling	1994	90. Daniel Young	2007
35. Aaron Rosenberg	1994	91. Bryan Iwamoto	2007
36. Nicholas Duran	1995	92. Kevin Maul	2007
37. Blair Wallace	1996	93. James Lowe	2007
38. Kyle Koch	1997	94. Glenn Nutting	2008
39. Matt Taylor	1998	95. Garrett Sammons	2008
40. Mike Graham	1998	96. Ryan Huculak	2008
41. Pat Reilly	1998	97. Erik Barr	2008
42. Robert White	1998	98. Jake Reuter	2008
43. Ryan Nishi	1998	99. Nathan Galovan	2008
44. Pat Phegley	1998	100. Anders King	2009
45. Connor Tobin	1998	101. Fernando Yuan	2009
46. Justin Willner	1999	102. Anders Howmann	2009
47. Marshall Wallace	1999	103. Ian Anderson	2009
48. Dustin Ashe-Everest	2000	104. Ron Ng	2009
49. Blake Batterton	2000	105. Robert Schueller	2009
50. David Prodan	2000	106. James Darcy	2009
51. Robert Bisson	2000	107. Ian Schade	2009
52. Chris Velasquez	2001	108. Matt Buggert	2009
53. Jon Teunissen	2001	109. Christian Parong	2010
54. Adam George	2001	110. Steven Ng	2010
55. Shelby Lang	2001	111. Tim Nutting	2010
56. Henry Hsu	2001		

High Adventure Activities

A year-long troop calendar is planned at the annual Patrol Leader Council's Planning Weekend held in August. During this time, the next twelve months of troop program and major activities are determined. The items discussed are the monthly outdoor adventures and which summer camp to attend, as well as an annual troop service project. The following are some of the high adventure activities and summer camps this troop has participated in.

- Canoe trip down the Colorado River
- Rim-to-Rim hike of the Grand Canyon
- Trail hike at Havasupai in the Grand Canyon
- Backpack to peak of Mount Whitney
- Backpacks in Yosemite National Park
- Rock Climbing in Joshua Tree National Monument
- River Rafting in the Kern River
- Backpack to Santiago Peak
- Mountain Biking in Anza-Borrego National Park
- Backpack the Nine Peaks of San Gorgonio

The summer camps attended by the troop include:

1982	Lost Valley	Orange County
1983	Emerald Bay	Catalina Island
1984	Camp Buckhorn	San Bernardino Mountains
1985	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
1986	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
1987	Camp Cherry Valley	Catalina
1988	Lost Valley	Orange County
1989	Camp Three Falls	Ventura County
1990	Camp Pitches	Los Angeles County
1991	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
1992	Camp Cherry Valley	Catalina Island
1993	Camp Silver Fir	Huntington Lake
1994	Circle X Camp	Lake Arrowhead
1995	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
1996	Cutter Scout Reservation	Santa Cruz
1997	Camp Kern	Huntington Lake
1998	Camp Winston	El Dorado National Forest
1999	Circle X Camp	Lake Arrowhead
2000	Camp Cherry Valley	Catalina Island
2001	Camp Kern	Huntington Lake
2002	Lost Valley	Orange County
2003	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
2004	Camp Geronimo	Payson, Arizona
2005	Camp Cherry Valley	Catalina Island
2006	Camp Whitsett	Sequoia National Forest
2007	Camp Emerald Bay	Catalina Island
2008	Camp Cherry Valley	Catalina Island
2009	Camp Chawanakee	Yosemite
2010	Camp Tahquitz	San Bernardino Mountains

Advancement

Welcome to Troop 787. As the Advancement Chair, it is my job and yours to help your son advance in Scouting. How far your son advances will depend on how hard he is willing to work and how much we support his efforts. As you can see, advancement is a team effort. You, your son and I all play a part.

You and your son should read completely the Boy Scout Handbook. This will give you and your son a good idea what is expected for each rank advancement. Your son should regularly attend Troop meetings where he will have the opportunity to learn skills and advance. Troop campouts and hikes are excellent occasions for your son to learn new skills and advance.

Encourage your son to regularly attend Troop meetings and outings so he can have the best opportunity to advance.

Andrea Thorlakson
Advancement Chair

Procedure for Rank Advancement

1. The Scout completes rank requirements in the Boy Scout Handbook and has each requirement signed off by the patrol leader.
2. The Scout schedules a **Skills Test** with the Advancement Chair. Skills Testing is performed by Scouters and senior scouts to review the Scout's skills and requirements.
3. After the Scout successfully completes the Skills Test, the Scout schedules a **Scoutmaster Conference** with the Advancement Chair.
4. After the Scout successfully completes the Scoutmaster Conference, he schedules a **Board of Review** with the Advancement Chair.
5. After the Scout is told he has successfully completed the Board of Review, he asks each Board member to sign his handbook.
6. The Scout is then recognized at Circle-Up and at the next bi-annual Court of Honor for his achievement.
7. For the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class, a minimum of one month's time is required between the Board of Review for one rank and the Scoutmaster Conference of the next rank.

Advancement Process Outline

The following is the process used when conducting a Skills Test, Scoutmaster Conference, and a Board of Review for the ranks of Tenderfoot through Life. **The Scout should be dressed in a complete “Class A” uniform, and have with him all tools necessary for the review. (Boy Scout Handbook, Personal Scout history, i.e. “Trail to Eagle” notebook, pen, compass, topographical map, rope, etc.)**

Step 1. The candidate is asked to recite the Scout Oath. If he is successful, the board will go on to step 2. If not, the interview is terminated and rescheduled.

Step 2. The candidate is asked to recite the Scout Law. If he is successful, the board will go to step 3. If not, the interview is terminated and rescheduled.

Step 3. During the Skills Test and Scoutmaster Conference (not at a Board of Review), the candidate will be quizzed on his completed requirements. If satisfied that the Scout knows the material, the Skills Testers and Scoutmaster will go on to step 4. If not, the interview is terminated and rescheduled. At a Board of Review, the candidate may be asked some skills questions.

Step 4. Leadership Questions

- a) Patrol meetings (how they are handled). He may not know this if he has not been a Patrol Leader.
- b) Situation to solve. (Make one up applicable to the rank), such as:
 - how to organize a patrol hike as a Patrol Leader
 - what to do in an emergency

Step 5. If the candidate can answer all of the above with confidence and limited difficulty, then he may pass. Questions must be geared to the rank advancement being conducted.

NOTE: The Orange County Council suggested questions may also be used.

Scout Vespers

(Sung at circle-up by parents and scouts)
(Tune: Maryland, My Maryland)

*Softly falls the light of day
While our campfire fades away,
Silently each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?*

787 Troop Song

(Tune: Marine Corps song)

*We are Scouts from 787
From the BARN at Mission V
We will beat other troops at Camporee
We will bring them to their knees
First to hike for hiking skill award
And to keep our campsites clean
We are proud to wear our uniforms
Cause we like to be seen...
At Mc Donald's*

Scout Spirit

Every rank advancement past “Scout” requires that a Scout demonstrates Scout Spirit. The challenge is how to define it. Please share the following with your scout.

Scouts are evaluated by what they do, not what they say — in other words, “show me”. Does he live by the Scout Law? Is he trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent? How does he wear his scout uniform? Does he wear it proudly? Does he wear the complete scout uniform or only parts of it? How does he conduct himself at the troop meetings and outings?

The following is a list of standards:

Dress Code for Meetings and Events:

Unless instructed otherwise, your son should attend each troop meeting in **Class A uniform**, which consists of a Boy Scout shirt, Boy Scout shorts or pants, Boy Scout socks, Boy Scout belt, and the Troop 787 neckerchief with a slide.

- Should your son show up improperly dressed, he will not get attendance credit.
- Your son may want to wear the Troop 787 red shirt under his scout shirt to meetings. Some of the games played are rough on clothes.

Dress Code for Scout Outings:

Your son should wear his uniform as follows:

- Traveling to and from Outings
- Class A uniform (neckerchiefs are optional)
- At Outings
 - Class B uniform consisting of a Troop 787 red shirt, Boy Scout pants or shorts, Boy Scout socks and a Boy Scout belt.
 - At some fundraisers, such as Gift Wrap, scouts wear Class A uniforms.
- High Adventure Outings
 - Class B uniform with appropriate hiking shorts and hiking socks and such other special clothing recommended by the leaders.

Attendance:

Your son is expected to attend a minimum of half (50%) of the Troop meetings calculated on a three month rolling average. This means that the attendance sheet can be pulled at any time and the scout will meet the standard if he attended half of the meetings during the last three months.

Note: If the standard is not being met, it could disqualify your Scout from attending outings, delay a Scoutmaster conference, and delay rank advancement.

Your son is expected to attend a minimum of half (50%) of the scheduled patrol meetings based on the same calculation.

Your son is expected to attend a minimum of half (50%) of the scheduled outings, troop service projects and troop fundraisers per year.

See “What is Expected of Every Scout”, page 3.

Outings:

Attending a Scout outing is a privilege, not a right. To be eligible to attend an outing, a Scout must attend the troop meeting just prior to the outing in order to properly complete all paperwork, be briefed on what is expected for the outing and make payment in full. A Permission Slip signed by the parent or guardian is mandatory.

Note: Homework, social obligations and other activities could prevent your Scout from attending the troop meeting just prior to the outing. Have your son call the Scoutmaster. He may still be eligible, considering his recent attendance record.

Cost of Activities:

Any Scout or parent who signs up for an activity (campout, outing, event, etc.) will be responsible for their portion of any expense associated with such activity whether they attend or not. In order for the scout or parent to not be responsible for the expenses associated with such activity, the Tripmaster MUST BE notified that the scout or parent will be unable to attend the activity and cancel their signup prior to any expenses being incurred by the Troop and/or the Tripmaster.

Parent's Meetings:

At the Troop Committee Meeting in April and October, there is a parent meeting. *All parents are asked to attend*. It is difficult to convince your son to attend the troop meetings regularly when you don't attend the parent meetings.

If you or your son has questions about the troop standards, feel free to call the Scoutmaster. You can discuss the subject and hopefully arrive at a solution that will make you and your son's participation in Troop 787 a rewarding and enjoyable experience.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Uniform and Boots

Over the years, as the Scouts have grown (physically) they have donated their uniforms and used hiking boots to the troop. These items are in the cabinet at the front of the Barn. These items are available to any troop member who wishes to use them. We ask only that you drop off similar outgrown items when possible.

Fee Schedule

Annual troop dues for each scout are \$80.00 a year payable at the time of the yearly troop rechartering process. You will be notified when the fee is to be paid. The Scout receives a subscription to Boy's Life and a new Troop 787 red shirt as part of the troop dues. A Troop 787 hat is included with the dues only when a scout first enters the troop. Certain insurance coverage from the O.C. Council of BSA and the BSA National Registration fee are also included.

Mid-Year Registrants: New Scouts joining the troop between August 1st and December 31st will receive a \$25 reduction in troop dues paid. They will then pay the full annual troop fees assessed for the yearly troop rechartering each subsequent term.

Transfer Scouts and Scouters: Depending on the month the scout joins, the annual troop dues plus the one-dollar Orange County Council transfer fee minus the Boy Scout National Registration fee will be assessed to a Scout transferring into the troop at any time of the year. The Orange County Council transfer fee of one dollar will be assessed on all transfer Scouters. Troop dues may be reduced, as with Mid-Year Registrants, depending on the date of transfer.

Troop Discipline

The Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPLs) and Patrol Leaders are responsible for maintaining troop discipline. The Scout Sign will be used to restore order. If this doesn't work, the Scoutmaster may step in and take other actions. When these leaders are not present, an ASPL or an Assistant Scoutmaster may maintain discipline if the circumstance dictate the necessity.

All Scouts and their parents shall sign a Troop Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding and Disciplinary Action Policy. This document outlines the types of behavior that are infractions of troop standards and indicates the discipline that a scout may expect for such an infraction.

Troop Meeting Format

Troop 787 is a boy led troop. The Senior Patrol Leader is in charge of the troop meetings from beginning to end. His appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders and Patrol Leaders aid him during the meetings.

- Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and Program Patrol should arrive at the Barn by 6:45 pm to complete preparations for the meeting.
- Program Patrol will get out the flags and flag stands. The Scoutmaster will provide the key to the Quartermaster's storage area.
- The Program Patrol will arrive at 6:45 pm
- Promptly at 7:00 pm, the Senior Patrol Leader will call "Patrol Lines".
- The Program Patrol will present the Colors and the Pledge of Allegiance will be recited.
- Next, scouts chosen by the Senior Patrol Leader or an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader will lead the Scout Oath, Scout Law, and the Outdoor Code.
- The Senior Patrol Leader calls for "ANNOUNCEMENTS."
- The patrols are released for about ten minutes to Patrol Corners to take attendance, uniform check and review rank advancement requirements.
- The rest of the evening proceedings are conducted based on the theme of the month and the Patrol Leader Council's scheduled interpatrol activities.
- At the end of the interpatrol activities, the Senior Patrol Leader calls "Patrol Lines" for any closing announcements and closing flag ceremony.
- The meeting is concluded with Circle Up, at which time Merit Badges, Awards, or Rank Advancements are presented, followed by the Scoutmaster Minute and Scout Vespers.
- Service Patrol, assigned on a monthly basis, stays after the meeting for cleanup.

Scoutmaster Minute

Troop 787 was chartered in 1974 and is in its 37th year of participation in scouting and service to the community.

Coast Bible Church became the chartering organization of Troop 787 in 1983 and for the past 27 years, each Monday night at 7:00 pm Scouts and Scouters converge on "THE BARN" for our weekly troop meetings. "THE BARN" provides a truly unique meeting place for Troop 787. The inside is large enough to accommodate our Troop no matter how large it grows. The outside areas provide us with a place to store our covered trailer, our open trailers and a large storage bin. To all scouts in Orange County "THE BARN" has become synonymous with Troop 787.

The 21st century finds Troop 787 bigger and stronger than ever. We are a troop of over 50 registered Boy Scouts and many (but still needing more) registered adult Scouters. Troop 787 is renowned as a "high adventure" troop. Hiking and backpacking, mountain climbing, river rafting, canoeing, and snow camping are typical Troop 787 activities. Our program involves the development of the scouting principles — scout skills, leadership skills and promoting the concept of a Scout-run troop. Such a program builds leaders. Troop 787 is especially proud of our **111** Scouts (as of Dec 2010) who have attained scouting's highest rank, that of Eagle Scout.

The continuing success of this troop has been through strong adult leadership, parent support and participation, and scouts committed to their own goals. To maintain the fine traditions of Troop 787 we strongly request your support and need your active involvement.

As Scoutmaster of Troop 787, I hope through this parent information package you have an increased understanding about our troop. I wish you and your scout many happy adventures along the scouting trail.

Yours in Scouting,

Chito Parong
Troop 787 Scoutmaster