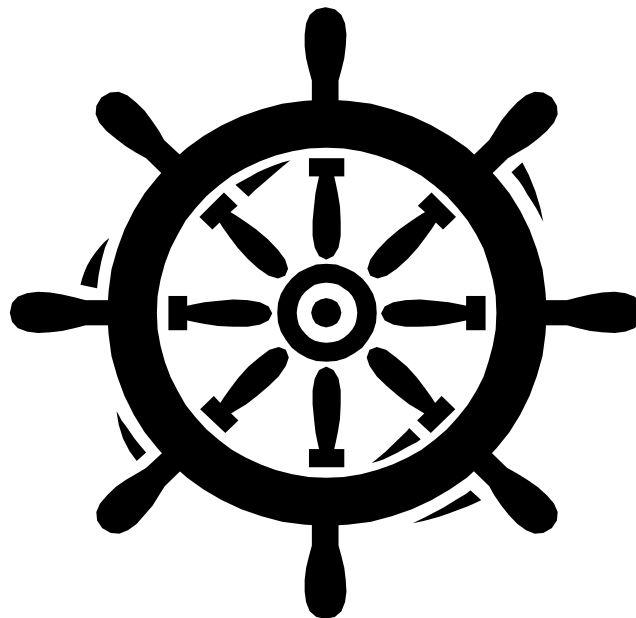


WELCOME TO
BOY SCOUT TROOP 911
PLEASANTON, CA

SETTING COURSE FOR ADVENTURE



New Scout Orientation Guide 2011-2012



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Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 911

When your son joins a Boy Scout Troop, he will find many differences from his Cub Scouting days. A Boy Scout Troop has more outdoor activities, including camping, hiking, skiing, cave exploration, canoeing, archery, backpacking, rifle shooting, white water rafting and lots of other exciting opportunities. We do fewer crafts than Cubs do. Different Troops pick different kinds of activities, so make sure you are happy with our selection when you join.

In Cub Scouting, adults will plan and manage most meetings and activities. In Boy Scouting, the boys learn to do most of these things for themselves, which reinforces self-development, self-motivation and leadership. The Scouts choose our activities. Adults will help organize them, make reservations and provide transportation. The Scouts are responsible for planning menus, setting up and striking camp, cooking, cleaning and scheduling. They also plan and run most Troop Meetings and perform skills instruction with adult consultation. Your son will learn a great deal about knots, first aid, orienteering and other skills from older Scouts. When he is older, he will help teach younger boys and help with the leadership of the Troop.

Boy Scouts learn about taking care of themselves—organization, emergency procedures, and self-reliance in the outdoors, self-confidence, teamwork, environmental awareness and leadership. We look forward to working with your son!

Troop Meetings

The troop meets every Monday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1225 Hopyard Road except during school holidays and vacations. A calendar listing the Monday meetings and other activities is maintained by the troop on the troop web site:

<http://cannonsite.com/troop911/calendar.asp>

New Scouts will be assigned to a patrol with mixed ages, in order for the older scouts to teach the younger scouts. An older Scout (Troop Guide) who will help develop their skills and introduce them to the Troop organization and activities will lead this patrol. Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders, who are chosen by the boys, lead patrols. The Patrol Leaders report to the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is the youth leader in charge of the entire troop.



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Troop Activities

The Scouts typically plan troop activities, with guidance from the adults. Camping trips are scheduled almost every month and there occasionally will be small group activities that relate to advancement, something the Scouts have been working on at troop meetings. Service is also a large component of our activity schedule, with opportunities offered almost every month. A list of our planned activities for the year in can be found on the troop website.

Each year the troop typically participates in Camporee, a snow trip, a beach trip, and Summer Camp. Camporees are inter-troop competitions held over an entire weekend. Our troop snow trip usually involves snow camping, sledding, and some years downhill skiing in the winter and a high adventure backpacking trip in the summer. Other campouts occur during the year and can include activities at the beach and the mountains. Snow camping, shooting sports, urban orienteering, and backpacking are just some of the recent activities. Summer Camp is one week long during July or August. Scouts will have the opportunity to work on badges in fishing, astronomy, horseback riding, sailing, canoeing, rowing and archery. They will have the opportunity to practice rifle shooting, go swimming and participate in camp-wide games. Troop 911 will usually go to one of our Council camps in Willits or on the Russian River in Cazadero, one year and then go out of council the next.

Scout Participation Requirements

In order to advance in Scouting, a Boy Scout must demonstrate his Scout Spirit. One measure of this spirit is his active participation in the troop activities. In the case of leadership positions, the Scout must demonstrate his commitment to the office, which he holds.

To properly administer his duties in a leadership position, a Scout must participate in 60-90% of all Troop activities, depending on the position.



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Parent Participation

Our troop requires parent participation on some level. The more you are involved, the more likely your son will stay in Scouting, generate positive experiences and develop self-motivation and self-reliance, which will assist in his development and provide skills in his adult life. In addition, with your participation, you will understand how the troop operates. We welcome any input from parents and will do our best to accommodate special situations, as long as the safety of the boys in our troop is maintained.

Parents are expected to support the troop by driving to outings, shopping for food, attending troop committee/parents meetings and by helping with fund raising and other special jobs that may crop up from time to time. If everyone does just a little bit, a few people won't be doing it all! Most commitments are short term. Running a particular activity or coordinating transportation.

Parents are expected to stay informed, using email as generated by the Troop's Yahoo group. Quiz your son every now and then on what is taking place with the troop. It helps if you can stay for an entire troop meeting once in a while. This will help you understand the workings of the troop and the Scouting movement, also getting to know other parents in the troop.

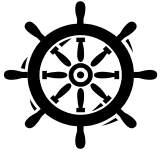
In addition, the troop needs adults to accompany Scouts on outings; we especially need members of the troop committee. Parents are also needed for one evening quarterly to serve on "Boards of Review". These are review sessions with each Scout needed for rank advancement. They serve to provide a pulse of the troop to help us understand how well we are preparing the Scouts and how their Scouting experience is going.

ADVANCEMENT

A boy enters the troop as a Scout. He then progresses through ranks:

Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and eventually Eagle. Requirements for each of these ranks are found in the Boy Scout Handbook and on our Troop website. Each rank includes knowledge of the outdoors, participation in troop activities, and service to the community and leadership. Much of the Boy Scout philosophy is gained through the Scout's work on his advancement.

The troop will encourage each boy to advance, but the rate of advancement is very much up to the individual Scout. Some requirements will be met during the troop meetings and outings, a great deal can also be done during summer camp. In general, boys who actively participate in troop meetings and outings can attain First Class within his first year with the troop. Parents can assist by providing encouragement and opportunities at home.



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Dues, Fund-raisers, and Financial Organization

Dues are currently \$95 per year and are collected in November. The dues go to pay for our badges, camping equipment and troop operations. Upon joining the troop a boy receives a troop 911 hat, neckerchief, T-shirt and 911 shoulder patch. Each Scout is also responsible for outing costs. An outing typically costs \$35. This will include our camping fees, transportation and food. A Boy Scout is expected to pay for a large part of the program himself, so that his parents are not unduly burdened. Fund-raisers are available throughout the year.

Possibilities include flea markets, popcorn and candy sales, and Christmas wreaths. Money earned by the boys and the troop during these activities are split to the troop general fund and individual accounts for the boys who participate. Every attempt possible is made to direct the money to the boy accounts only.

The troop maintains a general fund and individual accounts for each Scout. The general fund pays for rank advancement and position patches, pins, activity patches, new troop equipment, troop administrative costs and other general expenses, such as registration of adult leadership.

The boy's individual accounts pay primarily for summer camp and activities. They can also be used for monthly outing fees and dues with written parental permission provided to the troop treasurer. The individual accounts contain all money earned by the boys during fundraising activities. The money is meant to be used only for Scouting activities or equipment and can be transferred to another Boy Scout Troop. If a Scout does not have enough money in his account for summer camp or other activities, the family is responsible for these fees.

Activities are on a pay-as-you-go basis. Boys who are behind on dues or activity fees will not be allowed to participate in the next activity, unless given specific permission by the Scoutmaster. A boy is also responsible for activity expenses if he decided to not participate after the deadline date as the troop has already paid for his food and fees. Activity fees are due at the start of the Troop Meeting before the activity.



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Troop 911 Uniform Policy

Each Scout will need a complete Boy Scout uniform, Boy Scout Handbook, and camping equipment as listed below. Additional equipment will be required from time to time for specific activities such as backpacking and snow outings. All uniforms require patches for troop numbers (supplied by the troop), SFBAC council strip, shoulder loops, World Crest, Arrow of Light (if earned as Webelos), rank patch, position patch and patrol patch.

Winter Uniform: Class "A" Uniform

Boy Scout short sleeve khaki shirt (with appropriate patches and insignia)
Boy Scout shorts (Boy Scout long pants are optional)
Troop 911 hat (supplied by the troop)
Boy Scout belt
Boy Scout socks
Troop 911 neckerchief (supplied by the troop)
BSA or personal neckerchief slide

Summer Uniform

Troop T-shirt or Boy Scout related T-shirt
Boy Scout shorts
Troop 911 hat
Boy Scout belt
Boy Scout socks

All Scouts are required to wear the appropriate full Scout uniform to all scouting activities. On trips such as weekend camping trips, a modified troop uniform will be worn while traveling. This consists of Scouting hat (backpacking hat or the Troop hat), BSA short sleeve uniform shirt and a BSA belt (BSA web belt or leather belt).

Additional Troop 911 T-shirts, hats and neckerchiefs are available for \$25 each and can be worn for certain troop activities in lieu of uniforms as directed by the Scoutmaster or any other troop activity.



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Camping Equipment

Every Scout and leader shall provide his own individual camping equipment. The troop has tents, stoves, pot and pans, and cooking utensils. The following is a list of typical weekend equipment:

- External Frame Backpack (Coleman Peak 1) or duffel bag
- Ground tarp (7'x7' lightweight plastic tarp)
- Sleeping bag w/ stuff sack (Synthetic filling, 20°F rating)
- 2-AA Flashlight with spare batteries and bulb
- Pocket knife with locking blade (BSA or similar)
- Nylon poncho or rain suit
- Clothing appropriate to the outing:
 - Heavy water resistant jacket in winter & shorts in summer
- Sturdy hiking boots or shoes
- Compass, personal first aid kit, waterproof matches
- 1 liter water bottle (wide mouth or 70 oz. Camelback bladder system)
- Insulated drinking cup (10 oz.), knife, fork, spoon, and plate/bowl
- Whistle, Mosquito repellent, sun block and Chap Stick
- Change of clothing and underwear
- Small towel, tube of biodegradable soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Optional:
 - Fishing tackle
 - Camera
 - Musical Instrument

When looking for equipment for your son, please feel free to contact the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster for ideas. They will be able to recommend appropriate equipment such as sleeping bags and backpacks to make your son's scouting experience more enjoyable without straining the family budget.

DO NOT BRING: iPod, radios, stereos, walkman, electronic games, pets, firearms, bows and arrows, sheath knives, axes, slingshots, flammables, alcohol or illegal substances to any activity or meeting. They will be confiscated and returned to the parents. Cell phones should only be used for emergencies or as directed by the adult leadership.



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2012 Summer Camp (Tentative)

DATE: July 2012 (TBA)

LOCATION: Camp Makualla – Crater Lake Council
Boy Scouts of America

COST: \$450 to \$500 per scout

ACTIVITIES: Lake sports (kayaking, small boat sailing, rowing, canoeing, swimming, and lifesaving); camping, hiking, campfires, handicrafts, archery, rifle shooting (.22 cal), mountain-biking, white-water rafting, climbing, and camp-wide competition. There is also a side trip to Crater Lake on our return from camp and yes, we are taking the train!

New Scouts will find that they advance faster and become a part of the Troop more quickly when they attend summer camp. They will have a great time and we highly recommend it. As a troop, we are pushing fundraising to help pay for the higher cost of this camp.



Camp Makualla

Camp Makualla is located on Crescent Lake offering a great view of Diamond Peak across the lake.

Activities include hikes up Cowhorn Mountain, Diamond Peak and into the Deschutes National Forest; Canoe Trips on Marsh Creek and Crescent Lake; White Water Rafting Trips on the Deschutes and a trip to Crater Lake.

The pride of Camp Makualla is its location in the heart of the Cascades and the Deschutes National Forest, on beautiful Crescent Lake. Along with an ideal setting, Camp Makualla's program offers a wide range of activities both in and out of Camp on a flexible schedule for all Scouts.

These activities give your Scouts many opportunities for advancement, adventure and leadership. Your Scouts' experiences at Camp Makualla wouldn't be complete without participating in several of the activities offered.

This year we are expanding the Merit Badge Program to include two brand new badges - Scouting Heritage and Geocaching. Photography and Radio Merit Badges will also be added to the Merit Badge line up. Our facilities continue to improve every year and our waterfront continues to take advantage of the beautiful swimming and boating opportunities available at Crescent Lake.

HOW TO EARN MONEY FOR CAMP:

1. District popcorn and candy sales.
2. Troop 911 Sees candy sales.
3. Troop 911 Patrol fundraisers.
4. Other fund raising activities will be scheduled based upon interest.



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High Adventure Program

Troop 911 has been running a High Adventure Program since 1996. This program is open to older scouts in the troop and provides opportunities for further outdoor and physical challenges.

1996 Lassen National Monument, Lassen, Ca	50 Mile Backpack
1997 Philmont Scout Reservation, Cimarron, NM	70 Mile Backpack
1999 Carson Iceberg Wilderness, Ca	50 Mile Backpack
2000 Philmont Scout Reservation, Cimarron, NM	78 Mile Backpack
2002 Desolation Wilderness, Ca	50 Mile Backpack
2003 White Water Rafting, So. Fork, American River	Raft trip
2004 Philmont Scout Reservation, Cimarron, NM	50 Mile Backpack
2005 Desolation Wilderness	60 Mile Backpack
2007 Philmont	70 Mile backpack
2009 Philmont	65 Mile Backpack
2010 Tower Peak High Sierra Backpacking Trip	30 Mile Backpack
2011 Philmont	70 Mile Backpack

Philmont is large, comprising 137,493 acres or about 215 square miles of rugged mountain wilderness in the Sangre de Cristo (Blood of Christ) range of the Rockies. 32 staffed camps and 50 un-staffed camps are operated by the ranch. Philmont has high mountains which dominate rough terrain with an elevation ranging from 6,500 to 12,441 feet. With activities at each stop Philmont is a must see destination for scouts from all over the world.

Crew requirements: 14 Years old and 1st Class Scout rank

MEDICAL FORMS

Each scout is required to have a current completed medical form on file with the troop at all times. As well as a medical form, a "consent to treat a minor" statement must also be on file for each outing. These two documents will allow us to have your son treated should he require emergency medical attention. All registered adults are asked to complete the adult form as well. This will be required for activities such as summer camp.

As summer approaches, the schedules at doctors get quite full. Please allow ample time to schedule these appointments before summer camp. Your son or Husband will not be able to attend summer camp without a completed medical form.



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