

# Troop 3 Greenspot, CA



Welcome to Troop 3. Please take a few minutes to read this information packet. It contains information about the scout uniform, dues, troop policies, and rank advancement.

Troop 3 is a family of boys and parents who work together to help boys grow into young men. It is not a babysitting service for the luxury of parents, nor is it a factory meant to pass out advancements and merit badges in the greatest number possible. Troop 3 is about acquiring skill, friendships, and memories. It is about building character—emphasizing citizenship, honesty, integrity, loyalty, and leadership. In Troop 3, your son will be given roles of leadership. He will be expected to take responsibility for himself and others. He will have the opportunity to go camping, hiking, rock climbing, rafting, and canoeing. Your son will develop friendships and memories that will stay with him for a lifetime.

When your son joins Troop 3, you, as parents, also join. At least one parent from each family is required to be active with the troop. You also must commit to providing transportation and/or supervision for a minimum of 3 outings per year.

## I. **Annual Dues**

Each scout is assessed an annual dues and re-charter fee during the month of November. This fee varies from year to year, and covers the cost of registration, the Troop 3 re-charter fee, and a subscription to Boys' Life magazine for each scout.

## II. **Money Collection**

Monies for fundraisers, dues, outings, etc. will be collected at the end of each meeting. Scouts (and parents) are responsible for holding any monies until they can be turned over to the Troop 3 Treasurer, and a receipt for the funds issued.

## III. **Uniforms**

Each scout is required to have both Class A and Class B uniforms.

Class A uniforms consist of the standard khaki BSA scout shirt with the appropriate patches, shoulder loops, troop neckerchief (provided by the troop) and slide, merit badge sash, and Troop 3 hat (optional). Acceptable pants are blue jean shorts or pants. The Class A uniform also includes a Boy Scout belt. The sash is to be worn at all Courts of Honor along with the complete Class A uniform. Class A uniforms are required to be worn during Court of Honors, special events and once a month at Patrol meeting for uniform inspection. Class A uniforms can be purchased at the Scout Shop, 1230 Indiana Court, Redlands, 793-2463.

Class B uniforms consist of a Troop 3 t-shirt (available for ordering in the spring along with the troop hat and sweatshirt). The cost of a Class B t-shirt is approximately \$10.00, the hat costs approximately \$12.00, and a sweatshirt costs approximately \$20.00. Each week the "Patrol Call" and/or email will inform you as to whether Class "A" or "B" should be worn. Blue jeans or denim shorts are still the required pants/shorts with a Class B shirt.

**Note: scouts who attend summer camp are notorious for how dirty they get; you may want to consider ordering more than one t-shirt!**

All scouts are required to dress in the appropriate uniform for every meeting. Please avoid wearing sport uniforms, board shorts, etc, at a scout meeting.

The BSA Handbook can also be purchased at the Scout Shop (approximate cost: \$8.00). Each scout is required to have one. The book contains pages with information for your son's rank advancement and will be initialed by adult leaders as he completes his achievements. It is to be brought to each meeting. It is very important that his name, address, and phone number is placed in his book. As a parent, you need to read the information for parents and rank advancement so you will know what is required of your son. Please be aware that this book will receive a lot of use and will wear out. Please tape any loose pages in the book, especially rank advancement pages. We as a troop do not keep copies of these pages; it is the responsibility of the scout and his parents. You may want to purchase a cover for the book to protect it, or consider buying a hardcover or spiral-bound book.

#### **IV. Physical Examinations**

Each scout must have a complete physical examination every 3 years. Scouts must obtain the Boy Scout Physical Examination form prior to visiting their physician. The physician must complete the physical examination form in its entirety. A copy of the completed form must be on file with the Troop 3 secretary. A current physical examination is required for each scout attending summer camp. Any costs associated with the physical examination are the responsibility of the scout and his parents. Adults over 40 must have a physical examination annually if planning on going on outings.

#### **VI. Equipment**

Each scout must have his own backpacking/camping equipment. The minimum equipment necessary to participate on a backpacking outing would be hiking boots, backpack, sleeping bag, sleeping pad, mess kit, and the ten essentials found in the BSA handbook. The cost for this equipment will vary greatly depending on quality, but a good general estimate to get started would be around \$350.00. The most important things to consider are 1) a backpack that fits properly (if you purchase one they can "grow into" they'll be so miserable on their first outing they'll have no interest in backpacking by the time they "grow into" the pack). 2) a sleeping bag that is rated to 25 degrees F and weighs less than 6 pounds, and 3) a quality pair of hiking boots that fit properly. The Troop does have backpacks that can be borrowed.

#### **VII. Fundraisers**

Each scout is expected to participate in all Troop 3 fundraisers:

- A) **Popcorn Sales:** each fall, Troop 3 participates in the sale of gourmet popcorn. Parents with boys who were in Cub Scouts should be familiar with this program. Each scout is expected to participate in sales to the best of his ability. A percentage of each boy's sales is

awarded to the scouts who sell popcorn, and is credited towards each boy's fees for summer camp. Proceeds from the popcorn sales go directly into the Troop 3 operating fund.

- B) **Flag Contracts:** Troop 3 also sells annual "Old Glory" flag contracts. The cost of each contract is \$30.00, and the purchase of a contract insures a 3'x5' flag is placed on a pole in the purchaser's front yard on six national holidays per year, plus 9/11. Each scout is expected to sell a minimum of four flag contracts per year in the zones where we currently have flag contracts, and then participate by placing or removing the flags on at least **two** holidays per year.

#### VIII. **Driving Responsibility**

The Troop 3 scout roster is divided into 3 separate driving groups: A, B, and C. Each driving group is then assigned four monthly outings, for which they are responsible for providing transportation to and from the outing. If you are unable to provide transportation during your assigned times, it is ***your*** responsibility to make arrangements with another parent to fulfill your obligation. In the case where there are enough parents going on an outing, you may not need to provide transportation; however, this is usually not known until approximately 48 hrs prior to departure. You will be reminded of your driving responsibilities by our transportation chairman and be given the details of the trip approximately one week in advance of the outing.

#### IX. **Outings**

One of the goals of Troop 3 is to sponsor an outing each month. Typically, these outings take place on the third weekend of the month, but are sometimes changed in order to take advantage of a 3-day weekend or other special opportunities. As a general rule, siblings are not allowed on outings. The costs for most of the outings are paid for by Troop 3 with the exception of food. Scouts are expected to create menus, shop, and prepare meals, and eat them with their patrols. Each scout is usually assessed a \$3.00 per meal charge in order to cover the costs of the food. Each scout should also bring \$10.00 on each outing in case of unforeseen costs. A few of the outings require additional costs or requirements and are described below:

- A) **Colorado River Canoe Trip:** *"One of the most popular outings of the year."* The canoe trip takes place annually in February, and ranges in distance from 12-50 miles. There is an additional cost of approximately \$50.00 to each participant in order to help cover the cost of the canoe rental. All participants must have passed a BSA swim test, and only scouts who have participated on the shorter (12-31 mile) trip may participate on the longer 50-mile trip.
- B) **Summer Camp:** *"A week full of experiences and memories that will last a lifetime."* Each summer, usually in July, Troop 3 participates in a BSA summer camp. The location of the camp varies, depending upon the needs and requirements of our troop and the programs offered at various summer camps. All scouts are encouraged to participate in summer camp. It serves as a great opportunity for skill training, merit badges, and rank advancement. The cost for the week of summer camp is approximately \$300.00 (including most of the meals), and

scouts can begin making payments towards camp in December or January.

- C) **High Sierra Backpacking: "S.T.E.A.K."** This trip takes place in August, and is limited to scouts who are 14 years of age or older, have attained a minimum rank of first class, and is approved by the Scoutmaster. It is usually a five day trip covering up to 50 miles. Scouts participating may be required to participate in the training hikes leading up to this outing.

#### **X. Parental Participation**

As previously stated, when your son joins Troop 3 at least one parent is required to be an active adult with the troop. The continued success of Troop 3 is dependent upon parental support and participation. All parents are encouraged to participate in meetings, outings, and act as merit badge counselors, committee members, etc. We currently have about 15 adult positions that have responsibilities each month. You will find attached a list of the current leaders and their phone numbers. If you are interested in assuming one of these positions, please contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman.

#### **XI. Meetings, Attendance, and Participation**

The Troop's program of activities is designed to teach the boys fundamental skills, which they may apply throughout their lives. The program is diverse enough that it provides something for everyone. To maximize the benefit derived from Scouting, a scout should make every effort to attend as many troop activities as possible. It is recognized, however, that most scouts have other interests and are involved in other organizations that place demands upon their time. These, along with family commitments, may at times take precedence over scouting. Consequently, no scout is expected or required to attend all troop meetings. However, we strongly encourage attendance for all scouts at Courts of Honor and Eagle Courts of Honor. Every attempt should be made to schedule around the known troop functions.

Scout participation at some troop activities may be restricted to only those scouts who meet specific experience and/or skill qualification criteria. Other activities may have a maximum attendance quota imposed upon them. For these types of functions, preference will be given to those qualified scouts who are active in the troop and have a favorable attendance record at troop meetings and troop activities.

Troop activities will be canceled should an insufficient number of scouts show interest in attending or if there is an insufficient number of adults available to organize, support, or transport scouts to and from the activity.

#### **XII. Discipline**

All boys in Troop 3 are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Law. They are expected to act responsibly and respectfully to all adults and fellow scouts. They are expected to do what they are asked to do when they are asked. They are expected to follow the chain of command when it comes to solving problems, as follows: 1) they go to their Patrol Leader and explain the situation. 2) If the Patrol Leader cannot remedy the situation, the Patrol Leader is to go to the Senior Patrol Leader. 3) If the Senior Patrol Leader cannot remedy the situation, he then goes to the

Scoutmaster. This is all a part of leadership skills, and we will work with the boys in handling different situations. We strongly suggest that parents not become involved in the situation, but let the scout leadership and the adult leadership deal with the problem.

Should a serious problem arise at a scout outing or summer camp that, in the opinion of the adult leader in charge, warrants sending the scout home, the parents of the scout will be notified immediately. It will be the parents' responsibility to pick their son up or make suitable arrangements to have him transported home. All costs associated with his return shall be the responsibility of the parents. No refunds will be given for any activity fees that may have been paid.

### **XIII. Contraband**

Any type of liquid fuel is expressly prohibited at any Boy Scout activity in our area. Only bottles of propane/white gas may be used to fuel stoves and lanterns. Other unsuitable items that are prohibited at Scout activities include fireworks, air guns, alcohol, pornography, large knives, sheath knives, electronic games, radios, iPods, and cell phones.

The adult leader in charge of an outing has the authority to confiscate these and any other items that he determines pose a hazard, are inappropriate, or are causing a nuisance to other scouts or campers. Confiscated items will be returned to the scout's parents upon request.

### **XIV. Rank Advancement**

The first year should focus on acquiring the skills and advancement of First Class Scout. Merit badges may also be earned during this time but are not the main focus.

**Merit Badges:** To earn merit badges, a scout will need to get a blue card from the Advancement Chair and have it signed by the Scoutmaster or any assistant Scoutmaster. The scout will also need to contact a merit badge counselor, who must come from the book of approved Grayback District merit badge counselors. Troop 3 has developed a list of approved merit badge counselors to teach the required and more popular merit badges. Only an approved merit badge counselor may sign a blue card. Parents and friends may not sign off requirements unless they are an approved counselor for that particular merit badge. After completing the requirements for a merit badge, the blue card must be turned in to the Advancement Chairman. The scout should also retain his portion as proof of completion. If a scout has a merit badge that is partially completed, it is the scout's responsibility to hang onto that blue card; if the card is lost, the merit badge must be started all over again. The Advancement Chairman is not responsible for partially completed blue cards, nor is any other adult leader. It is strongly recommended you start a file and don't discard any of the records pertaining to merit badges and blue cards being completed.

**Service hours:** The service hour requirement for Star and Life may be fulfilled by participation in any worthwhile project that benefits the community, community organizations, church, school, or other individuals. Service hour credit cannot be awarded if payment is received for the work accomplished. Time spent assisting another scout working on his Eagle project qualifies for service hours. It is the scout's responsibility to obtain

a signed and dated statement from the individual(s) for which the service hours were performed. This should include the task(s) performed and the total time spent. This statement should be turned in to the Advancement Chairman for recording. Verbal statements regarding time spent in service hour work will not be honored.

**Board of Review:** For all rank advancement an Adult Board of Review will be held to verify that the scout has fulfilled the stated requirements for rank advancement, to determine how good an experience the scout is having with the troop, and to encourage further advancement progress. Members of the Troop Committee shall conduct the adult board. The Scoutmaster and parents of the scout cannot sit on the board. The Board of Review is made up of at least three and not more than five members of the Troop Committee. Boards of Review will be held the third Wednesday of the month. The scout should call the Advancement Chairman to schedule an appointment.

**Courts of Honor:** A Court of Honor is a formal Scout function that is held to honor and recognize those scouts who have earned rank advancement, merit badges, and other Scouting awards. It is a forum used to formally introduce and welcome new scouts and their parents to Troop 3, as well as to summarize troop activities and accomplishments since the previous Court of Honor. All scouts are encouraged to attend even if they have not earned any awards. Parents of all scouts are also invited and required to attend if their son is being honored. The Court of Honor is traditionally held in May and October.

**Eagle Courts of Honor:** Eagle Courts of Honor are formal ceremonies put on by the Eagle Scout's parents to honor their accomplishment of attaining the rank of Eagle. We highly encourage all scouts and their parents to attend these very special Courts of Honor. Life Scouts are required to attend, and could possibly have a role in the ceremony.

## Troop 3 Committee

<b>Scoutmaster</b> backup Mark Lee 748-6090	Kirk Shelby	793-6381
<b>Assistant Scoutmasters</b>	Mark Lee	748-6090
	Kevin Connor	794-3462
	AJ Beechko	793-7979
	Joe Buckmaster	794-6059
	Dean Dalluge	794-3821
	Sharon Dalluge	794-3821
	Ed Gerlach	794-0617
	Ron Meiners	794-7585
	Norm Hamada	794-5907
	Frank Coe	389-7799
	Rich Price	798-1887
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<b>Secretary</b> backup _____	Jay Sandhu	794-4240
<b>Treasurer</b> backup Sharon Dalluge 794-3821	Ed Gerlach	794-0617
<b>Advancement Chairperson</b> backup Mark Lee 748-6090	Bekky Lee	748-6090
<b>Outings Activity Chairman</b> backup Joe Buckmaster 794-6059	Kirk Shelby	793-6381
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<b>Flags</b> backup Dean Dalluge 794-3821	Doug Mende	725-6965
<b>Popcorn</b>	Mary Risaliti	795-3808
<b>Transportation Chairman</b>		
<b>Tour Permit Chairman</b> backup _____	Barbara Taylor	797-3090
<b>Gazette Editor</b>	Tracy Chrest	645-6639
<b>Adult Quartermasters</b> backup _____	Mark Lee	748-6090
<b>Troop 3 Supplies Chairman</b> backup _____	Andrea Beechko	793-7979
<b>Garage Sale Coordinator</b> backup _____		
<b>Scout House Schedule Coordinator</b>		
<b>Court of Honor Chairman</b> backup _____	Kirk Shelby	793-6381
<b>First Class Trail Chairman</b> backup _____		
<b>Eagle Scout Trail Chairman</b> backup _____	Norm Hamada	794-5907
<b>Eagle Scout Advisor</b> backup _____		
<b>Adult Training Chairman</b> backup _____		
<b>Webmaster</b>	Rick Sidor	793-7760
<b>New Family Chairman</b>		
<b>Merit Badge Counselors</b>	See bulletin board in Scout House	

