

WELCOME TO TROOP 628! New Member & Annual Re-Charter Package

We are happy and excited that you have chosen Troop 628 for your son's Boy Scout experience as a new or renewing member. We want to encourage you to get to know our Troop, the boys and their parents. To ensure our Scouts have all the support they need to run the Troop well, parents must be willing to work behind the scenes as mentors and coaches. Your participation as parents is encouraged during Troop meetings to assist the patrol leaders, as mentors during our fundraising programs and as participants during Troop outings. When everyone pitches in, the work is spread around more evenly. We welcome you as you become part of this great Troop and look forward to getting to know you and your Scout! Every Scout must re-charter annually if they wish to remain active during the upcoming year. While welcoming you to our troop, we understand there are a lot of unanswered questions. The older Scouts and parents will be happy to provide answers, please ask!

For new Scouts, these documents must be completed upon registration with Troop 628. For renewing Scouts, these must be completed by **March 14, 2008**, regardless if the information is identical to last year. Your membership payment covers all BSA annual fees, a subscription to Boy's Life Magazine and participation in several troop activities.

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Recharter Package & Associated Forms:

1. **A General Permission Slip & Emergency Medical Authorization form:** Complete the Permission Slip and Emergency Medical Authorization form to allow your scout to participate in troop activities and attend troop meetings. The "Emergency Authorization" gives your permission to allow others to provide your Scout with emergency medical care if required in your absence. Please let us know if you have questions about the General Permission slip.
2. **"A Time to Tell" Permission slip.** This authorizes the troop to show your Scout a video that discusses different types of abuse in an age-appropriate way. You have the option of allowing your Scout to view the video, deny your permission or view the video first before deciding for your Scout. This form has been combined with the Auto Insurance documents.
3. **Troop Resource Survey:** Please fill out this form with your interests and identify areas where you can assist the troop at various events.

4. **Adult Volunteer Sign-up & Troop Committee Sign-up form:** Please complete this form and identify the events at which you are willing to assist or lead. A Scout is only a Scout for a limited time – be there to be a part of it.
5. **Auto/Insurance/Driver License Form:** Please complete this form and include your vehicle, insurance and drivers license data. This is used to obtain tour permits as required by the BSA.
6. **Merit Badge Counselor Application**
7. **Medical History Form (Class 1) Due Annually**
8. **Physicians Exam (Class 2) Due Semi-Annually**
9. **Boy Scout Application / Registration Form.** Please fill in each section including the backside or the form will be invalid. Unfold the back sheet of the form before completing the last page so that the information you enter here is not transferred onto the first three sheets.
10. **Adult Membership Application Form:** Each family is requested to have an adult complete an application. Troop 628 pays the adult fees required by council. Completion of an Adult Membership form does NOT commit any parent to become a member of the Committee.
11. **Include Your Registration / Renewal Fee:** Please make checks payable to BSA Troop 628. The registration fee covers one child for one year. Troop 628 registers annually every November. If financial concerns interfere with your Scout's participation, please contact the Scoutmaster to discuss options available. This fee is pro-rated for new Scouts to the next calendar year quarter.

What Is Boy Scouting?

Purpose of the BSA

The Boy Scouts of America was incorporated to provide a program for community organizations that offers effective character, citizenship, and personal fitness training for youth.

Specifically, the BSA endeavors to develop young men 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 values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their heritage and understand our role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to society.

Volunteer Scouters

Thousands of volunteer leaders, both men and women, are involved in the Boy Scouting program. They serve in a variety of jobs—everything from unit leaders to chairmen of troop committees, committee members, merit badge counselors, and chartered organization representatives.

Like other phases of the program, Boy Scouting is made available to community organizations having similar interests and goals. Chartered organizations include professional organizations; governmental bodies; and religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and citizens' groups. Each organization appoints one of its members as the chartered organization representative. The organization is responsible for leadership, the meeting place, and support for troop activities.

Who Pays for It?

Several groups are responsible for supporting Boy Scouting: the boy and his parents, the troop, the chartered organization, and the community. Boys are encouraged to earn money whenever possible to pay their own expenses, and they also contribute dues to their troop treasuries to pay for budgeted items. Troops obtain additional income by working on approved money-earning projects. The community, including parents, supports Scouting through the Friends of Scouting campaigns, bequests, and special contributions to the BSA local council. This income provides leadership training, outdoor programs, council service centers and other facilities, and professional service for units.

Aims and Methods of the Scouting Program

The Scouting program has three specific objectives, commonly referred to as the "Aims of Scouting." They are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. The methods by which the aims are achieved are listed below in random order to emphasize the equal importance of each.

Ideals

The ideals of Boy Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

Patrols

The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where members can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through elected representatives.

Outdoor Programs

Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to interact with one another. In the outdoors, the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for the beauty of the world around us. The outdoors is the laboratory in which Boy Scouts learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement

Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others.

Associations With Adults

Boys learn a great deal by watching how adults conduct themselves. Scout leaders can be positive role models for the members of the troop. In many cases a Scoutmaster who is willing to listen to boys, encourage them, and take a sincere interest in them can make a profound difference in their lives.

Personal Growth

As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is as successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development

The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform

The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

Outdoor Activities

Local councils operate and maintain Scout camps. The National Council operates high-adventure areas at Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, the Northern Tier National High Adventure Program in Minnesota and Canada, and the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base in the Florida Keys. About 70 councils also operate high-adventure programs.

The BSA conducts a national Scout Jamboree every four years and participates in world Scout jamborees (also held at four-year intervals). Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia, was the site of the 2001 National Scout Jamboree.

The Beginning of Scouting

Scouting, as known to millions of youth and adults, evolved during the early 1900s through the efforts of several men dedicated to bettering youth. These pioneers of the program conceived outdoor activities that developed skills in young boys and gave them a sense of enjoyment, fellowship, and a code of conduct for everyday living.

In the United States and abroad at the turn of the century, it was thought that children needed certain kinds of education that the schools couldn't or didn't provide. This led to the formation of a variety of youth groups, many with the word "Scout" in their names. For example, Ernest Thompson Seton, an American naturalist, artist, writer, and lecturer, originated a group called the Woodcraft Indians and in 1902 wrote a guidebook for boys in his organization called the *Birch Bark Roll*. Meanwhile in Britain, Robert Baden-Powell, after returning to his country a hero following military service in Africa, found boys reading the manual he had written for his regiment on stalking and survival in the wild. Gathering ideas from Seton, America's Daniel Carter Beard, and other Scoutcraft experts, Baden-Powell rewrote his manual as a nonmilitary skill book, which he titled *Scouting for Boys*. The book rapidly gained a wide readership in England and soon became popular in the United States. In 1907, when Baden-Powell held the first campout for Scouts on Brownsea Island off the coast of England, troops were spontaneously springing up in America.

William D. Boyce, a Chicago publisher, incorporated the Boy Scouts of America in 1910 after meeting with Baden-Powell. (Boyce was inspired to meet with the British founder by an unknown Scout who led him out of a dense London fog and refused to take a tip for doing a Good Turn.). Immediately after its incorporation, the BSA was assisted by officers of the YMCA in organizing a task force to help community organizations start and maintain a high-quality Scouting program. Those efforts climaxed in the organization of the nation's first Scout camp at Lake George, New York, directed by Ernest Thompson Seton. Beard, who had established another youth group, the Sons of Daniel Boone (which he later merged with the BSA), provided assistance. Also on hand for this historic event was James E. West, a lawyer and an advocate of children's rights, who later would become the first professional Chief Scout Executive of the Boy Scouts of America. Seton became the first volunteer national Chief Scout, and Beard, the first national Scout commissioner.

Publications

The BSA publishes the *Boy Scout Handbook* (more than 37.8 million copies of which have been printed); the *Patrol Leader Handbook*, which offers information relevant to boy leadership; the *Scoutmaster Handbook*; more than 100 merit badge pamphlets dealing with hobbies, vocations, and advanced Scoutcraft; and program features and various kinds of training, administrative, and organizational manuals for adult volunteer leaders and Boy Scouts. In addition, the BSA publishes *Boys' Life* magazine, the national magazine for all boys (magazine circulation is more than 1.3 million) and *Scouting* magazine for volunteers, which has a circulation of over 1.1 million.

Conservation

Conservation activities supplement the program of Boy Scout advancement, summer camp, and outdoor activities and teach young people to better understand their interdependence with the environment.

Scout Law

TRUSTWORTHY

A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL

A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

HELPFUL

A Scout is concerned for others and does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY

A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS

A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

KIND

A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT

A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL

A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY

A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE

A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

CLEAN

A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT

A Scout is reverent toward God and respects the beliefs of others.

Scout Oath (or Promise)

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

You're Invited

An invitation to our monthly committee meetings: Our Troop has an Adult Committee that meets once each month. All parents are encouraged to participate and attending the Committee meeting is a great way to find out what is going on in the troop – especially for new troop parents.

Your Scout and His "Earnings"

Troop 628 has several fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Troop funds are used for the purchase of Scout awards, troop equipment, outings, Class "B" Uniforms (T-shirt), Court of Honor and other expenses. Participating in a fundraiser provides an opportunity for your Scout to build a savings account with the troop called "Script." Script funds must be utilized for Scout expenses with the troop such as camping fees, troop clothing etc. At the end of the Scout's career with the troop – remaining funds revert back to the troop so we encourage Scouts to spend as they earn.

Troop Information Spreadsheet

A roster and information sheet is periodically distributed which includes the calendar, Scout & Parent contact information, Event documents, Patrol lists, Script balances, Nights camping, etc. The last six characters of the file name represent the date in month/day/year format (Mo/Day/Yr).

Calendar Schedule of Troop Meetings & Activity Dates

The troop periodically updates their schedule so please look for updates as listed on the troop information spreadsheet and on the troop website: <http://www.BSATroop628.com>.

ADULT POSITIONS SUMMARY

Adult positions within Troop 628 are tied loosely with an event or activity. These are not executive committee positions and as such do not generally require an entire year's commitment. Please review the list and come to a committee meeting to help and share in the fun.

Scoutmaster

The Scoutmaster is selected by the Committee. This position works with the Scouts to develop and implement the troop Scouting program.

Assistant Scoutmaster

Assists the Scoutmaster and helps establish a leadership presence when the Scoutmaster cannot be present. Facilitates leadership, commitment, reliability, responsibility & communication skills in Scouts holding elected or appointed leadership position as defined in the Scout handbook.

Elected Committee Member

These positions are for a year at a time. These are defined within the by-laws of the troop and can include: Committee Chair, Committee Vice-Chair or Co-Chair, Treasurer, Quartermaster, Camping/Transportation Coordinator, Fundraising, Advancement, Membership and Special Projects etc. These can be elected or appointed positions by the Committee Chair and hold responsibility for the functioning of the Troop.

Committee Member

This registered position attends the monthly committee meetings and provides suggestions for solving problems associated with the running of the troop. This position has some voting rights/privileges as defined in the by-laws. We encourage all parents to be registered committee members.

Courts of Honor

This position works with the Eagle coordinator and Advancement coordinator to plan the two courts of honor each year. One is held in June and the second is in December.

Eagle Coordinator

This position works with Eagle candidates to review requirements and to prepare the candidate for boards of review. This position also assures that the Eagle candidate communicates his project effectively to the committee as well as other Scouts.

Recruiting Chair

This person is in charge of annual events such as Scout-O-Rama, Webelos transition night and the Webelos transition fair and in general, leads the efforts to recruit new Scouts.

Fourth of July, Labor Day BBQ & Memorial Day BBQ

These three person leads the Troop in the coordination of the Lake Forest I Beach and Tennis club BBQ on July 4th. This is a fundraiser for the troop and helps our sponsoring organization.

Pancake Breakfast

This position leads the Scouts and adults in the coordination of the Lake Forest I Beach and Tennis club breakfast event at the club around Easter time. This is a fundraiser for the troop and helps our sponsoring organization.

Popcorn sales

This position works with the Fundraising. This is one of two district promoted fundraising activities. There are pre-sales duties and promotional responsibilities with this position. This event takes place in September through October.

Re-Charter

This position is responsible for coordinating incoming and renewing membership and works to complete re-charter documents on time and is most active in the last quarter of the calendar year.

Camping Chairperson

This position develops and displays notices to increase knowledge of upcoming events to maximize participation. This position maintains/updates the display board on a weekly basis.

Scouting for Food

This position works with one or more Scouts to coordinate with District in the determination of the territory where the Troop will distribute bags and then pick-up donations. This includes establishing the meeting time and location, the mapping of routes for the Scouts and the coordination of drivers. This activity generally takes place in February.

Scout-0-Rama

This position leads/teaches a group of Scouts in the development of an activity as well as the procurement of materials, logistics, transportation, and staffing of the event for participation in the District's Scout-0-Rama. This includes coordination with the District to obtain approval of the event and the appropriate booth space.

Scout-0-Rama - Ticket sales

This position leads/teaches one or more Scouts in the overseeing of participation in the pre-sale of tickets for Scout-0-Rama. This position works with the fundraising coordinator and the recruiting chair to assure accurate accounting of funds and the recognition of boys who participate.

Summer Camp Coordinator

This position arranges and promotes the troops annual summer camp program(s). Responsible for interfacing with the specific camp on behalf of the troop, setting deadlines and time schedules, establishing rosters and collecting summer camp fees and arranging transportation to and from camp.

Troop Treasurer

This person is responsible for managing the troop finances throughout the year, following troop fiscal policies and procedures as well as a preparing a monthly finance report for the troop committee meeting and writing checks when appropriate.

Fundraising Chair

This person is generally responsible staffing and coordinating all fund raising activities such as the BBQ's, Pancake Breakfast, Popcorn and any other fund raising activities.

Webmaster

This person is responsible for the creation and content of the troop's web page
BSATroop628.com.

Troop Raffle Coordinator

This person facilitates the solicitation and implementation of the semi-annual troop raffle associated with the Court of Honors in June and December.

Troop Casino Night Coordinator

Each December, the troop hosts a Casino Night for the Scouts whereby the Scouts can earn money and bid on Scout related items. The Casino Night Coordinator arranges for the associated games and the purchase of the raffle items. Additionally, this person is the evening's master of ceremony's

WHAT IS A BLUE CARD?

Boy Scouts progress by earning rank advancements. Through diligent work and support, the Boy Scout progresses through a series of ranks towards the rank of Eagle Scout, Scouting's highest honor. In addition to other requirements, a Scout must earn a specified number of **merit badges**.

In order to earn a merit badge, a Counselor must complete a three-part blue card with the necessary information. Blue Cards may be obtained from the advancement chairman or merit badge counselor. The Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters or other Troop official may also provide guidance. A list of merit badge counselors is available from the Orange County Council, Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair.

The blue card must be partially filled out prior to meeting with a Merit Badge counselor. Scouts should attend this meeting in their Class-A uniform as this meeting is similar to a job interview. When all the requirements have been met for the specific merit badge, the Merit Badge counselor will complete the necessary information and return two portions of the blue card to the Scout. The merit badge counselor keeps one portion, one portion is kept with the Scout (these are extremely important for rank advancement later on – don't misplace it). The third portion is turned in to the advancement person who files this with the OC Council to make them official

Merit badges are presented at the end of each Wednesday night's meeting during the "Circle-up" ceremony where a Scout is recognized for his accomplishment and awarded the badge. Each accomplishment is also acknowledged at the semi annual Court of Honor in June and December.

AUTO INSURANCE & DRIVERS LICENSE INFO

Adult Name: _____

Driver's License Number: _____ **Expires:** _____ **State/Country:** _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Vehicles:

Year	Make	# Seatbelts
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Insurance Limits i.e.:

Bodily Injury - \$500K, Property Damage - \$100K, Uninsured Motorist - \$100k:

Bodily Injury: _____ **K, Property Damage:** _____ **K, Uninsured Motorist:** _____ **K**

GENERAL PERMISSION SLIP & EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Pursuant to Calif. Civil Code Section 25.8 and Calif. Penal Code Section 12552

Re-charter Year **2008**

Name of Minor _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Phone (home) _____ (cell) _____

The undersigned authorize(s) the Leaders of Troop 628 as agents for the undersigned to consent to any x-ray examination, anesthetic, medical, dental, or surgical diagnosis for treatment and hospital care for the above named minor which is deemed advisable by and to be rendered under the supervision of any physician licensed under the provision of the Medicine Practice Act or any dentist licensed under the Dental Practice Act. This authorization will remain in effect for the current recharter year while the above named minor has a current Boy Scouts of America registration and is

- o Enroute to or from or involved in any Scout program activity of the Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America unless revoked in writing by the undersigned.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____

Policy/Group numbers: _____

Please list medications or other issues: _____

“Time to Tell” Permission Slip

PERMISSION SLIP FOR Annual “A TIME TO TELL” VIDEO SHOWING

(Name of Scout)

has my permission to be present for BSA Troop’s 628 showing of BSA’s Youth Protection video “A Time to Tell”. I understand the date of the showing will be announced and an opportunity will be made available for parental preview.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____ Date: _____

Print Parent/Guardian Name _____

TROOP RESOURCE SURVEY

Adult Name _____

What is your favorite hobby? _____

What is your occupation? _____

In which sports do you participate? _____

Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally?
(Yes)_____ (No) _____

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_____

Special Program Assistance

- Participate in Board of Review
- Offer use of your Station Wagon
- Offer use of your _____Truck
- Offer use of your workshop
- Offer use of your family camping gear
- Offer access to camping property
- Make contacts for special trips and activities

Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach:

- Ropework (knots and lashings)
- Outdoor cooking
- First Aid
- Star Study
- Map and compass use
- Conservation
- Aquatics
- Knife and ax handling
- Citizenship
- Camping

ADULT VOLUNTEER & COMMITTEE SIGN-UP FORM

Adult Name _____

Phone (home) _____ (work) _____

Phone (work) _____ (best time) _____

Email address: _____ (fax) _____

Please circle one or more of the activities below if interested in coordinating or assisting. We need your help and appreciate your participation. Many event procedures are well documented and include step by step instructions and/or seasoned veterans.

Webmaster	Memorial Day Cookout	Life to Eagle Leader
Patrol Leader Training	Labor Day Cookout	Fundraising
Pancake Breakfast Cookout	Quartermaster	Camping
Popcorn Kernal	Scout-O-Rama	Court of Honor – December & June
Recruitment/Re-Charter	Summer Camp Leader	Special Projects
First Class Emphasis Leader	Camping Chair	Friends of Scouting
Fourth of July Cookout	Scouting for Food	Scout-O-Rama – Activity

As an interested and committed parent of a Scout in BSA Troop 628, I would like to participate in one of the above listed committee positions. I have circled the positions I would be willing to assume. I understand the following:

- I am committing to attending the monthly committee meeting.
- I have the privilege and responsibility to vote on committee matters.
- The committee positions are not necessarily directly attached to the adult volunteer positions needed for the successful implementation of various troop activities during the year.

Adult Name: _____ Date: _____

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS:

1. Merit Badge Counselor Application
2. Medical History Form (Class 1),
3. Physicians Exam (Class 2),
4. Boy Scout Application / Registration Form,
5. Adult Membership Application Form

Are separate documents included after this page in the packet. If you don't receive these documents – please contact the Troop Recharter person.

Thank You!