



# Welcome to Troop 680

## INTRODUCTION

This is a brief fact sheet to introduce you to Troop 680. We'd like to let you know what is involved in being a member. The Policies and Bylaws of the Troop are the official statements of Troop 680, but this is a summary.

## Mission Statement

Troop 680 shall cultivate and nurture the high ideals of Boy Scouting in all Troop youth and adult members. This will be accomplished through moral strength and character development, good citizenship training, and the development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Troop 680 will strive to help each and every boy learn the value of his own worth.

## Organization

Troop 680 is a "boy-run" troop, with senior leadership positions held by Scouts elected from the troop at large. Adult leaders provide guidance and counseling to assist in organizing the meetings and activities.

The Troop is dual-sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rancho Bernardo and the Rancho Bernardo Community Presbyterian Church.

The Troop Committee is comprised of parents and adults who volunteer their time to provide the adult leadership to the boys. The Committee meets monthly to discuss Troop policies and issues. The Committee is open to all parents and meets on the **first Tuesday of each month**.

Critical to the success of Troop 680 is the participation of the parents. Roles for parents include participation in Troop Committee meetings, Patrol Advisors, Committee chairs, and Activity Adult Leaders. The Outings Committee is open to all parents and meets on an as need basis.

Troop 680 is funded solely through an initial Membership fee and the Troop's monthly newspaper and can recycling. Some activities require additional fees or payments but no boy shall be excluded on the basis of ability to pay.

## WHAT WE DO

### High Adventure

The emphasis in Troop 680 is on High Adventure activities. High adventure includes backpacking, primitive camping, water treks, or combinations, and other challenging outdoor activities. Other outdoor activities include day and night hikes, rock climbing, bicycling (road and mountain), and other outdoor group activities.

We believe that this is an excellent way to develop confidence, leadership, and mental and physical skills through outdoor activities and participation in Troop meetings and events.

The Troop goal is at least one "high-adventure" activity and one other outdoor activity per month.

Troop 680 goes on at least two "major" backpacking trips per year. Participation is subject to qualification and it is not expected that younger Scouts will be able to meet the requirements immediately. However, there are still plenty of opportunities to participate in wilderness activities.

The Troop also attends a Summer Camp each year. Every effort is made to allow as many Scouts as possible to join in this exciting adventure.



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## WHAT YOU DO

### Requirements

Both the Scout and his parents contribute to the successes of the Troop. The following summarizes the expectations we have for each:

#### Scout

1. Participate in a minimum of 75% of the weekly meetings. **Troop Meetings are Mondays, 7:00-8:30PM.**
2. Attend meetings in full "Class A" uniform: Official Scout shirt, pants/shorts, belt, socks and cap. The required uniform for outdoor activities is the Troop 680 T-shirt; one is provided by the troop when initiation fee is paid.
3. Perform a minimum of 4 hours of approved community service annually.
4. Advance a minimum of one rank per year up to First Class. Advance a minimum of one rank every other year after that.
5. Support the Troop Paper drive by maintaining a monthly collection route or, if no routes are available, performing "bin duty", 2 hours of work at the collection site. Scouts unable to meet these obligations on a particular day **must** arrange for a substitute. The Drive is held on the **Second Saturday** of each month throughout the year.

#### Parent

1. Support your and other Scout's advancement by encouraging performance and assisting with projects and requirements. Participate in Scout Boards of Review.
2. Assist your Scout in meeting his Paper obligations, providing transportation for the Scout to complete his route.
3. Provide adult leadership in a supporting role with the Troop Committee or as an activity or outing leader. You are encouraged to become a registered adult with the Troop.
4. Complete a Troop Transportation form on joining. Provide transportation on at least one outing per year.
5. Be a positive role model by demonstrating your own commitment to the ideals of Scouting as a way of life.