

Boy Scouts of America



TROOP 29

**Rocklin Lions Club
Rocklin, CA**

1. WELCOME

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 29, Rocklin, CA. Troop 29 is one of the oldest, continuously operating Troops in the United States. Troop 29 was originally chartered in Alta, CA, serving the Alta, Dutch Flat and Gold Run communities from 1924 to 1932. Troop 29 was disbanded from 1932 to 1949. Troop 29 became active in Rocklin in 1949 where it continues today. Troop 29 has produced more than 100 Eagle Scouts.

Troop 29 is sponsored (chartered) by The Rocklin Lions Club. Rocklin Community Center furnishes the Troop a meeting place and storage facilities. The entire Scouting program is carried out by the Scoutmaster under the direct supervision of the Troop Committee as prescribed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

We are always happy to admit a new Scout into the Brotherhood of Scouting. The affiliation request of each new Scout gives the Scoutmaster an opportunity to meet with the parents and exchange ideas and ideals and to describe the basic Scouting concepts of Troop 29. The Troop Committee and Scoutmaster pledge to assist each Scout in the development of his duties to God, Country, others and himself. We hope to develop an awareness of self-reliance, to improve individual and group skills, and to increase his abilities and knowledge, particularly those of the outdoors and nature.

In turn, we ask the Scout's parents to continue encouragement of his efforts, especially in planning and helping for his advancement. We also ask for direct participation when called upon to assist the Troop. Such assistance will usually be for transportation, refreshments for Courts-of-Honor and other special events. However, parents can assist in other ways such as serving on the Troop Committee or as a Merit Badge Counselor (refer to Attachment "D"). Parents can help the Troop achieve goals by their willingness to help, especially during fundraisers.

Scouting involves more than the basic activities usually associated with the program, such as tying knots, cooking, and camping. While this is an integral part of Scouting, Troop 29's program also includes both adventure and work, with emphasis on growth and advancement in all phases of character building, citizenship, acceptance of responsibility, planning, execution, and evaluation.

Should a question arise or a problem develop, please contact the Scoutmaster or one of his Assistant Scoutmasters. Such contact is particularly necessary should any situation arise that may affect the Scout's relationship with his fellow Scouts, Patrol, or Troop. This is not to say that Troop policies will be changed or action will be taken to address the problem every time such a situation arises. The Scoutmaster will weigh the facts and determine what is to be done. If there is no feedback from parents, the Scoutmaster must assume that all is well within the Troop.

The Troop Committee and the Scoutmaster recognize that Scouting has become expensive and can be a strain on a household budget. Troop 29's program includes a variety of activities. No Scout should be prevented from participating for financial reasons. It is Troop 29's endeavor to address this through various fundraisers throughout the year; these fundraisers are for the individual Scout accounts and/or general troop fund account. All discussions regarding financial hardship will be held with the utmost confidentiality.

The Troop Committee adopts policies and Procedures of Troop 29, with the advice of the Scoutmaster and in compliance with the Policies and Procedures of the Boy Scouts of America.

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, the Scout Law, the Scout motto, and the Scout 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 live 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.

2. General

The unit charter of Troop 29 is granted by the Golden Empire Council, Boy Scouts of America and the Rocklin Lion's Club in accordance with the requirements of the bylaws, rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America.

3. Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

4. Ideals

The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.

5. The 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.***

6. The Scout Law

***A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly,
Courteous,
Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and
Reverent***

7. The Scout Motto

"Be Prepared"

8. The Scout Slogan

"Do A Good Turn Daily"

9. The Outdoor Code

***As an American, I will do my best to --
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.***

10. Joining TROOP 29

A parent or guardian should accompany his/her son to a troop meeting at the time the decision is made to join Troop 29. A membership packet will be given to the parent for review and for completion of the necessary forms. The boy will not be permitted to participate in any Scouting function until he is properly registered and all his fees are paid. He may visit up to three troop meetings before joining.

11. Troop Meetings

Every Thursday night from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. sharp! Please be punctual. Meetings are year round. This meeting is for all Scouts registered with the unit. Merit Badge classes and Scoutmaster Conferences are scheduled at the discretion of the Scoutmaster and/or Advancement Chair.

The first Thursday of every month is reserved for PLC (35) meetings and Boards of Review (40). This will enable proper planning for future Troop events. General Troop meetings are not scheduled for the first Thursday of the month.

If you have any questions, email the Scoutmaster at

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