

Dear New Troop 889 Scout and family,

Welcome! To make your entry into the troop as smooth as possible, we have put together this information packet and checklist to guide you along the way. Please note that all paperwork is due in full no later than the first Monday of February. This date will quickly approach, however our committee needs time to process and submit the applications to the council office prior to Troop 889's Crossover Campout in March when your son will ceremoniously join the troop.

A checklist of items due is included in this packet. Please review it carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, no matter how insignificant you think they might be, please contact any one of our leaders. It is our goal to complete the paperwork as efficiently as we can so we can move on to the fun stuff!

There are several options for you to turn in your completed paperwork:

- You may drop it off at the table in the foyer outside our regular troop meeting (please review our web calendar) on Monday evenings at Christ Church United Methodist.
- You may drop it off at our regular committee meeting (please review our web calendar) on the 1st Wednesday evenings at Christ Church United Methodist.
- **Webelos families** may mail it or drop it off to **Evan Swingholm, 62 N Linton Ridge Cir., The Woodlands, TX 77382**
- **Other New Scout families** may mail it or drop it off to **Leslie Buffington, 90 N. Floral Leaf Cir., The Woodlands, TX 77381**
- If other arrangements need to be made, please contact one of the leaders listed below.

Webelos Coordinator	Membership Chair	Scoutmaster	Committee Chair
Evan Swingholm	Leslie Buffington	Tim Yagley	Mike Lampkin
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832 585 6279	936 273 1431	281 851 1515	281 798 5998

As was mentioned during your visit to Troop 889, we require at least one parent from each family to volunteer and fill out a BSA Adult Leader Application. Thank you in advance for your generous commitment to the health and excellence of your Troop's program.

We are proud to help you help your son reach his full potential in Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Troop 889 Committee

New Scout Application Checklist

- New Scout Commitment Agreement**
- Scout Buddy Preference**
- T-Shirt Order Form**
2 T-shirts are included in your application fee. Additional shirts for youth or adults are available for purchase with this form.
- Troop 889 Procedures & Guidelines Manual Acknowledgement**
The **Troop 889 Procedures & Guideline Manual** is available online from our web site at www.Troop889BSA.org. It outlines our philosophy and working guidelines, including methods of the Scouting program and procedures of Troop. Please review this document and return the signed agreement page (last page).
- Troop Resource Survey**
Please fill out one form for each adult that intends to volunteer.
- BSA Youth Application**
A PDF of this form may be filled out and printed, but the ink-signed copy must accompany your paperwork. No photocopies will be accepted by the council office.
<http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf>
- BSA Adult Leader Application**
A PDF of this form may be filled, but we must have the ink-signed copy. If you download the online version, please remember to also print and sign the "Disclosure Agreement".
Please note: Per BSA guidelines, a separate Adult Leader Application is needed for each position you would like to hold. Troop 889 pays membership fees for adults.
<http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501A.pdf>
- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for your Scout)**
(see details below)
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf
- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for registering Adult)**
This is an annual record and must be updated accordingly. There are 3 parts to this form (A, B & C). For all youth and adults, Parts A & C (signed by parent/guardian) are required for all activities. Part B (signed by a doctor) is required for activities lasting longer than 72 hours or for high adventure activities.
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf
- Vehicle Coverage Form**
Please list any vehicles you may use to transport Scouts (even in the case of an emergency) and the drivers' license numbers of any adult authorized for that vehicle.
- Personal Data Collection Form**
Basic contact information for your family. Plus previous Scouting records for your son.
- A check made out to "Troop 889 BSA" for \$150.00**
Credit card payments are also available via PayPal (see web site). Financial aid is available through confidential request via the Troop Committee Chair.

New Scout Commitment Agreement

A key component to the success of Troop 889's ability to deliver our sons an optimal Scouting program is the active participation of the adults in our troop family. As we state in our troop handbook ("Troop 889 Procedures & Guideline Manual"), at least one adult parent or guardian will take an active role and a formal position in the troop.

By submission of my son's Letter of Intent to Troop 889, I commit our family to an ongoing role on the Troop Committee, Scoutmaster Corps or Merit Badge Counselor.

Our family's role in the troop will be: _____

(Title of position to be held by adult family member.)

Name(s) of family member(s) above: _____

I agree to accept and perform the duties of the position listed above to the best of my ability. If unwilling to accept this role, I will resign my son from Troop 889.

Understood and agreed by: _____
(Signature of Scout's parent or guardian.)

Date: _____

Scout Buddy Preference

Your Scout's Name: _____

Buddy Preference: _____

Name of a Scout your Scout **does not** want to buddy with: _____

While we believe in fair play, learning to work with others and the Golden Rule, we will attempt to oblige this request whenever possible.

This information will be kept in the strict confidence.

T-Shirt Order Form

Upon entering Troop 889, each Scout receives 2 Troop 889 T-shirts which are included in his activities fees. The T-shirts are adult sizes only (S, M, L, & XL). XXL shirts are available for an additional \$2.00 per shirt. The T-shirts are a 50/50 blend and will not fade or shrink.

Parents and guardians of Troop 889 are also welcome to purchase T-shirts.

For both Scouts and Adult Leaders, the Troop 889 T-shirt is part of the BSA Activity Uniform, required in some situations.

T-shirts are only ordered once a year, usually in the beginning of the year (March) when Webelos are bridging into the troop.

Scout's Name: _____

- New Scout
- Current Scout (\$12 per shirt)

Shirt 1:

- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large
- Adult XX-Large (add \$2)

Shirt 2:

- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large
- Adult XX-Large (add \$2)

Scout's Total: _____

Adult's Name: _____

- \$12 per shirt

Shirt 1:

- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large
- Adult XX-Large (add \$2)

Shirt 2:

- Adult Small
- Adult Medium
- Adult Large
- Adult X-Large
- Adult XX-Large (add \$2)

Adult's Total: _____

Grand Total: _____

Parent Resource Survey

Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop. In making this survey, the committee wishes to find ways you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Scout family of Troop 889 in the Sam Houston Area Council. Please return this survey to the Troop 889 Webelos Coordinator, Merit Badge Coordinator or Committee Chair.

Name _____

Street address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Mobile phone _____

Business phone _____ E-mail address: _____

- 1. What is your favorite hobby? _____ Occupation: _____
- 2. In what sports do you take an active part? _____
- 3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally?
- 4. 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

(please print)

Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a minivan or _____ truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I can help with troop equipment.
- Other _____
(please print)

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

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ropework (knots and lashings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife and ax handling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star study | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map and compass use | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping |

Check the merit badges on the next sheet that you are willing to help Boy Scouts earn.

Merit Badge Resource Form

Check the merit badges that you can help Boy Scouts earn.

Your Name: _____

Would you be willing to help other Scouts outside our troop? ___ Yes ___ No

- | | | |
|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Business | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Pets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Cultures | <input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship | <input type="checkbox"/> Photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Heritage | <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Pioneering |
| <input type="checkbox"/> American Labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Family Life | <input type="checkbox"/> Plant Science |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Farm Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Plumbing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archaeology | <input type="checkbox"/> Fingerprinting | <input type="checkbox"/> Pottery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Archery | <input type="checkbox"/> Fire Safety | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Health |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> First Aid | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Speaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish and Wildlife Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Pulp and Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Radio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Athletics | <input type="checkbox"/> Fly-Fishing | <input type="checkbox"/> Railroading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Auto Mechanics | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input type="checkbox"/> Reading |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aviation | <input type="checkbox"/> Gardening | <input type="checkbox"/> Reptile and Amphibian Study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacking | <input type="checkbox"/> Genealogy | <input type="checkbox"/> Rifle Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Basketry | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology | <input type="checkbox"/> Rowing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Golf | <input type="checkbox"/> Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bugling | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Arts | <input type="checkbox"/> Salesmanship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Camping | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoeing | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Repairs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chemistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Horsemanship | <input type="checkbox"/> Shotgun Shooting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinematography | <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Lore | <input type="checkbox"/> Skating |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Community | <input type="checkbox"/> Insect Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Small-Boat Sailing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the Nation | <input type="checkbox"/> Journalism | <input type="checkbox"/> Snow Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship in the World | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Soil and Water Conservation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing | <input type="checkbox"/> Law | <input type="checkbox"/> Space Exploration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coin Collecting | <input type="checkbox"/> Leatherwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Collections | <input type="checkbox"/> Lifesaving | <input type="checkbox"/> Stamp Collecting |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Mammal Study | <input type="checkbox"/> Surveying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Composite Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Medicine | <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computers | <input type="checkbox"/> Metalwork | <input type="checkbox"/> Textile |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Model Design and Building | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Crime Prevention | <input type="checkbox"/> Motorboating | <input type="checkbox"/> Traffic Safety |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cycling | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Truck Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dentistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Nature | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterinary Medicine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disabilities Awareness | <input type="checkbox"/> Nuclear Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Waterskiing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dog Care | <input type="checkbox"/> Oceanography | <input type="checkbox"/> Weather |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drafting | <input type="checkbox"/> Orienteering | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting | <input type="checkbox"/> Wilderness Survival |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Electronics | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Fitness | <input type="checkbox"/> Wood Carving |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Preparedness | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Management | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodwork |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | | |

Troop 889 Vehicle Insurance Coverage Form

All drivers must adhere to the following rules which are set forth in the BSA Local Tour Permit Application as stated below:

1. You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.
2. If by motor vehicle:
 - a. **Driver Qualifications:** All drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. **Youth Member Exception:** When traveling to an area, regional, or national Boy Scout activity or any Venturing event under the leadership of an adult (21+) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions: (1) Six months driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) no record of accidents or moving violations; (3) parental permission has been granted to leader, driver, and riders.
 - b. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons (including driver) the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).
 - c. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops.
 - d. Seat belts are provided, *and must be used*, by all passengers and driver.
Exception: A school or commercial bus.
 - e. Passengers will ride only in the cab if trucks are used.

Instructions: Please type the information on this form, save a copy for yourself, and submit a copy to the Tour Permit Specialist Committee Member.

DRIVER INFORMATION	DRIVER #1	DRIVER #2
NAME		
DATE OF BIRTH		
DRIVER'S LICENSE NO.		
VEHICLE YEAR		
VEHICLE MAKE		
VEHICLE MODEL		
NO. OF SEAT BELTS		
VEHICLE PLATE NO.		
INSURANCE COMPANY		
INSURANCE COVERAGE PUBLIC LIABILITY PER PERSON	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K
PUBLIC LIABILITY PER INJURY ACCIDENT	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K
PROPERTY DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K	<input type="checkbox"/> 50K <input type="checkbox"/> 100K <input type="checkbox"/> 300K <input type="checkbox"/> 500K



DRIVER'S PLEDGE

- I will not drive when I feel fatigued. I realize that when I am fatigued, I process information more slowly and less accurately and this impairs my ability to react in time to avoid accidents.
- I will arrange my schedule so that several days before a Boy Scout "driving trip," I will get a good night's sleep every night to avoid the cumulative effect of not getting enough sleep.
- I will make trip preparations far enough in advance so that last-minute preparations don't interfere with my rest.
- I will make travel plans that take into account my personal biological clock and only drive during the part of the day when I know I will be alert.
- I will be smart about engaging in physical activities during Scouting outings and will make sure that I will be ready to drive alertly.

DO ALL THAT YOU CAN TO KEEP SCOUTS SAFE

Troop 889 Scout Personal Data Collection Form

This information is entered into you Scout's records in Troop 889's TroopMaster software. Please return this information to the Troop 889 Secretary or Committee Chair.

Today's Date: ___/___/___

Please mark one: New Scout Updated Information

SCOUT INFORMATION:

Name: _____ Nickname: _____
 Address: _____ Mailing if dif.: _____

 Phone(s) Home: (____) _____ DOB: ___/___/___
 _____: (____) _____ Grade: _____
 _____: (____) _____ School: _____
 Scout's Email: _____
 Joined Troop 889: ___/___/___ Cub Scout: ___/___/___ - ___/___/___ Highest Cub Badge: _____
 Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Doctor: _____ Phone: (____) _____
 Insurance: _____ Policy: _____
 Allergies: _____
 Other: _____

Prior Experience	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u>Unit #</u>	<u>Council #</u>
(Other than Cubs)	___/___/___	___/___/___	_____	_____	_____

PARENT INFORMATION:

Father: _____ Mother: _____
 Nickname: _____ Nickname: _____
 Guardian: Y / N Guardian: Y / N
 Addr: _____
 (If dif. than Scout) _____
 Phone(s) Work: _____ Phone(s) Work: _____
 Cell _____: _____ Cell _____: _____
 Other _____: _____ Other _____: _____
 Email: _____ Email: _____
 Employer: _____ Employer: _____
 Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____