

Frequently asked questions

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Points to Note

- In-person meetings will be outside
- Check in before the meeting
- Wear masks (covering both nose and mouth)
- Do not share any equipment, and
- Always maintain 6 foot minimum distance

"Scouting is fun with a mask and a purpose." Mask up (both nose and mouth) and see you Tuesday. Remember that **all meetings and events are voluntary**. We will try to stream the events through **Zoom** (please find link in the newsletter).

What should you know about registration fees?

As we begin our 2020-2021 scouting year, the Troop committee voted unanimously to adjust our registration fees to \$132 for returning scouts, and \$157 for scouts new to scouting (no scouting experience), to reflect the following new costs associated with registering a scout.

- The National Council of Boys Scouts of America registration Fee: \$66/Scout, \$42/Leader
- The National Council of Boy Scouts of America one-time fee for scouts new to scouting: \$25

- The New Golden Gate Area Council Fee: \$66/Scout, \$42/Leader

Please see the flyer at this link (https://ggacbsa.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/GGAC_CPF_Flyer_RV073020.pdf) for more detailed information regarding each of the 3 fees listed.

There are additional registration costs the troop incurs, which are paid by our annual popcorn fundraiser.

Due to the recent council merger, our scouts save over \$66 because they no longer have to pay for the out of council camp fee to attend Camp Wente.

Click on the link <https://troop200.square.site/> to make your scout's registration payment for the 2020-2021 scouting year.

If you need financial assistance, please email our Committee Chair, Dave Melfi (dmelfi88@gmail.com). This will be kept strictly confidential.

If you have questions, please email Lorie Tuey (tuey@sbcglobal.net).

What should I know about registering the successful completion of my merit badge?

1. Scouts working on merit badges are responsible for submitting completed blue cards to Lori Rogers ([ljrdgr@comcast.net](mailto:ljdgr@comcast.net)).
2. Whether they are completed virtually or in person, scouts should submit either a photograph of both sides of the signed blue card, an email link to the E-card, or the actual blue card could be left on Lori's front porch or sent as post mail. Please, as always, keep a copy/photograph for your records and follow up with Lori to make sure she got it if you don't hear back from her. If you want to bring it to a meeting, we can make special arrangements.
3. The next Court of Honor is on **Sept 22**. The cutoff for Board of Review, submitting rank advancement, and completed blue cards is **Sept 15**. Anything after that will be awarded in January.

Can you please let me know where to get the medical forms A, B, and C?

With the start of the new scout year, the troop is still planning both overnight and day outings. In order for scouts to participate in these outings, health forms A and B must be updated and on file with the Anita Low, anitawua@yahoo.com. Form C is only needed for outings that span greater than two nights and that form needs a doctor's signature. Form C is usually completed in the spring prior to summer camps. Please download Forms A and B at:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_AB.pdf

And please send them to Anita Low (anitawua@yahoo.com) via email or bring the forms to a scout meeting sooner than later. The sooner this is completed, the

sooner your scout can take advantage of outings planned for the year. Thank you for your attention to this matter. Keep scrolling down for more information.

All Scouts and adults attending overnights are required to submit Medical Forms A & B. Please remember to fill in the immunization dates or provide a copy of the participant's immunization record. Participants in weeklong camps and high adventure camps are required to fill out Medical Form C (in addition to Forms A & B).

Also, please provide a copy of the front and back of your family's insurance card.

See attached link for the medical forms.

[Medical Forms A, B, and C](#)

Medical forms may be turned at the next meeting (look for the Medical Forms folder in the mailboxes) or, you may scan and email pdf's to Anita Low at anitawua@yahoo.com. Thank you to Mrs. Low for volunteering to manage our medical forms.

If you have any medical forms questions, feel free to contact Anita Low or Troop Committee Chair David Melfi (dmelfi88@gmail.com).

When and what is a trailhead?

Trail Head is open to all Scouts not yet First Class from 6:30-7:00 on regular troop nights, and sometimes from 7-8pm on PLC nights, when specified. All new Scouts should attend. Troop Guides will be there working with you on requirements to advance.

If you take a look at your scout handbook before the meeting and find and practice a skill you would like to demonstrate to one of our troop guides they can help you get signed off.

We will also have our troop guides there to teaching required skills and helping scouts learn them.

Can you please tell me all about rank advancement?

Would like to get to the next rank but are not sure how...

If your next rank is Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class attending Trailhead (see details above) and going on outings is key.

If your next rank is Star, Life or Eagle make sure you have a "position of responsibility" with the troop. This is a requirement for all of these ranks and there is a certain amount of time you need to be in the position. Not sure what is available - ask your Scoutmaster.

So you have double or even triple checked your handbook and you have completed all the requirements for your next rank. Great - the next step is to show your Scoutmaster you have completed all the requirements and schedule a Scoutmaster's Conference (SMC).

After completing your SMC it is time to schedule your Board of Review (BOR). This is done by contacting our troop's advancement committee chair who will schedule you a time to meet with three committee members. You cannot be scheduled for this meeting until you have done your SMC.

Did you know the date you complete your BOR is the official date you go up in rank?

Yes we do hand out your new rank patch, card & pin at the Court of Honor (COH) although we only hold COHs 3 times a year and that is just the ceremony we have to recognize everyone who has advanced in rank or completed a merit badge since the last COH.

There is no reason to wait to do your BOR just before a COH our committee is running BORs during most Patrol Leader Councils (PLC) which are held the last Tuesday of every month And sometime they have them more often than that so keep an eye on this section of the newsletter or they may be announced at a troop meeting.

Do you feel overwhelmed and have no idea how to get started with rank advancement? Talking to a Scoutmaster (SM) or Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM) can help you set up a game plan to help you get to your next rank or maybe next few ranks. These meetings are for the scout and his parents if they would like to join us.

Are you stalled out at LIFE. One of the most common things to happen is a scout gets to Life rank and stays at that rank for years. They are having a great time going on outings, being part of leadership and helping at our service events. If you need some help moving up that last rank advancement the troop has adults who can act as your Eagle Advisor and we also periodically offer a Life to Eagle meeting where we go over all the steps.

One important thing to remember Lord Baden Powell (BP) the founder of the Scouting program set the goal of every scout to achieve the rank of **First Class**. We often think the goal is getting to Eagle Rank although only around 5% of scouts obtain that rank. Take a look at this article that looks at scouts that have gone on to do amazing things, it shows if they obtained Eagle Rank. Just being part of scouting has a big impact on your life no matter what rank you obtain.

[Scouts](#) who are celebrities

Can you please let me know about Trails End annual fundraiser through popcorn sales for our troop?

Trails End Annual Fundraiser

Our Annual Popcorn fundraising event is underway. We are off to a great start with over \$3700 in online sales made since July 1st.

If you haven't already, please login to Trails-End.com and set your goal. The minimum goal is \$300, however, if you sell over \$2500 or are one of the top 5 sellers you will get to throw a pie in face of any troop leader you choose! What is more exciting than that??? POP to it and start raising funds to support all the great events/outings Troop 200 provides. If you have any questions, please reach out to Tena Melfi at: tenamelfi@yahoo.com

What is board of review and whom do I contact?

Board of Review Coordinator

The Committee has a need for a board of review coordinator to replace our current coordinator that needs to step down due to her travel schedule. The position is the point person for the scouts to contact when they need a board of review to advance in rank and then puts the word out for volunteers to run a board of review. The current BOR coordinator will be available to walk you through the details of the position. The duties can be taken care of via email with very little face to face meetings required.

Please let David Melfi know at Dmelfi88@gmail.com if you can step up and help the troop fill this vital position. Thank you for your consideration and helping with the ongoing needs of running the troop.