



New Scout & Parent Guide  
**Troop 380**

Rio Del Oro District  
Golden Empire Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
[www.t380.org](http://www.t380.org)

### **Scout Oath**

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 Law**

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

### **Venture Crew Oath**

As a Venturer, I promise  
to help strengthen America,  
to be faithful in my religious  
duties, to help others, and to seek truth,  
fairness, and adventure in our world.



# Introduction

**W**e welcome you to Troop 380. we believe that you have chosen to join one of the best troops in the greater Sacramento area.

Troop 380 is sponsored by the Emmanuel Baptist Church and has been serving the Rosemont area for over twenty-five years. Troop 380 is governed by an adult Troop Committee. This committee consists of parents who volunteer their services to the Troop in several different ways.

This booklet is designed to aid you in getting acquainted with the Troop and its operation. In this book we have outlined some of the basic things you should know and what will be expected from both you and your son.

If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson, or any other Troop Committee Member.

Again, we welcome you and your son to Troop 380.

# Message To Parents

All parents are invited to participate in all Troop activities. Troop 380 welcomes and needs parent input, comment, and support. Without the support of parents, the Troop could not function properly. We can always improve our activities, so please do not hesitate to speak up. Our ultimate goal is to present the opportunity of Scouting to all our boys in the best possible way.

Parents may serve the Troop in several direct ways by:

1. Always enthusiastically **SUPPORT** your son all the way through his Scouting career. You do not have to be an expert to help... just listening to him and his experiences is often times enough.
2. **ATTEND** parent meetings. Adult meetings called on the last Tuesday of each month help to keep you informed of what is going on and for you to have an opportunity to provide us with your ideas and suggestions.
3. You will be asked to **SERVE** on our Board of Review and Troop Committee. Rosters are made up in advance and all parents share equally. Each family is expected to participate in at least **two** Boards of Review and **two** Troop Committee Meetings during the year.
4. At special activities and camping, all parents will be expected to **HELP** provide transportation to and from these activities at least twice a year.
5. You will be asked to **ATTEND** overnight camping and other weekend activities as an adult supervisor, rather than as a parent. Adults are a necessity and without them Troop 380 **WILL NOT** be able to offer overnight adventures. The purpose of adult supervision is to maintain a safe and orderly environment within which the older boys in Leadership positions can control and conduct the troop activities. If you have a preference for hiking or camping, please let us know. We realize that not all of you are able or want to go on these trips, while others will genuinely enjoy the outdoors and look forward to these adventures.
6. All parents are asked to **FILL OUT** the parents' survey sheets and merit badge counselor sheets. The troop needs parents as volunteers to assist our sons in advancement and in providing other assistance at troop level as well as district and/or council level.

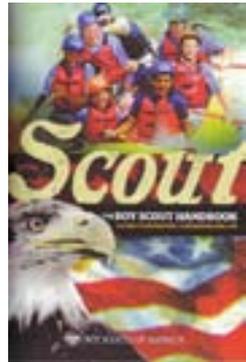
# General Information

## Meetings

Meetings are held every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at Emmanuel Baptist Church, on Keifer Blvd. These meetings are held weekly all year with the exception of holiday's or unless you are notified that a meeting has been canceled or changed to another date or location. **Please arrive at least 15 minutes before the meeting starts.**

## Handbooks

A Boy Scout Handbook is essential to all Scouts for participation and earning advancements in the Scouting program. Each Scout is required to bring his Scout Handbook and writing materials to all meetings.



## Dues

Dues are determined annually and paid quarterly. This money is used for special purposes. All awards are purchased by the troop and presented to the Scouts, this includes Ranks, merit badges, and other special awards that the Scouts earn. The money is also used to buy camping equipment, supplies and any camping costs other than food. There are opportunities for Scouts to earn money to cover some of the costs of summer activities.

## Physical Condition

Each parent is expected to advise the Scoutmaster of any physical condition that would limit their son's activity. The troop can work with disabilities but it must know about them in advance.

A health record **is required** for your son's participation in Scouting. This form is on the back of the registration form. Please be sure that you fill this out when registering your son in Scouting.

A Scout "*Health and Medical Record for Youth*" is required before a Scout may attend summer camp or any long term activity. This form must be filled out and signed by a physician or a pediatric nurse practitioner. Each form is good for **one year**.



## Permission Slips

Each Scout will also be **required** to turn in a permission slip and a medical release form **before every** outing including summer camp and any long term activity. This is to insure that the boys can be treated in case of emergency. **No Scout will be allowed to participate without these forms.**

## Uniforms

All Scouts are to wear their Class A uniforms to all meetings and troop activities. The Class A uniform consists of a Scout shirt, Scout shorts, Scout socks, BSA approved belt and buckle, Troop neckerchief, and Troop hat. Class B uniforms may be worn when warranted by the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader. Class B uniform consists of the red Troop 380 T-shirt, Troop hat, BSA approved belt and buckle, Scout shorts, and Scout socks.

## Insignia

All insignia is to be complete and up-to-date. Rank awards and merit badge awards are furnished by the troop (for one uniform). No one is permitted to buy these awards on their own.

## Equipment

Each Scout will probably want to begin collection his own equipment. Lack of any item **will not** prevent a Scout from participating on hikes and camp outs. It is recommended that parents go slow in accumulation equipment to be sure they get only what is really needed. The troop furnishes all tents and patrol cooking gear.

A minimum equipment list should include:

Sleeping bag	Sierra cup and utensil
Sleeping pad	Nalgene water bottles
Ground cloth	Pocket knife
Backpack	Compass
Rain gear	Scout Handbook

## Rank Advancement

Each Scout is expected to move upward in rank and achieve merit badge awards.

All requirements for rank advancement are described in the Scout Handbook and must be completed in full and signed off by the proper authority. Rank requirements up to First Class may be signed off by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, or authorized youth leaders. Ranks above First Class must be signed off by the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters. Merit badge awards are signed off by a certified merit badge counselor. A roster of all merit badge counselors is kept at the Advancement table.



Advancement requires final approval by the Scoutmaster and the Adult Board of Review. No rank awards are earned without these approvals.

Often it is possible for a Scout to satisfactorily complete all “academic” requirements for rank and merit badges. But, he must still demonstrate to the Scoutmaster that he understands what he has learned and that he is able to work with others in passing on his newly acquired knowledge and skill.

Before attempting a merit badge award, a Scout must first have the approval of the Scoutmaster or the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of advancement and make arrangements with the appropriate merit badge counselor.

Each Scout must be actively working on his advancement I rank to participate and to hold a troop office.

It is important for the parents to know the proper procedures that their Scouts must follow for rank advancement. It is as follows:

- First the Scout must complete all requirements for the rank that he is working on. (found in the Scout Handbook)
- A Scoutmaster conference must then be scheduled **by the scout**. This is done at the beginning of each troop meeting by one of the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. The conference will then take place the following week. Conferences may also be held during outings. These should be scheduled directly with the Scoutmaster.
- Upon the completion of the Scoutmaster conference, a Board of Review must be completed. This is scheduled **by the scout** at the beginning of each meeting. A board of Review is made up of adult members of the Troop Committee who interview the Scout to make sure that the Scout has passed all the requirements and is ready to advance.
- When the Scout has passed the Board of Review he must show his book to the Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of advancement so that the award can be recorded and presented to the Scout.
- Each rank badge is awarded at the next troop meeting so that the Scout gains immediate recognition. Formal recognition is held every three months at a Troop Court of Honor. At this time the Scout receives his rank card and a pin to be presented to his mother. Parents are highly encouraged to attend all Courts of Honor especially when their son is to receive recognition.

## Camping

The troop produces an annual calendar at the end of the summer for the following year which is based on Scout input. Troop 380 schedules regular overnight camping activities and all Scouts are expected to attend. Day trips and hikes are also a part of our regular program.

*Food and other costs are minimal and are shared on a per person basis unless otherwise informed.*

Summer camp, scheduled months before summer arrives, is also a troop activity. Scouts are expected to attend if at all possible. Cost is reasonable and camperships are available in cases of need. This is an excellent opportunity for your Scout to earn advancement and it will provide an experience that will last a lifetime.



A recent trip to the top of Mt. St. Helena.

High adventure camping is also a part of Troop 380's program. Parents will be notified in advance for these types of programs since the cost is usually higher than regular summer camp. Troop fund raising projects will be used to help offset the cost to the parents.

### **Communication**

The **Troop calendar** with the dates of planned events for the coming year **can be found** on our website at [www.t380.org](http://www.t380.org). In addition, the patrol leaders of each patrol call every Scout, within their patrol, with any new or updated news weekly. A **Troop email list** is sent out every week. Parents can attend **Troop Committee Meetings** held the last Tuesday of each month. The location of committee meetings are at the Emmanuel Baptist Church at 7:30 PM. These meetings are a chance to become more informed about your son's troop and a place for your input.

## Phone Numbers

Committee Chairperson

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Scoutmaster

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Asst Scoutmaster

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Advancement Chairperson

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Senior Patrol Leader

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Asst Senior Patrol Leader

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Asst Senior Patrol Leader

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Patrol Member

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## SONGS OF TROOP 380

### Marching Song

Grunt, Grunt, Grunt, Grunt

Grunt, Grunt, Grunt, Grunt

We're the men from Three Eight, Oh,

You've heard so much about

The judges hide the ribbons

Whenever we're about

We tie our knots with lightening speed

We lash our poles too

We're the men from Three, Eight, Oh,

Who the heck are you!?

### Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day

As our campfire fades away

Silently each Scout should ask

Have I done my daily task?

Have I kept my honor bright?

Can I guiltless sleep tonight?

Have I done and have I dared

Everything to be prepared?



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