



TROOP 310 NEW SCOUT AND PARENT GUIDE

HELLO NEW SCOUTS and PARENTS! All of the Boy Scouts and Leaders of Troop 310 *welcome you!* In order to help you as a new Scout and parent, we have prepared this *Troop 310 New Scout and Parent Guide*. Please read it carefully to find out about most of the things you will need to know to become acquainted with our troop.

Registration and Dues:

First time registration fee is \$60.00. The registration covers the cost of:

Official Membership in the Boy Scouts of America
Subscription to Boys' Life Magazine
Accident Insurance for All Official Activities
Boy Scout Handbook
Troop 310 Custom Embroidered Neckerchief and Slide (will be presented to new Scout when uniform is purchased and worn to meetings)
Council, Troop Number, Veteran Unit, and World Crest Patches.
First Month's Dues



Dues are \$12.00 per month (September through June) or \$100 per year, payable by October 31st, which covers the cost of:

All Camping Trips (except food)
All Special Day Trips
All Awards
Program Materials and Supplies for Troop Meetings
Occasional Snacks



Uniforms: The Boy Scouts of America is a uniformed organization. The uniform is an important part of the Scouting program. Uniforms are worn at weekly meetings and special events. As your son earns awards and badges, he will need a uniform to display them. The cost of a full Boy Scout uniform is approximately \$70. ***Please do not purchase a uniform until your son is certain that he wants to remain in Scouting and Troop 310. We suggest that you discuss the exact time for purchase of the Boy Scout uniform with one of the adult leaders. A minimum of three months is suggested before you will need to purchase a uniform.***

Meetings: Troop meetings are held just about every Thursday. It is very important that boys arrive at 7:15 pm as our meetings begin promptly at 7:30 pm. Important announcements are made to the boys at the beginning of the meeting. Meetings end at approximately 9:00 pm. ***Please note that the troop does not provide transportation to or from meetings.***

Medical Forms: Medical forms are required by the national office of the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 310. No boy can be permitted to attend any trips without a completed and up to date medical. It is very important that you fill out the form accurately and have a medical doctor examine your son as soon as possible. The completed medical form should be given to one of the adult leaders.

Permission Slips: Permission slips are required by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America. No boy can be permitted to attend any trips without a permission slip. The slip, which is signed by a parent, authorizes the leaders of the troop to provide medical care to your son if it should ever be needed. The completed medical form should be given to one of the adult leaders.

Importance of the Family in Troop 310: A Boy Scout troop is designed to work as a *family*. This includes your son *and you*. ***Your support of your son's Scouting activities is very important.*** We urge you to support your son in all of his Scouting activities. Your help would also be most appreciated in:

- **Transportation....** Most of our Boy Scout camping trips and activities require transportation. While most of our leaders drive, we do not have enough room to take all of the boys. If you have a car, this is where we could really use your help! Without it, our trips and activities just won't happen! ***Most of our trips depart from and return to the Post Commissary Parking Lot.***

- **Fund Raising....** Troop 310 periodically runs fund raising events like trips to Atlantic City to raise money. The money we raise pays for our camping trips and other activities that dues alone would not be enough to pay for. Your assistance is greatly needed when these activities happen. Without your help, we won't raise enough money to pay for all of the great activities that we have.

- **Good Turns....** Troop 310 participates in different activities to help our community, like collecting food and donating it to needy families. By allowing your boy to participate, you will also be helping good causes.

We hope that this helps you to understand what Troop 310 does. With your help, your son will have a rewarding experience that will last a lifetime. So cheer us on, and give us your support. If you have any questions about anything in this guide, please see one of the adult leaders at any one of our meetings.