



New Scout Welcome Packet

Chartered by Christ Church United Methodist, The Woodlands, Texas
6363 Research Forest Road, The Woodlands, TX 77381

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 early February. This date will quickly approach and our committee needs time to process and submit the applications to the council office prior to Troop 889's Crossover Campout on March 4-5th, 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 listed below. 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 on Monday evenings (please review our web calendar) at Christ Church United Methodist.
- You may drop it off directly with our Membership Chair. A box is located on the front porch so drop-off can be at your convenience (phone or e-mail Membership Chair for details).
- If other arrangements need to be made, please contact either our Membership Chair or one of our Webelos Coordinators. Their contact information can be found below

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 Application. We highly recommend that all parents/guardians take Youth Protection Training, even if they are not a BSA Registered Adult.

Additionally, we encourage you and your son to read the Troop 889 Procedures and Guidelines Manual. It contains a significant amount of information that will make your son's transition to Boy Scouts and Troop 889 much easier and will answer many questions. This, and other useful information, can be found on our web-site under "Documents".

For your convenience, all required forms are included in this packet. If you prefer to work on an electronic version, this packet is available on the Troop Website at <http://www.troop889bsa.org/>.

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

Troop Contacts:

Karen Yost – Membership Chair – 936-242-1084; kyost1@aol.com
John Roberts – Webelos Coordinator – 936-321-8100; johnny.roberts@shell.com
Don Thomas – Webelos Coordinator – 832-813-8191; dgt@crimsoncorp.com
Tom Mancuso – Troop Committee Chair – 936-321-2886; tom.mancuso@gmail.com



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New Scout Application Checklist

- Personal Data Collection Form**
Basic contact information for your family.
http://troop889bsa.org/documents/doc_download/36-troop-889-personal-data-collection-form

- BSA Youth Application**
Please obtain & complete an original four part application from your WEBELOS transition contact, or any Adult Leader from Troop 889. They may also be picked up at any Scout Shop. If you use a PDF downloaded from the link below, you will need to print, then sign, and turn in the hard copy form. http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406_fillable.pdf
FAQ for completing the application:
 - Boy Scout Troop - Unit No.: 889
 - Boys' Life is the monthly BSA magazine for scouts (\$24/year for 12 issues)

- BSA Adult Application**
Please obtain & complete an original four part application from your WEBELOS transition contact, or any Adult Leader from Troop 889. They may also be picked up at any Scout Shop. If you use a PDF downloaded from the link below, you will need to print, then sign, and turn in the hard copy form. <http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501.pdf> .
FAQ for completing the application:
 - Expire Date: 12/31/2017 – check the 'New Leader' box
 - Position Code: 91U – Unit Scouter Reserve (unless you are already a trained leader)
 - Boys' Life is the monthly BSA magazine for scouts (if your son is getting the magazine, then you don't need it for the Adult Application).
 - Please don't forget to fill out the right side of the application in full with 3 references.

- Troop 889 Parent Resource Survey (online)**
If for some reason you cannot complete the survey online, a hard copy is included in this packet and can be turned in with other paperwork. <http://goo.gl/forms/azK7Yp24kV>

- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for your Scout)**
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for the registering Adult)**
This is an annual record and must be updated accordingly.
<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/HealthandSafety/ahmr.aspx>

- Front and back copy of your Health Insurance Card (and child's if different).**

- A check made out to "Troop 889 BSA" for \$150.00**
This will go directly into your son's Scout Account. 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 (below)**

- Scout Buddy Preference (below / optional)**



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Personal Clothing & Gear

You will need to purchase the following items for the Field Uniform (aka "Class A") from the Scout Shop or online at ScoutStuff.org. If your son already has these items from Webelos, they may continue to use them.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tan Scout Shirt (short sleeve) | <input type="checkbox"/> Olive Socks (Optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Olive Colored Pants | <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Merit Badge Sash (only needed once they start earning merit badges) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BSA Olive Belt and Buckle | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Handbook and Handbook Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> World Scout Crest Emblem (purple patch w/ Fleur-De-Lis) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam Houston Area Council Patch | |

The following items are provided by Troop 889 and the cost will be deducted directly from the Scout's account. These can be also purchased from the Troop's Merchandise Coordinator at Troop Meetings.

- The items below will all be included in a one-time \$25.00 fee upon joining Troop 889:
 - Troop 889 Neckerchief, (generally presented at Crossover)
 - Slide (generally presented at Crossover)
 - Epaulets
 - Unit Number
 - Patrol Patch (once the new Patrols decide on a name)
- Troop 889 Green Dri-Fit Activity T-Shirt (aka "Class B") - \$19.00. It is recommended that each scout have at least one of these.
- Troop 889 Yellow Cotton Activity T-Shirt (aka "Class B") - \$18.00. It is recommended that each scout have at least one of these.
- Troop 889 Baseball Hat - \$20.00 (optional but recommended)

Your Scout will need the following personal gear, which can be purchased at the Scout Shop or another retail establishment. Please reference Troop 889's Personal Packing List document on the Troop's web-site for a more detailed list. For the Crossover Campout (and most camp outs) they will only need these basics.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Backpack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Pad (Please, no inflatable air mattresses or cots) | <input type="checkbox"/> Small, Light Camp Chair |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sturdy, Comfortable Hiking Shoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene Items |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess Kit & Water Bottle | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy Scout Handbook and Handbook Cover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Poncho or Suit | |

Local Scout Shops

Strake

Location: 1188-B West Dallas Street, Conroe, TX 77301

Contact: (800) 864-1568

Hours: Mon.-Sat.: 10 AM - 6 PM, Closed Sunday

Houston Scout Shop (Council Headquarters)

Location: 2225 North Loop West, Suite A, Houston, TX 77008

Contact: (713) 865-5190

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 9 AM - 6 PM, Sat.: 10 AM - 5 PM, Closed Sunday

Champions Scout Shop

Location: 6512 FM 1960 West (at Champion Drive), Houston, TX 77069

Contact: (281) 444-1152

Hours: Mon.-Fri.: 10 AM - 7 PM, Sat.: 10 AM - 5 PM, Closed Sunday



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What Are My Expected Fees?

Compared with other youth activities, Scouting represents a phenomenal value for the cost. Below is a good estimate of the annual costs associated with Scouting and Troop 889.

- Initiation Fee (One Time Upon Joining) \$150
- Typical Monthly Campout: \$20ⁱ
- Quarterly Equipment Fee: \$15
- Quarterly Operating Fee: \$15
- Summer Camp: \$350
- High Adventure Camp: (14 Years & Older) \$1500

Troop 889 participates in three fundraisers annually: Flags Across America, Scout Fair Coupon Book Sales, Popcorn Sales and Wreath Sales. There is plenty of opportunity for your Scout to earn a significant portion (if not all) of the annual costs of Scouting by participating in these fundraisers.

ⁱ Only applies if the scout attends the campout



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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 adult position with 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: _____



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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.