



Troop 483
Glendora, California
San Gabriel Valley Council
Valle De Sol District

Dear New Troop 483 Parent,

The members of Troop 483 extend you and your son a hearty welcome! We think Troop 483 is just about the best Boy Scout Troop in the San Gabriel Valley Council.

Our adult leadership aims to focus on the individual Scout in order to help develop character and leadership qualities through application of the aims and methods of scouting formulated by Scouting's great founder Robert Baden-Powell ("B-P") nearly a century ago.

We are a boy-run troop. If you're expecting all troop events to run like well oiled clockwork under the active leadership of a cadre of adult leaders who micromanage every aspect of the event, you may be disappointed. But, if like us, your expectation is that Boy Scouting will give your son the precious opportunity not found in most other youth organizations to actively lead other youth, then you have joined the right Troop.

As a new scout parent possibly coming from a well-organized Cub Pack, it may well appear to you that some of the Troop's meetings, outings and other activities are a bit disorganized. They are. What else could you expect – a fourteen or fifteen year old boy is learning how to lead a patrol or the troop. As B-P said, "[I]t sounds a big order, but in practice it works

Now that you have decided to join the Troop, the following items are needed to finish the process.

1. Complete the following attached forms
 - a) BSA Youth Application. A sample is attached.
 - b) Class 1 Personal Health & Medical History Form
 - c) Scout Personal Data Collection Form
 - d) Parental Information/Interest Form
2. Provide a check for \$65.00 payable to BSA- Troop 483.
3. Return to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman

The Scoutmaster will attend your son's bridging ceremony and will be presenting him with Troop 483 numbers, shoulder applets and a Troop 483 red t shirt.

Welcome to the Troop



Troop 483 Parental Information/Interest Form

To Troop 483: Yes, I'm interested in helping out with troop activities! Here's some information about me to help you know and use available resources!

My Name: _____ Spouse's Name _____

My occupation _____ Spouse's Occupation _____

My Hobbies and
Interests: _____

Spouse's Hobbies and
Interests: _____

Scouting Experience:

Camping/Outdoors

Experience: _____

Military or other Leadership

Experience: _____

Fundraising

Experience _____

Volunteer

Experience _____

Ages & names of other

children _____

Scout Merit Badges I'd like to counsel:

(see www.meritbadge.com for list and requirements)

Interested in becoming a registered leader? Y N

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO STEVE MARSH OR STEVE SALYARDS

Boy Scouts of America

Troop 483

United Methodist Church

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"BE PREPARED"

In order for the scouts of Troop 483 to "Be Prepared" for activities we engage in, the following list of items has been prepared. Please note: Troop 483 does not supply paper plates or cups, or plastic utensils on camping trips. It is each Scouts responsibility to provide their own personal equipment for this purpose.

The items on this list are mandatory for all scouts in the troop.

"The Ten Essentials"

- Pocketknife - Folding variety preferably with at least one blade of the locking type.
- First Aid Kit - Refer to the Boy Scout Manual for the proper items.
- Rain Gear - Rain poncho or rain jacket.
- Water Bottle - At least one quart size (32 oz) or more. Filled with water!
- Flashlight - Include at least one set of extra batteries.
- Matches and Fire Starter - Place matches in a water proof container.
- Sun Protection - Sunscreen, hat, etc.
- Map and Compass - Compass should have a base plate and scale, it should be easy to read.
- Extra Clothing - Socks, pants, shirt, jacket, gloves.
- Trail food - GORP, granola bars, energy bars, dried fruit, etc.

Other required items:

- Personal eating utensils - Fork, spoon. (you already have a knife in the ten essentials)
- Personal unbreakable cup or mug - Something that can be used for hot or cold fluids.
- Personal mess kit, aluminum pie plate, or unbreakable plate. (No Paper Goods)
- Personal toiletries - Toothbrush, toothpaste, comb or brush, facial tissue or toilet paper.
- Something to carry the above items in - Suggestions are a medium size fanny pack, small day pack or combination of these two items.
- Sleeping bag - Should have a temperature rating of at least 20 degrees F or colder (0 degree is preferred) Car camping; Any style will work. Backpacking; Mummy style, **synthetic** filling total weight 2.5 to 3.5 pounds.
- Boots - General activity; lightweight hiking boots are sufficient. Heavy backpacking; sturdy well-supported boots are better.

*****Please mark all personal items with scouts first name and last initial**

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions regarding this list please let us know.