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To the New Parents of Troop 728:

Welcome to our troop! We are very pleased that you and your son have chosen to join our troop.

In order to make your transition into our troop and Boy Scouting easier, we have assembled a number of documents that provide information on our troop, scouting, and hints to make your first year a successful and memorable one. We have also included the necessary forms that need to be completed to register you and your scout into Boy Scouts and Troop 728.

On several documents in our information packet, you will find the statement, "**The boys who do the best in scouting are the ones whose parents participate with them from the start.**" As adult volunteers, we have both personally grown from participating with our sons, and had lots of fun along the way.

But we need your help to complete our troop mission and make your son's scouting experience successful. Each patrol must have at least two registered Assistant Scoutmasters to give guidance to the patrol and support the leadership. You do not need any scouting experience for this role, only a desire for your son to succeed in Scouting! While Troop 728 maintains a scout run troop, it is up to the adults to guide them in the choices they will make and support their learning of scouting and leadership skills.

In addition, each patrol must have one adult register for participation as a Committee Member to support the overall troop success. The current list of members is attached. You do not need to sign up for a position, only to agree to attend the meetings and help where needed.

Please speak with the other parents of your patrol and choose the members who will register with the troop. Adult registration forms are included in the information packet.

Again, we are very excited to have you as a member of our troop. We look forward to a great and exciting year!

Tom Holt, Committee Chair
Joe Engert, Scoutmaster

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Information Summary

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Mission	The mission of Boy Scout Troop 728 is to provide opportunities for young men to have a fun, challenging, supportive and exciting scouting experience.
Achieving the Mission	Active, enthusiastic scouts supported by involved and supportive parents in an outdoor based boy run program that holds the scouts interest. We encourage the scouts to advance in rank so they have the skills to enjoy the opportunities presented, but not at the expense of fun.
Sponsor	Oak Hills Christian Reformed Church Boy Scouts of America Sunset Trail District, www.cpcbsa.org/sunsettrail Cascade Pacific Council, www.cpcbsa.org
Outings	Full year program – see end of document for schedule Summer camp, one week in July/August <i>Monthly outings include:</i> Camping, backpacking, cross-country skiing, biking, canoeing, crabbing
Additional Opportunities	National Jamboree, Washington, D.C. High adventure activities for older scouts such as Philmont and extended outings Opportunities to serve as councilors at Cub Scout and scout camps Scouting Junior Leader training provided by Troop 728 Participation at Polaris and Sogus council leadership training camps
Meetings	Troop meetings Monday 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at Oak Hills Church No Troop meeting on the Monday immediately following an outing Patrol Leader Council and Adult Committee Meetings on Mondays after outings
Troop Size	80 - 100 scouts and 35 active adult leaders
Scoutmaster	Joe Engert 503-516-4342 ← <i>Contact if your den wishes to join</i> scoutmaster@troop728.com
Committee Meetings	The Monday immediately following an outing, 7:00 – 9:00 PM at the Godfathers Pizza on Bethany Blvd.
Committee Chair	Tom Holt committeechair@troop728.com

Costs	<p><i>Annual Dues</i> - \$65.00 per year, includes Boys Life subscription</p> <p><i>Summer Camp</i> - \$200.00 approx:</p> <p><i>Friends of Scouting</i> - Tax Deductible donation - \$130.00 (Optional)</p> <p><i>Outings</i> – Food cost shared by each patrol</p> <p>Transportation cost of \$5 - \$10 per scout, depending on distance</p> <p>Troop costs supported through Christmas Tree recycling program, Scouts fundraising from candy and popcorn sales (all proceeds go to scouts)</p>
Required Uniform	<p>Scout Shirt w/Patches</p> <p>Neckerchief is provided by the troop (Green/Gold) & Slide</p> <p>Rank Patches</p> <p>Some extra uniforms are available from the troop</p> <p>Uniform worn by all scouts, ASM's and Committee Members during scouting events</p> <p>Please see the Uniform Requirements section for more details.</p>
Medical Forms	<p>These forms must be submitted to the Medical forms coordinator.</p> <p>Class 1 required annually and at registration for all adults and scouts</p> <p>Class 2 required every 36 months</p> <p>Class 3 required by all scouts and adults age 40 or older when an event exceeds 72 hours. Requires a physician's signature. Adults must complete a Class 3 every year and youth will need to update it every three years. It is recommended that you complete this as soon as possible and this is mandatory to attend summer camp.</p>
Outdoor	<p>The patrols camp and eat together as a unit. Adults belong to Fossil Patrol and also eat together. The troop provides each patrol with patrol boxes equipped with stove, lantern, and propane. Each Patrol provides pots and utensils as needed, along with food and other consumables. There are a limited number of dutch ovens available for use too.</p>
Equipment	<p>Key Scout gear includes <u>water proof</u> hiking boots, breathable rain gear, non-cotton socks and a sleeping bag. See equipment section for more details.</p>
Neighborhood service	<p>Goodwill, Good Turn and Scouting for Food</p> <p>Participate in Oak Hills Church maintenance activities</p> <p>Participation in Eagle projects</p> <p>Service projects needed for rank advancement</p>
Scholarships	<p>Scholarships are available from the troop and through the Boy Scouts of America Council office for summer camp and to assist in the cost of the annual dues for scouts that have a financial need. A parent should contact either the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairperson to discuss opportunities for these scholarships.</p>

How Troop 728 Operates

The scouts run the program at Troop 728 utilizing the Patrol Method. An annual brainstorming and planning session is held for the scout leadership to come up with ideas for outings and merit badges. This becomes the framework for Troop meeting plans and campouts. Merit badge work is incorporated into the plan where possible. Adult Committee leaders complete the tasks necessary to reserve individual camp sites.

Troop 728 puts a real emphasis on getting first year patrols going. Patrols are organized by age/grade. Each scout has a good chance of developing lasting friendships this way. New Patrols are assigned a Troop Guide (a First Class scout interested in helping incoming boys) to help the first year scouts make the transition to Boy Scouts and Troop 728. At least two parents are required to be Assistant Scoutmasters to coach, support, and empower the scouts to operate their patrol and enjoy the scouting experience.

Advancement is an important part of Scouting. The Troop program is designed to enable an incoming scout to have the opportunity to achieve First Class Rank in their first year of scouting, but advancement depends on the individual Scout. Advancement activities are integrated into Troop meetings and campouts.

Adult participation is critical to the success of our Troop. Troop 728 requires a minimum of three registered adults to join with each Den that crosses over, two as Assistant Scoutmasters, and one as a Committee Member. Most adults find that they have a great time and enjoy the camaraderie. We had 85 scouts and 27 adults attend summer camp last summer. It is common to have a 1:3 adult:scout ratio on campouts. You don't need to have any experience to participate! The Boy Scout organization holds classes several times each year, and the current ASM's are very willing to pass along their experience to the new adults in the troop.

The Patrol Method

This is the heart and soul of Troop 728.

The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives

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If you do have questions please contact the Adult Troop Guides, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or the Committee Chair.

Fund Raising

There are three fund raising efforts for the troop. The monetary success of the troop is directly related to the effort that is made by the scouts. Prior to each of the fund raising efforts, the Troop Committee will set the criteria for the portion of the funds obtained by each scout that will go to a dedicated account in the scout's name. This money can then be used for summer camp and other activities related to scouting.

Christmas tree Recycling

The Annual Christmas Tree Recycling is our troop's only fund raising effort. Scouts and parents are expected to participate as patrols to hand out fliers and work during the tree collection days. The net collected funds are typically split between the troop (for operating expenses) and the scouts who work during the event. Both the Scouts time and the parent's time earn dollars to the scouts account.

This is a huge opportunity to build up that scout account.

Candy and Popcorn Sale

The troop supports our Council by participating in the Candy and Popcorn sales. This is an optional and voluntary sale. Portions of the proceeds a scout make goes into their scout accounts to assist in paying for scout expenses as they or their family chooses.

Scout Accounts

Upon joining Troop 728 a scout account is setup where each scout can earn money from the above fundraising activities. This money can be used for any activity directly related to scouting (i.e. summer camp, Troop fees, camping equipment, etc.). Once a purchase is made then you submit your receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement. Each event has its own calculation for the amount that can be earned. Contact the Troop Treasurer any time to find the balance of your scout account.

Summer Camp

Each scout must pay the cost of summer camp in advance. The cost of one week at an in-council camp is around \$200. A down payment is required in the spring for registration. A deposit is required by the troop to hold a campsite and the dates up to two years in advance of the camp. The scout can use the money that has accumulated in his scout account during the year to offset the cost of summer camp if he wishes. Troop 728 follows a 4 year rotation of attendance at the council's camps. For 2008 is the fifth year in the rotation so camp will be outside of regular council camps

Please See Appendix B. for details on this year's Summer Camp

Record Keeping

It is a good idea for your scout to start and maintain a memory book of his scout experiences. He will need to retain the achievement cards which are awarded as he progresses through advancement from Scout to Eagle. He will also receive achievement cards confirming the award of his merit badges. These cards fit nicely into 3-ring binders in "baseball card" inserts. Adding photos, old uniform rank patches, event patches and other memorabilia makes for a nice record of his trail to Eagle.

Your scout should bring his Boy Scout Handbook (provided by the troop) to every meeting and scout outing as this book serves as his advancement record. He records outings and service projects in the Handbook as well.

Uniform Requirements

Each boy is required to have (and wear!) a regulation Boy Scout uniform. Adult leaders are encouraged to wear the adult Boy Scout uniform. The troop will accept both the Class A and Class B uniforms, as described below, depending on the activity involved. Both uniforms are required. Class A is worn in the winter. Class B tends to be worn in the summer around and after summer camp.

All boys are expected to wear their Class A uniforms to all Scout meetings and other sanctioned Scout functions. Class A uniforms are to be worn at the start of all outings, so the scout should always arrive at the collection point parking lot in Class A uniform. Shirts are expected to be clean and tucked in.

Class “A” Uniform

The Class A uniform is the official Boy Scout uniform. The troop requires that each Scout attend meetings in uniform. The Scouts tend to get the most use out of the short sleeve shirt. In Oregon, scout age guys tend to wear shorts throughout the year, so your son will get more use out of shorts than they do long pants. Official scout cargo pants or shorts tend to be more popular. The required uniform and patches is as follows:

Required

- Boy Scout Shirt (Short or Long Sleeve)
- Troop 728 Patch (provided by troop)
- Troop 728 Hat
- Patrol Patch
- 40 Year Patch (part of Troop 728 patch)
- Rank Patch (Provided by troop)
- Cascade Pacific Council Shoulder Patch
- Sunset Trail Pocket Patch
- Patch of scout leadership position held by the scout
- Neckerchief (Green/Gold) (provided by troop)
- Slide of Choice, BSA standard is fine

Suggested

Merit Badge Sash (purchase after the first merit badge)
Boy Scout Belt
Arrow of Light Patch earned in Cub Scouts
Religion Knot earned in Cub Scouts

The Scout Uniform

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals.

Class “B” Uniform

The Class B uniform is the official troop T-shirt provided to the Scouts each year immediately prior to summer camp. The Class B uniform can be worn on outings and to summer meetings. The cost of the troop T-shirt is included in the annual dues. The Scouts will receive them at load out to summer camp.

Uniform Distributers

Uniforms, patches and official scout equipment can be purchased at a couple of locations. The Nor’West Scout Shop located at the Council Offices or at a licensed local distributor. The scout shop is the best place to purchase scout uniforms, because the selection is the best and the cost is the same for all outlets.

Uniform Pool

There is a small pool of used uniforms for our use. The pool works when scouts donate or exchange uniforms that they have outgrown. Contact the Uniform Pool Coordinator (Currently Judy Leppla) for information on the available clothing.

Uniform Patches

Each Scout is responsible for having the patches sewed on to the uniform in the proper manner. By the way, this is a great opportunity to teach you son how to sew! To assist in the placement of patches, the Boy Scout/Varsity Scout Uniform Inspection Sheet is available at the scout shop. It shows the proper placement of the patches for both the short and long sleeve shirts.

Patches are also of great interest to collectors and are provided to the Scouts at camporees and other special activities. Care in saving the patches that the Scout receives throughout his scouting career will provide the Scout with many memories.

Camping Equipment

There is a lot of information on camping equipment and probably the most overwhelming area of all. There are so many options, types, prices, and locations etc for gear as well as probably the most talked about section.

It is important to note that a Scout does not need all the gear on the first day joining Troop 728. Outdoor gear is something that is built upon slowly over time, as the scout becomes more involved with outings and his skills develop. The three most important items are waterproof hiking boots, breathable raingear, and non-cotton socks. It is very important that we do not get wet when outdoors. We live in the Northwest and rain and water are a way of life.

On the first few outings a new scout can get by with the basics until he gets a feel for what is required and the type of gear that best suits the individual. It also give you a chance to shop around and get a feel for the options available.

The Troop also has a store of used gear and many of the older scouts may have gear that they are willing to part with as they become more advanced in their ability (or just plain grow out of it). Please feel free to contact you adult Patrol guide for directions on how to tap into this resource.

We have also included a few vendors that will help will help in purchasing new gear. Many of them offer discounts to Scouts. Please make sure you mention that you are a scout when you enter.

There is also a gear swap link on the main page of the website. Families in the Troop exchange Gear amongst other Troop 728 families. It all helps to save costs and share experience.

Appendix C has a complete list of gear that you will need over time for the outings.

Next Adventure

426 SE Grand Ave
Portland, OR 97214

Phone Number: 503-233-0706

Fax Number: 503-233-1362

Store Hours:

Mon- Fri: 10:00am - 7:00pm

Sat: 10:00am - 6:00pm

Sun: 11:00am - 5:00pm

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http://blue-mtn.net/clear/alpine_pak.htm

http://blue-mtn.net/clear/comfort_pak.htm

One parent reported that they got two of each item. One for the Scout and one for the adult...worked out a package deal that was about 140.00 each including shipping...the owner said we could get the price even lower if we gang up for a bulk order.

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324 S.E Grand Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97214

Phone: 503-234-7538

Fax: 503-239-8817

Store Hours:

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Friday - 9:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Saturday - 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

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2235 NW Allie Avenue
Hillsboro, OR 97124
NW 194th at Cornell

Phone: (503) 617-6072

Fax: (503) 617-6092

Store Hours:

M-F: 10 am - 9 pm

Saturday: 10 am - 9 pm

Sunday: 11 am - 6 pm

Advancement and Merit Badges

Rank

Below are the various ranks that each Scout can achieve during his time as a Boy Scout, starting with Scout. As the boys grow in their Scout skills they will progress to each of the Ranks. As each scout will grow and achieve at their own pace and it is important that each scout has fun while achieving his rank. The first goal should be to achieve First Class within the first year of being in the troop. This is very attainable if the scout attends the outings and meetings.

Each of the requirements for each Rank can be found in the Scout handbook. Should there be additional questions please feel free to contact the Advancement chair, Scoutmaster, or an ASM.

1. Scout
2. Tenderfoot
3. Second Class
4. First Class
5. Star
6. Life
7. Eagle

The Scout then identifies the merit badge counselor, and arranges a time for meeting with him/her. The Merit badge coordinator will help the Scout identify who the Merit badge counselors are.

The Scout fills out the section of the blue card with "Application for Merit Badge" on the front (the 3rd third on the front). The Scoutmaster puts the date of the request of the blue card at the bottom of the form.

At the first meeting, the scout turns over the blue card to the counselor to keep track of until the merit badge is completed.

** Again, 3 people must be present at all meetings with the merit badge counselor, as per the directives in the Guide to Safe Scouting.**

When the final requirement for the merit badge is completed, the merit badge counselor then fills in the rest of the blanks on the blue card. The date of completion is the date it is earned!

This date is recorded on all records of the scouts, and the date that will appear on the advancement order form and the final Merit Badge Card!

The merit badge counselor will then keep the last third of the blue card, the "Counselor's Record", and give back the other 2 thirds to the Scouts who will then turn it into the Scoutmaster.

The Merit Badge Counselor will then record it in the Scout's Handbook, then hand the scout the middle portion of the blue card for the scout's records. The scout must keep this blue card safe, and will be replaced in his records when his formal Merit Badge card is awarded at the Court of Honor. The last part of the blue card is handed to the Advancement Chairman, who will record it in their records, order the merit badge and Merit Badge Card, and keep the blue card for the troop's records.

This is very important... each person holding on to a portion of the blue card... the Merit Badge Counselor, the Troop Advancement Chairman, and the Scout must hold on to these cards for 7 years, or until the Scout makes Eagle. If anything should ever happen to the official records of the scout, the blue cards will serve as proof of earning the merit badge towards the Eagle rank. Instruct the scouts, and/or his parents, to keep the blue cards separate from the Merit Badge cards. That way if one is lost, the other can replace it!

Well, that should do it. Sometimes the blue cards are ignored in the program, but the simple fact is it is an important part of the ranking system. Use it! And Good Luck!

If you have any questions or comments, please sign my guestbook below, or email advancementchair@troop728.com

2009 Outings

Summary of 2009 Activities (a complete schedule can be found on our web site)

Date	Outing	Service or Special
2009		
March 2009	4-H Property	Salem Oregon
	Coin Collecting Merit Badge	National Money Show
	Archery Practice	Archers Afield
	Alameda Ridge and Stairs	Ne 50 th and Sandy Blvd
April 2009	Idaho Camporee	Willow Creek, Idaho. 1 st Class and above
	District Camporee	Trojan State Park
May 2009	Family Camp	Champoeg State Park
June 2009		
June 2009	Bay Ocean Spit	Oregon Coast
	Florida Sea Base	Florida Keys
July 2009	Summer Camp	Camp Meriwether
August 2009	Backpacking	TBA

Mechanics of an Outing

- During the Annual Planning Meeting the boys hold the decide outing will take place and when
 - Other outings could up during the year. These could be wither Troop or Patrol outings
 - The outing will then be posted on the Troop calendar.
- Outing representative on Committee makes any bookings that need to happen.
- ASM/Committee Member is assigned to coordinate the Outing.
- Outing ASPL begins planning outing.
- PLC discusses details of the outing, assigns a lead ASPL.
- Sign-up sheets are place out at the Church. This where you will sign up to attend the outing, this is for both adults and Scouts.
- Patrols plan food and gear requirements
- As the outing gets closer emails are sent outlining the details.
- During the outing
 - Scouts organize and run the specified event
 - Adults provide guidance and watch for safety concerns.
- Load out occurs normally at Oak Hills Church
- Return from outing location is the Oak Hills School

Troop 728 Job Descriptions

Adult Positions

Scoutmaster

This is the most visible position in the troop. The Scoutmaster has the most influence on the boys in the troop and should be selected with care. Remember – actions speak louder than words. After boys crossover to boy scouts, the emphasis changes from an adult run program to a boy supervised program. This transition is often harder on the adult leaders than for the scouts. A good rule of thumb is to never do what a boy can do. If he can't do it, then teach him so he can do it next time.

- Must be 21 years of age
- Responsible for training and guiding the boy leaders (Patrol Leaders Council)
- Work with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to boys.
- Use the methods of scouting to bring the aims of Scouting to the boys.
- Meet regularly with the patrol leaders' council for training and coordination in planning activities.
- Attend all troop meetings, campouts, and trips or arrange a substitute.
- Conduct periodic parents' sessions to share the program and encourage parent participation.
- Take part in annual membership inventory and uniform inspection
- Conduct Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements
- Participate in council and district events.
- Delegate responsibilities to Assistant Scoutmasters
- Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America
- Attend troop committee meetings

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

The Scoutmaster with the help of the troop committee recruits assistant Scoutmasters to help operate the troop. Each assistant Scoutmaster is assigned a specific duties and reports to the Scoutmaster. A troop should recruit as many assistant Scoutmasters as needed, at one of whom must be at least 21 years of age. Assistant Scoutmasters can also pick up unassigned committee positions.

- Fill-in for the Scoutmaster in his absence
- Perform responsibilities assigned by the scoutmaster.
- Encourage participation by boys and their families in troop activities and advancement.
- Sign off on rank advancement. No more than 5 items per scout.
- Conduct scoutmaster conferences for Ranks agreed by Scoutmaster
- Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America
- Attend troop committee meetings

The Troop Committee

The Troop Committee is the Troop's "Board of Directors". It works on behalf of the Chartered Organization to support the Troop by ensuring a quality scouting program. Each member of the committee should have specific responsibilities, thus dividing the whole job among the committee membership. Among the responsibilities of the Troop committee is:

- Supports leaders in carrying out the program
- Is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan.
- Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for Troop property.
- Ensure that the Troop has an outdoor program.
- Serves on boards of review and courts of honor.
- Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that may affect the overall troop program.
- Provides for the special needs and assistance that some boys may require.
- Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.
- Assists the Scoutmaster with handling behavioral problems.
- Advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization.

Committee Chairperson

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed.
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and Scoutmaster
- Interpret national, regional, council, and local policies to the troop.
- Prepare troop committee meeting agendas.
- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly troop committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called.
- Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtables.
- Recruit top-notch, individuals for adult leadership, working with the chartered Organization Representative to promptly register new leaders and check all references. Encourage adult leaders to get trained.
- Ensure that new youth members are promptly registered with the Council Service Center, and that new Scout families receive the Troop's new member information packet.
- Arrange for charter review, re-charter annually and plan the presentation.

Treasurer

- Handle all troop funds. Pay bills on recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee.
- Maintain checking and savings accounts.
- Keep adequate records of income and expenses.
- Supervise money-earning projects, including obtaining proper authorizations.
- Supervise the camp savings plan, and the individual scout's accounts in treasury.
- Lead preparation of the annual troop budget.
- Promote Friends of Scouting campaign, working closely with the troops FOS Coordinator.
- Report to the committee each meeting. If not in attendance, submit a written report.

Training

- Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities for training.
- Maintain an inventory of adult training
- Be responsible for the BSA Youth Protection training with the troop.
- Encourage periodic junior training with in the troop and at the council and national levels.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

Quartermaster (Equipment Coordinator)

- Supervise and assist Troop Quartermaster in procuring camping equipment and supplies
- Advise troop Quartermaster on inventory, maintenance, purchase, and or storage of Troop equipment.
- Make periodic safety checks on all troops camping gear, and educate the troop in the safe use of all outdoor equipment.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

Medical Form Coordinator

- Update troop on current medical forms, policies and procedures.
- Maintain the troop library of medical forms (3 copies) for each scout and Adult leader in the troop.
- Work with the scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster to gather all missing/outdated medical forms.
- Ensure that all outings will have the correct medical forms.
- Report to troop committee at each meeting

Advancement Chair

- Encourage Scouts to advance in rank
- Maintain all Scout advancement records.
- Arrange boards of review and courts of honor.
- Develop and maintain the merit badge counselor list.
- Make a prompt report on the correct form to the council service center when a troop board of review is held. Secure badges and certificates.
- Report to the Troop committee at each meeting.

Merit Badge Coordinator

- Work with the Scoutmaster to develop a merit program for the Troop.
- Work with the Merit Badge ASPL during PLC, and troop activities to ensure opportunities are available for working on Merit badges.
- Work with the Advancement Chair, ensuring records are correct.
- Assist the Scouts by assigning them to a Counselor when asked
- Provide Blue cards, when requested by the scouts
- Coordinate Merit badges during summer camp.
- Recruit adults to fill the various Merit Badge Counselor positions within the Troop.
- Ensure the adults wishing to become Merit Badge Counselors meet BSA requirements
- Work with the Merit badge counselors to ensure current requirements are being met for all merit badges,
- Ensure the adults wishing to become Merit Badge Counselors meet BSA requirements.
- Assist the adults in filling out the necessary paperwork and ensuring that paperwork is promptly turned in to District
- Maintain records in Troop Master for the entire Troop's Merit Badge Counselors.
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

Troop Outings Coordinator

- Works with the PLC during annual planning meeting to secure dates and events.
- Works with the Troops adult leadership to ensure that there is an assigned outing coordinator for the particular event or outing.
- Works with the ASPL, and Scoutmaster to ensure there is youth leadership assigned for the outing.
- Obtains the years camping dates from the Scoutmaster.
- Obtains reservations & permits with campgrounds.
- Files trip permits with Council for each event that the Troop will be away from regular meeting location
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting

Adult Troop Guide

As new adults come into the troop it can sometimes be overwhelming as to the total experience and their role. Many adults have as difficult of a time transitioning from Cubscouts as the boys do. For that reason Adult Troop Guides will be assigned to each of the new patrols.

Their responsibilities include:

- Attend the patrol meetings for the new patrols and mentor the new parents.
- Encourage new parents to attend all training to be a trained ASM.
- Be available to answer questions from the new parents.
- Assist parents to prepare for outings.
- Actively engage the new parents to inform them about how the troop functions and, in general, what is going on from a meeting to meeting basis.
- Get new parents active in attending outings.
- Assist the new parents during outings on how to coach their scouts.
- Explain the responsibilities of an adult outings leader.
- Introduce new parents to other adults, specifically Committee Chair, Scoutmaster, Treasurer, Medical Forms Coordinator

Points to Cover:

- Successful scouts are usually a result of active adults.
- Each new patrol needs to have (2) ASMs and (1) Committee member at minimum.
- For the 1st year's outings, the recommended scout to adult ratio for new patrols should be 2:1 or better.
- Adults need to review scout books to help encourage progress through 1st class.
- Adults need to be supportive but allow the boys to develop into their own patrol.
- Troop guides will help the new patrols congeal and develop working relationships; supporting them through summer camp. Adults still need to be present during meetings and outings to handle disciplinary issues and encourage engagement.
- All Adults should take an active role wherever they feel comfortable:
 - ASM
 - Committee member
 - Outing coordinator
 - Fundraiser coordinator
 - Merit Badge Counselor (www.meritbadge.com)

Boy leadership Positions

There are many leadership positions within Troop 728. Each with their own set of duties and requirements. Below you find a brief overview of each. If you would like more information on please have a look at the Troop website.

Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is the senior Scout leader in the troop. The SPL is an elected position. The Scoutmaster supervises and provides guidance to the SPL. The Scoutmaster is responsible for signing off this leadership requirement. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Provide leadership for the Patrol Leader's Council (PLC). The SPL is the leader of the PLC, and is expected to attend and run the PLC meetings. He should lead PLC discussions on troop activities and policy. He should prepare a written agenda for each meeting.
2. Supervise troop meetings and preparation for troop meetings. This should include discussions with the members of the PLC several days prior to the meeting to verify planning and preparations will be completed on time. Approve patrol meeting agendas. The SPL is expected to attend troop meetings, and supervise conduct of the troop meetings by the members of the PLC.
3. Provide overall Scout leadership in the troop. He should attend troop meetings, camping trips, and so on. He supervises the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPLs).
4. Chair the PLCs, meetings, outings and Courts of Honor or, with permission of the Scoutmaster, has one of the ASPL's do so. Ensure that meetings and outings have a Scout appointed as the outing/meeting leader.
5. Assign duties and responsibilities to junior leaders, and work with the Scoutmaster in training junior leaders.
6. Take action with the Scoutmaster to resolve disciplinary/behavioral issues in the troop.
7. Must have attended Sogus or Polaris

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol Leader, with the approval of the Scoutmaster, appoints Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders (ASPLs). There are typically 2 ASPLs assigned; one for programs and supervising the PL's and other leadership positions; and one in charge of the new Scout program, supervising TG's and Den Chiefs. An Assistant Scoutmaster supervises and provides guidance to the ASPL. The Assistant Scoutmaster is responsible for signing off this leadership requirement. The duties of an ASPL include the following:

1. Assist the SPL in his duties. The ASPL is a member of the PLC and is expected to attend PLC meetings. The ASPL works closely with the SPL and assists the SPL in completion of his responsibilities, as requested. The ASPL acts for the SPL in his absence.
2. Supervise the Troop Guides and Patrol Leaders, as assigned. Provide supervision and assistance as necessary to the Troop Guides and Patrol Leaders in preparing for, and running, troop activities.
3. Provides Scout leadership in the troop. He should attend and actively participate in troop meetings, camping trips, and so on. He assists the SPL and the Troop Guides and Patrol Leaders with enforcement of discipline at troop activities.
4. Assist with the training of the historian, librarian, quartermaster, and scribe. The ASPL helps the assigned adult leader(s) train these Scouts in their positions, and assists the adult leader(s) in supervising these Scouts.
5. Meet with PLs, TGs, DC's and the other leaders to discuss and develop PLC agenda items.
6. Train PL's, TG's, DC's and other leaders as to what their job is. Meet with respective ASM's and, in the case of DC's, the Den Leader, to discuss issues of concern.

Troop Scribe

The Scribe is responsible for maintaining official records for the troop during his tenure. These records include attendance records at all activities, keeping notes during PLC's and maintaining advancement record sheets for the various patrols. The Scoutmaster or the ASM responsible for advancement records will be responsible for signing off this leadership requirement. The ASPL responsible for programs will directly supervise this position. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Take attendance at Scout meetings and events or, with the permission of the SPL, assign someone to cover for him.
2. Check uniforms at Scout meetings and events or, with the permission of the SPL, assign someone to cover for him.
3. Attend PLC's and record the minutes of those meetings, plans for troop meetings and any other notes that might be required.
4. Distribute advancement record sheets to PL's at events and collect them before dismissal.

Troop Quartermaster

The Troop Quartermaster is responsible for troop camping equipment and supplies. The Quartermaster Advisor is responsible for signing off this leadership position requirement. The Quartermaster Advisor assists the Quartermaster with the repair or replacement of existing equipment, and with the purchase of new equipment. The Quartermaster Advisor should meet at least monthly with the Quartermaster to monitor his progress, and to assist and provide guidance to him, as necessary. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Maintain a current inventory of all troop camping equipment, and perform inventories and inspections of troop equipment. Results of inventories are kept in the Quartermaster's Notebook.
2. Assign equipment to patrols and venture crews for camping trips, inspect it after the camping trip, assign cleaning/drying duties for equipment as required, and check in equipment following the camping trips.
3. Maintain troop camping equipment ready for use. Ensure that equipment is ready for use prior to camping trips. Maintain a checklist of durable items (tots, pans, utensils, etc.) kept in each patrol box, and of consumable items (Clorox, paper towels, soap, etc.). Ensure that the equipment is complete (no missing pieces).
4. Make recommendations to the Quartermaster Advisor concerning the repair or replacement of existing equipment; make recommendations concerning purchase of new equipment. Maintain an equipment information folder for warranty papers, receipts, instructions, etc.
5. Conduct one equipment inventory during your tenure.
6. Inspect chuck boxes with PL's before campouts.
7. Ensure meeting room is set up properly and returned to pre-meeting condition.

Troop Librarian

The Troop Librarian sets up and takes care of the troop library. The Librarian Advisor is an adult assigned to supervise and assist the Librarian in completion of the listed requirements. The Librarian Advisor and responsible ASPL should meet periodically with the Librarian to monitor his progress, and to assist and provide guidance to him, as necessary. The Librarian Advisor is responsible for signing off this leadership position requirement. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Maintain the library in an orderly manner. The Librarian is custodian of the key to the troop library cabinet.
2. Maintain the library checkout list so that it can be determined who has checked books out, when the books were checked out, and when they were checked back in. The Librarian is responsible for following up on books that are not returned when due.
3. Keep the library up to date. As necessary, the Librarian recommends which books should be removed from the library, which books should be added to the library, and which existing library books should be updated.
4. Perform at least one complete inventory of the library during his tenure. The results of the inventory are kept in the library inventory notebook.
5. Prepare a list of library materials quarterly that are overdue for follow-up.

Troop Chaplain Aide

The Chaplain Aide is responsible for preparing Scouts Own Services to be used at campouts, preparing invocations and benedictions for other activities (such as Courts of Honor) and providing information on the Boy Scout Religious Medal Program to the other Scouts in the troop. The Chaplain Aide falls under the Asst. Senior Patrol Leader for Programs and the Assistant Scoutmaster serving as the troop's religious advisor. The Scoutmaster or the Troop Religious Advisor will be responsible for signing off this leadership requirement. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Make available Scouts Own Services for campouts planned during his tenure in that position
2. Prepare invocations and benedictions for Courts of Honor and any other events he is asked to plan for.
3. Give a presentation on the Boy Scout Religious Medal Program for the troop once during his tenure.

Troop Guide

The Troop Guide explains and teaches Patrol Leader skills. An ASM is assigned to supervise and assist each Troop Guide. This ASM will be available to help the Troop Guide with fulfilling his responsibilities. The Troop Guide should work closely with the assigned ASM and take the initiative to ask for help or suggestions whenever necessary. The assigned ASM is responsible for signing off this leadership position. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Teach skills. Teach Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class Scout craft skills with the help of the assigned ASM. With the help of the assigned Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM), as each new Scout takes his rotation as the new Patrol leader (PL), the Troop Guide provides the training necessary for him to understand his job, provides help and assistance when the new PL is assigned activities at troop meetings, and provides help or fills in for the new Scout Patrol Leader when he is master of ceremonies.
2. Explain rank requirements. Explain how to use the Boy Scouts of America Handbook to complete rank requirements.
3. Explain troop activities. Explain what is happening during different parts of the troop meeting. Explain the functions of the various Scout and adult leaders.
4. Teach uniform requirements. Teach the new Scouts about the proper uniform and when to wear it. Ensure he has all required patches.
5. Develop a training/lesson plans for troop meetings, patrol meetings and outings. Provide this plan to the New Scout ASPL and ASM for approval.
6. Plan new scout training day with ASPL, SPL and ASM, if applicable. Develop objectives for new Scouts during their first six months.
7. Ensure new Scouts are afforded as many opportunities as possible for advancement. Mentor them and keep records of their achievements.

Troop Instructor

An Instructor teaches one or more advancement skills to troop members. The Instructor Advisor is an adult assigned to supervise and assist the Instructors in completion of the requirements above. The Instructor Advisor and responsible ASPL should meet periodically with each Instructor to monitor their progress, and to assist and provide guidance, as necessary. The Instructor Advisor is responsible for signing off this leadership position requirement. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Complete the Instructor Skills Survey. All instructors are required to fill out the skills survey so that they may be contacted when their particular skills are needed.
2. Teach other Scouts basic Scouting skills during at least 3 troop activities during their tenure. Instructors are expected to teach Scout skills to other Scouts at troop meetings, on troop camping trips, or during other troop activities, as requested. Instructors will be scheduled for participation during troop activities by the PLC and will be notified of the dates and skill to be taught as far in advance as possible.
3. Maintain proficiency in at least three basic Scouting skills.

Troop Historian

The Troop Historian maintains records concerning the history and current activities of the troop. The Historian Advisor is an adult assigned to supervise and assist the Historian in completion of the listed requirements. The responsible ASPL and Historian Advisor should meet periodically with the Historian to monitor his progress and to assist and provide guidance to him, as necessary. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Gather and organize historical information concerning the troop; obtain pictures, facts, news articles, and so on about the troop, its members and former members, and prepare those items for display. These items should be kept in an orderly manner so that they are readily available for use.
2. Take care of troop trophies, awards, ribbons, and souvenirs of troop activities.
3. Display troop historical materials at least one (1) Court of Honor during his tenure, and at troop meetings as requested.
4. Ensure photos are taken at troop outings and events, and prepare them for display or for the troop website.

Order of Arrow Representative

The Order of Arrow Representative is responsible to the ASPL. The adult OA representative is assigned to supervise and assist the OA representative. Successful completion of this position includes:

1. Serve as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop.
2. Encourage year-round and resident camping in the troop.
3. Encourage older-Scout participation in the high-adventure program.
4. Assist with leadership skills training in the troop, and encourage Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in the troop.
5. Encourage Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in lodge or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members.

Den Chief

A Den Chief is usually a First Class Scout or above. The goal of Den Chief is to gain leadership experience and prepare Cub Scouts for their transition to Boy Scouting. As a guide, the Den Chief and Den Leader should refer to the Den Chief Service Award requirements and the Den Chief Handbook. The Scoutmaster arranges with a Cub Scout Pack for placement of the Den Chief in a den. Troop leaders have little direct supervision of Den Chiefs. However, an ASPL and an adult leader is assigned in the troop to assist Den Chiefs when they ask for help and to monitor their performance in their dens through periodic discussions with the Den Leaders.

The adult leader assigned to monitor Den Chiefs for the troop shall sign-off this leadership requirement for the troop. Prior to sign-off of this requirement in the Scout's BSA Handbook, the adult leader must confirm satisfactory performance of the Den Chief by discussion with the Scout's assigned Den Leader. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Attend most meetings of the den to which they are assigned, unless excused by the Den Leader.
2. Actively participate in den activities as requested by their Den Leader.
3. Attend most pack meetings with their den, unless excused by their Den Leader. If the Scout normally cannot meet this requirement due to scheduling conflicts, the situation must be discussed in advance with the Den Leader.
4. Make progress toward completion of the Den Chief Service Award.
5. Plan at least one joint activity between the den and the troop during your tenure.

Troop Bugler

The Troop Bugler should be able to make appropriate bugle calls, as requested, at troop activities. The Bugler must supply his own bugle -- the troop does not have a bugle. An adult leader is assigned to supervise and assist the Troop Bugler. This adult leader is responsible for signing off this leadership position requirement. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Sound reveille in the morning and taps in the evening on campouts and while at summer camps, as requested by the adult leader in charge.
2. Learn at least one new bugle call during his tenure.

Patrol Leader

The Patrol Leader (PL), with the assistance of the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and assigned Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM), is responsible for developing the program, or some portion of the program, for troop activities assigned to him by the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC). An ASPL and ASM are assigned to supervise and assist each Patrol Leader. These people will be available to help the Patrol Leader with fulfilling his responsibilities. The Patrol Leader should work closely with these individuals and take the initiative in asking for help or suggestions whenever necessary. The assigned ASM is responsible for signing off this leadership position. Successful completion of this position entails:

1. Develop a meeting agenda to make sure that all activities are properly scheduled and have it approved by the SPL. Provide this agenda to those involved in the meeting and ensure that it is followed. Ensure that sufficient activities are planned for all Scouts to keep them involved for the entire meeting.
2. Obtain assistance from adults and/or Scouts to support planned activities and coordinate among these individuals to develop the meeting agenda. Ensure that all materials required to support the assigned activities are available at the meeting.
3. Provide leadership and supervision for his patrol. The Patrol Leader supervises his patrol during troop and patrol activities. He teaches Scout skills and assists the other troop leaders in enforcing discipline.
4. Attend PLC's, meetings and outings or, with the permission of the SPL, have someone cover for him.
5. Ensure applicable menus and duty rosters are completed for campouts.

Assistant Patrol Leader

When you accept the position of assistant patrol leader, you agree to provide service and leadership in our troop. This responsibility should be fun and rewarding. This job description provides some of the things you are expected to do while serving as a junior leader. You should make notes on this sheet as you participate in an introduction to leadership conference with an adult troop leader. The Assistant Patrol Leader is elected by the patrol members. Helps the patrol leader plan and steer patrol meetings and activities.

1. Helps him keep patrol members informed.
2. Helps the patrol get ready for all troop activities.
3. Represents his patrol at patrol leaders' council meetings when the patrol leader cannot attend.

Appendix A: Acronyms

Acronym	Description
APL	Assistant Patrol leader
ASM	Assistant Scoutmaster
ASPL	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Blue Cards	Merit Badge request and tracking forms.
Board of Review	<p>The members of a Board of Review should have the following objectives in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To make sure the Scout has completed the requirements for the rank. To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the unit. To encourage the Scout to progress further. <p>Additionally, the Board of Review provides "quality control" on advancement within the unit, it provides an opportunity for the Scout to develop and practice those skills needed in a interview situation, and it is an opportunity for the Scout to review his accomplishments.</p> <p>The Board of Review is NOT a retest; the Scout has already been tested on the skills and activities required for the rank. However, the chairman of the Board of Review should ensure that all the requirements have been "signed off" in the Scout's handbook. Additionally, the chairman should ensure that leadership and merit badge records are consistent with the requirements for the rank.</p>
Buddy system	The buddy system is very simple: Never leave your buddy nor let him leave you. Scouts will use the buddy system for all activities. The buddy system requires that scouts travel in at least groups of two. If it is good enough for the Navy Seals it is good enough for Scouting.
COH	<p>Court of Honor.</p> <p>A Boy Scout Court of Honor is typically a big deal because it's a time to recognize all the work each Scout and the Troop has done over the past few months, including merit badges, rank advancement and trips—like camping or hikes—all in front of the Scout's families. Plus, there's usually a meal or snack.</p>
OA	Order of the Arrow. Honor society of the BSA.
PL	Patrol Leader
PLC	<p>Patrol Leader Conference.</p> <p>SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders (or alternate), Scribe, instructors, and other scouts holding leadership positions. It is a monthly meeting in which the boys will decide what they will be doing for the next month, give out assignments, discuss recently completed outings and solve problems.</p>
SM	Scoutmaster
SPL	Senior Patrol Leader
Troop Guide	First Class scout or above interested in helping incoming boys to help the first year scouts make the transition to Boy Scouts and Troop 728. Answers questions and guides the Patrol through its first year being together.
TTFC	Trail to First Class. This is the rank that all New scouts should be working towards. Once they have achieved First the class the boys no longer need to carry their Scout book with them.

Appendix B: Summer Camp 2009

Camp Meriwether, July 12 – July 18, 2009

Every Scout dreams of fun and adventure at summer camp. Since 1926 Camp Meriwether has been bringing these dreams to life. This facility is now part of a 780 acre Scout reservation.

The mighty Pacific Ocean provides the dramatic backdrop for this full service camp with 2 miles of private beach. The camp includes Lake Chamberlain, a fresh-water lake for swimming and boating, a trading post, a .22 rifle range, a shotgun range, an archery range, a black powder range, scoutcraft, handicraft and an ecology study center. For experienced campers, Meriwether offers high adventure hikes and a rock climbing program on our 35' tower.

There are 18 individual troop campsites, some with platform tents and some with adarondack cabins. Meal times in the dining hall is one of the most popular parts of camp! Meriwether also has a beautiful chapel with a view of the ocean.

Far more important to a Scout than these wonderful facilities are the outstanding young men and women of the Meriwether staff. The staff is the kind of older Scout that each camper will look up to and want to be like. They are trained at National Camp School to make every Scout feel special and give him a great camping experience.

Frontiersman Program This is a camp-wide program which includes requirements in each of the program areas of camp. If a Scout achieves all of the requirements by participating in all of the camp program areas, he is entitled to attend the camp Rendezvous with the Black Powder Staff on Thursday Night. He can earn a bear claw for his achieving the first level of the Frontiersman Program. If he is back at camp for his second year, he can work on the Trapper requirement and likewise, if he is a third year camper and demonstrates that he can pass the requirements needed for pioneer and trapper, he can work on the Mountain Man skills.

Shooting Sports Program If your Scouts just want to hang around they can earn the Archery, Rifle Shooting - both .22 and black powder option as well as Shotgun Shooting Merit Badges.

Oceanography Camp Meriwether is one of the only Boy Scout camps to offer oceanography. Come explore the Marine Gardens at the base of Cape Lookout during a tidepool hike to see the Pacific Ocean's natural beauty at its best.

Black Powder Range Learn how to load and shoot a black powder muzzle loading rifle like Lewis and Clark used during their expedition to the Pacific Northwest. Throw a tomahawk, make a candle, black smith and visit the trade tent in the reproduction of American history.

For more information please contact

Appendix C: Troop 728 Gear List

These are the core items that you will need for our outings; however for backpacking please refer to the backpacking list. The 3 most important items are, waterproof hiking boots, breathable raingear, and non-cotton socks.

Uniform,

- Class A – Worn to and from camp, SM conference, flag, etc.
- Class B – to be worn during Camp.

Personal Hygiene

- Personal hygiene kit with comb, (brush,) soap (biodegradable), toothbrush.
- Towel

Clothing

- Raingear
- Long pants, no cotton jeans. (more than one pair if you're messy)
- Short pants.
- Fleece or jacket, not cotton. Wool or polyester
- Socks, at least 2 changes. Lightweight socks for next to skin and wool/synthetic outer socks. No cotton
- Waterproof hiking boots for the trail,
- Closed toe shoes for camp, Sandals/flip flops or water socks shower only (Summer Camp)
- T-shirts and under shorts, at least three pair.
- Gloves, water proof
- Hat, preferably wide brim and water proof

Sleeping

- Tent (1 for every 2 scouts)
- Sleeping pad
- Pillow (optional)
- Ground Cloth
- Long Johns, Sleeping cap, dry socks

Camp Necessities

- First aid kit with personal meds (Meds will be kept with the Camp Medic)
- 10 Essentials.
- Flashlight with extra batteries and bulb. Head lamp preferable
- Mess Kit with mesh bag (plate, cup, knife fork spoon)
- Pocket Knife. Must have earned Totem chip to carry
- Water bottle. Nalgene , Hydration pack, empty Gatorade bottle, etc. In a container the boys can carry with them
- Water proof cover for backpack, or water proof gear bag.

Helpful Hints

- Pack clothing in a 1 gal zip lock bag.
- Clothing should be non-cotton. Cotton holds water and does not dry.
- Think light. The boys will need to carry their gear themselves.
- All personal gear needs to be marked with the camper's name.

Misc. Items

- Scout Book
- Notebook and pencil
- Watch
- Sunglasses
- Bug dope/Spray
- Merit Badge Books. If working on merit badges during outing
- Fanny pack/Day pack for short day hikes
- Toilet Paper. Half Roll.
- Rope 50-100 ft Parachute cord
- Trash bags. Multiple uses.
- Sunscreen

Water Activities

- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Water Shoes. These can be used for the shower as well.
- Safe Swim card

Troop Must Haves

- Permission Slip
- Driver Money. Amt. \$5.00 - \$10.00.

Appendix D: Key Troop 728 Contacts

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