

TROOP 226
SCOUT AND PARENT HANDBOOK
2016

Troop Website: www.troop226wc.org



Boy Scout of America
Mount Diablo Silverado Council
Briones District

Chartered by
St Luke's Lutheran Church
Walnut Creek, CA

WELCOME TO TROOP 226!



We are looking forward to having you join in the fun our Boy Scouts have canoeing, hiking, camping and advancing within the Boy Scouts of America program. The information in this packet covers the basics of our Troop and includes some forms that need to be completed and returned as soon as possible. We encourage each boy to participate in as many activities as possible and to make positive efforts to advance. We encourage **all parents** to participate in our meetings, outings, and other activities.

Charter Organization: St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Walnut Creek is our charter organization. They provide us with a meeting place and room to store our gear. In turn, we provide community service projects to support their community.

Troop Leadership: Troop 226 is a Scout-led troop. Scouts get a chance to develop, hone, and utilize their leadership skills in Troop and Patrol positions. Adult Scouters provide guidance, support, and encouragement within the Scout-led Troop.

Committee: The Troop Committee is comprised of a number of Adult Scouters including the Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster, Treasurer, Secretary, and Committee Members. All parents are encouraged to participate in the Troop Committee. Generally, the Committee meets on the 1st or 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm. The date and location will be posted on the Troop calendar.

Adult Participation: There are many adult positions within the Troop that currently need to be filled. Each family must make a commitment to take responsibility for one of these positions. Please review the list and identify where you are able to help. If you have a skill that you would like to share that is not identified on this list, please let us know and we will make a place for you. Parent chaperones are also needed for all outings and summer camp activities. **PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO CHAPERONE ON AT LEAST ONE DAY TRIP AND ONE OVERNIGHT. Please note BSA Safe Driving Rules on page 7 of the handbook.**

Dues: At the conclusion of our annual budgeting process, conducted at the end of the Troop's fiscal year, a determination is made as to the level of annual dues for the next year. For the 2015 - 2016 scouting year, the annual dues amount is \$285, payable in two installments (November and March).

New scouts joining the Troop pay half dues for the first year (\$140), and then full dues each year thereafter.

Dues primarily cover the Troop's administrative expenses, which include costs related to weekly meetings, scout advancement, chartering with the Mt. Diablo Silverado Council, costs related to the participation of adult chaperones in various Troop activities, maintaining our inventory of scouting equipment, and a variety of miscellaneous costs and fees.

Our current dues level enables us to avoid holding fundraisers, or sending scouts door to door selling a product, unless the Troop Committee decides to undertake that type of activity.

Fund Raiser: Our troop does not currently have an annual fund raiser. Activity specific fundraisers may be scheduled. However, we do raise fund through our affiliation with Amazon.com. It's easy to participate:

- Go to www.troop226wc.org. Click on the Amazon link in the box at the bottom right of the home page. NOTE: You must initially enter the Amazon web site from the Troop 226 web site or we will not get the credit. (You can also create a shortcut by right clicking on your desktop and following New/Shortcut.)
- Shop the way you would normally at the Amazon web site
- Check out as you would normally. NOTE: The troop does not have access to any of the personal information you enter.
- Troop's Federal Tax ID 20-1663312

Meetings: We have a Troop meeting every Monday from 7:30-9:00 pm at St Luke's Lutheran Church, 2491 San Miguel Drive, Walnut Creek. We meet year-round, with breaks for major holidays. Our program is formulated by the Scouts who are the leaders of our Troop and Patrols and typically includes advancement requirements (rank and merit badges), planning for outings, and patrol activities. About once a month, we have a meeting off-site to play miniature golf, shoot pool, or do similar activities. We have a PLC (Patrol Leader Council) meeting on the first Monday of the month instead of the regular troop meeting to organize and plan future Troop meetings and outings.



Outings: We have regular outings, both day trips and overnight. Recent past activities have included camping on Angel Island, an overnight trip to Alcatraz, beach hiking and camping at Point Reyes, backpacking and snowshoeing in the Sierras, canoeing on the American River, and rifle safety at Chabot Rifle Range. Parents are encouraged to participate in these activities with their sons.

Activity Fees: Our troop activities come at a minimal cost to the Scouts. Depending upon the activity, there may be participation fees collected to cover the cost of food,

campground reservations, transportation, etc. The Troop generally covers the cost of adult participation in most cases. We rarely "break-even" on our activities and do not use these activities as fund raisers.

There are **NO REFUNDS** if you sign up for an activity and do not go once food has been purchased or reservations are already paid. If you arrive late or leave early, there are no fee discounts.

In addition, parents will be reimbursed on a case-by-case basis for miscellaneous expenses incurred during activities and outings, such as the cost of gas, bridge tolls, parking, etc. These expenses should be discussed and agreed upon prior to the activity/outing with the adult leader or Committee Member organizing or leading the activity/outing.

Parents seeking reimbursement of expenses must complete a troop reimbursement request (found on the Troop's website and with the forms in the back of this document), which should be submitted to the adult leader or Committee Member organizing or leading the activity or outing, or directly to the Troop Treasurer, for approval by the Troop Committee.

If a scout cannot attend pre-paid summer camp, these fees are reimbursed through the troop based on the refund policy of the particular camp. Prepaid, non-transferable expenses cannot be refunded. If another scout wishes to replace a camper, we will reimburse transferable fees. It is the responsibility of the scout to find a replacement camper.

Uniforms: Our Troop has two uniforms: Field (Class A) and Activity (Class B). The Scouts are expected to wear Field uniforms for meetings, Courts of Honor, en route to camp and other scouting functions. Troop 226 currently requires a tan uniform shirt, neckerchief with neckerchief slide, **closed-toed shoes**, and pants (such as scout pants, khakis or jeans—not sports pants) as the Field uniform. Please make sure your son's uniform shirt has the appropriate insignia on it. The only patches that carry over from Cub Scouts are the Arrow of Light Award and the Religious Patch. The Troop issues an Activity shirt (Tee shirt) that can be worn for less formal troop outings (hikes, canoeing, other outings, etc.). The scouts and adult chaperones are not allowed to wear camouflage garments, extraneous jewelry, or other non-scout ornamentation at meetings or activities.

Calendar: A troop calendar is distributed monthly via email with the upcoming 6 to 8 weeks of program. This identifies the activities, outings, and meeting themes.



Camp: Our Troop goes to Camp Wolfeboro (East of Angels Camp) for a week every summer in late July or early August. We also attend Philmont High Adventure Camp in New Mexico every 3 or 4 years (boys must be at

least 14 years old). Summer camp is a great place to earn rank advancement and merit badges. Past Boy Scout camping experiences also included Camp Wente (near Willits), Camp Chawanakee (Fresno area), Camp Noyo (Mendocino area) and Camp Cherry Valley (Santa Catalina Island).

Conduct: The Boy Scout Law and Oath provide the basis for how a Scout should behave and conduct himself. The troop stresses living the scout law at all times, at home and at school. Fighting, hitting, harassing, hazing or in any way causing physical or emotional harm to a Scout or damaging someone else's property is out of character with scouting and is not permitted. The first incident will result in counseling by the Scoutmaster. The second incident will result in a conference with Scoutmaster, the scout and his parents and possible required attendance of parents at Troop meetings and activities. The third incident will result in dismissal from the Troop. In addition, repair or replacement of any damaged property is the responsibility of the party who caused the damage.

National Scout policy prohibits alcohol and/or drug use by anyone at any Troop activity. Scouts are also prohibited from the use of tobacco and adults are requested to refrain from smoking at Troop functions.

Personal Electronics, Trading Cards, Other Non-Scout Items: The use of personal electronics is not allowed at or in transit to or from Troop meetings or activities. Any items that lead to distractions at troop activities such as trading cards should be left at home. Devices and other distractions will be confiscated and returned to the boy's parents/guardian at the end of the activity.

Knives, Hatchets and Weapons: The Boy Scout organization has very clear rules about the use of knives, fire arms, and incendiary devices. After a Scout has earned the Totin' Chip, he will be permitted to carry a personal pocket knife; sheath knives are not permitted. Hatchets and axes for use in making camp fires will be provided by the Troop. Scouts are not permitted to carry pocket lighters or fire starters.

Our troop provides an opportunity for the Scouts to learn fire arms safety at summer camp and also on an annual supervised outing. Scouts are not permitted to carry their own firearms or any other weapons (including but not limited to blow guns, darts, wrist rockets, sling-shots, etc...) and will be subject to immediate dismissal from the Troop if they do so.

Scout Handbooks: When your son joins Troop 226, he was given a Boy Scout Handbook. This book contains information about many aspects of the Boy Scout Program. It describes each rank in scouting and most importantly, serves as the one of the primary records of a Scout's rank advancement. It is your son's responsibility to take care of this book and to get proper signatures as he completes activities. He should make a habit of bringing it to

our regular Troop meetings. We recommend that you get a BSA cover for the handbook and write your son's name on the edge of the book.

In addition, in 2016 our Troop will begin using Scoutbook to track advancement and awards electronically through an online database. However, scouts should continue to maintain a record of their advancement within their Scout Handbook.

Merit Badges: There several ways for the scouts to earn merit badges. Boy Scout summer camp offers a wide variety of merit badge workshops as well as rank advancement "trailhead" stations. This is a great way for the scouts to earn outdoor-oriented merit badges and merit badges requiring special expertise on the part of the merit badge counselors.

The Troop offers a number of merit badge workshops throughout the year. Once a year, usually in the winter, we sponsor one of the three Eagle-required Citizenship merit badges. We also offer general interest merit badges, based on the preferences of the PLC. We do some of the work on these merit badges as a group, but do expect the scouts to complete the merit badges on their own, including reading the merit badge book.

Occasionally, another Troop or the District or Council will offer a merit badge workshop. We will publicize these opportunities, but it is up to the scout to complete these merit badges on their own.

The Troop has a library of merit badge handbooks for the scouts to borrow while they are working on their merit badges. There is also information about the merit badges at <http://usscouts.org/start.asp>. We do ask that the scouts inform the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or Advancement Chairman of their intention to undertake a merit badge and obtain a signed merit badge blue card **before** they begin work. All work on the merit badge must be completed while the boy is a registered Boy Scout.

NOTE: BSA is currently updating all of the merit badge requirements. Unless otherwise specified, a scout may complete the requirements in place when he begins the merit badge as determined by the date on the blue card. The merit badge books in our troop library may not be current, but will still provide most of the information necessary to complete the merit badge. The Scout is responsible for knowing the current merit badge requirements.

Merit Badge Counselors: There are over 130 merit badges currently being offered by the Boys Scouts. Please review the attached list and complete a merit badge counselor application, BSA volunteer application and Youth Protection Training for merit badges that you could teach.

Advancement: Our goal to provide adequate opportunities for new scouts is that they achieve the rank of First Class within their first year of scouting. However, each scout advances at his own pace throughout the program. Motivated scouts will advance more quickly than scouts who are not motivated or who are heavily involved in other activities or hobbies. If a scout participates regularly in troop meetings and activities and attends summer camp, he will be able to advance at a comfortable pace.

Advancement sessions are as needed by appointment with the Advancement Chairman or merit badge counselor. Our Troop has been very successful in advancing a number of Scouts to the rank of Eagle Scout. Each family of an Eagle Scout is eligible for a \$100 reimbursement of expenses for an Eagle Court of Honor.

Personal Health and Medical Record: Please complete the attached medical form in full and return it as soon as possible. The Troop must have this information on file before your son can go on any trips with the Troop. The medical form is completed annually. Your son cannot go to summer camp without a completed medical form. The same form must be completed by parents who attend summer camp and outings longer than 72 hours. All medical information will be kept confidential.

Insurance Information: All Troop outings require the completion of a Tour Plan Permit. The Tour Plan Permit provides BSA insurance coverage for our activities including transportation to and from the activity. All drivers on such outings are required to carry a minimum amount of automobile insurance. You will be asked to update this information annually. All information will be kept confidential. **Please note that all passengers MUST WEAR THEIR OWN SEAT BELT.**



Gear: The Troop has an inventory of communal camping gear such as ice chests, stoves, and cooking utensils. Scouts are expected to provide their personal gear for all outings, including tents and sleeping bags. Boys are allowed to share tents with their friends; however, adults are only allowed to share tents with their own children or other adults. No adults are allowed to share tents with a child other than their own, even with another child's parent present.

A list of the basic gear required for overnight camping/backpacking is attached. Additional gear may be required for certain activities. Outdoor gear can be purchased at a number of local sporting goods/outdoor equipment shops including Big 5, Sports Authority, REI, and Sports Basement. Some of this gear may be rented at REI or similar outdoor shops. It is recommended that hiking boots and socks and backpacks be fitted by knowledgeable sales personnel to avoid foot and back injuries.



All boys should have the "10 Essentials" as outlined in the Boy Scout Handbook:

- Layered clothing including rain gear
- Pocket Knife
- Matches
- Compass and Map (for outing)
- First Aid Kit
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Sunglasses and Sunscreen (hat)
- Mirror
- Water Bottle
- Trail food appropriate for the activity

Communications: Communication between the Scouters and Scouts and their parents is encouraged at all times. The Troop Roster and E-mail List will be distributed and updated from time to time. Please let us know if your personal information has changed. We also maintain a Yahoo E-group for routine communication such as Troop meetings and activities. Our E-group Coordinator is Norman Gee (925-280-8945); you may contact him with questions about our E-group. Please note that all personal information is intended to simplify communication among members of the Troop and is not to be used for commercial purposes by our members or others. Our troop website, www.troop226wc.org, has the most information regarding the operation of the troop, forms such as permission slips and photos from recent troop activities

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us.

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925- 899-3545

Tracy Benhamou, Scoutmaster
925-939-9269

BSA Safe Driving Rules

- 1. Seat belts are required for all occupants.**
- 2. All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason.**
- 3. An adult leader (at least 21 years of age) must be in charge and accompany the group.**
- 4. The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age.**
- 5. Passenger cars or station wagons/SUV may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons/SUV.**
- 6. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab.**
- 7. All driving, except short trips, should be done in daylight.**
- 8. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000.**
- 9. Do not exceed the speed limit.**
- 10. Cell phone usage is strictly prohibited for all drivers. Adult passengers may use cell phones on behalf of the driver.**
- 11. Please observe all posted traffic signs and regional driving laws.**
- 12. Do not travel in convoy (see "Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings," No. 2).**
- 13. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently.**

Reference: BSA - Tours and Expeditions, No. 33737

ATTACHMENTS

Personal Camping Gear List
Merit Badge Counselor Sign-up
Committee Volunteer Sign-up
Adult Training
Boy Scout Advancement
Merit Badge Flow Chart
Troop 226 Permission Slip
Troop 226 Reimbursement Form
Scout Personal Data Collection Form
Troop 226 Scout Conduct Policy
Troop 226 Parent Information
Shopping List for Uniform
Uniform Inspection Sheet

PERSONAL CAMPING GEAR

Each boy should acquire his own personal camping gear. The following items are a "must" for any backpacking trip. (Warning: All items should be as light as possible!) The most experienced scouts travel with the lightest packs. There are a number of outdoor outfitters that sell gear including Big 5, Sports Authority, REI, and the Boy Scout Trading Post. Quality and prices vary. Some items are also available at Target and Costco.

Note: Items required for overnight camp, day trips, and special outings will be included in individual information handouts.

Sleeping Bag: Should be light and warm. A mummy bag with 2 lbs of a natural fill (e.g. down) or synthetic fill (e.g. Hollofil II) is best. This type of bag will weigh only 4 to 5 lbs. A bag weighing more than 6 lbs is too heavy for most Scouts to pack.

Pack Frame: This should also be light. It is best to shop at a good outdoor equipment store like REI or Sunrise Mountaineering to get fitted for a pack. Adjustable packs are available for growing boys (remember to readjusted it when your son has grown). A poorly fitted pack can lead to serious back injury. Packs can also be rented at REI.

Tent: Cost and quality vary considerably. Purchase what you can afford. For the first few outings, scouts can share tents with other patrol members. See what other scouts have before making a purchase, especially costly high-end tents. Weight is not an issue for car camping trips.

Ground Cloth: A 3-ft by 7-ft piece of plastic for backpacking or a piece of plastic no larger than the tent floor. A piece of plastic larger than the tent floor will accumulate water when it rains that will pool underneath the tent floor.

Sleeping Pad: Foam pad, self-inflating sleeping pad, or inflatable air mattress (Scout is responsible for inflating his own air mattress). For backpacking, light weight is best.

Mess Kit and Flatware: A Lexan bowl and spoon (or Spork) and a sierra cup or Lexan cup or mug for drinking are recommended. Community cookware will be provided by the troop.

Compass: The Pathfinder compass with the plastic base is recommended.

Pocket Knife: A Scout knife or Swiss Army knife is recommended. It should be kept sharp. (Scouts must earn their Tot in' Chip before they may carry a pocket knife.)

Raincoat: A light plastic or waterproof fabric raincoat or poncho is recommended.

Hiking Boots and Technical Socks: Check the fit on these periodically to avoid serious foot injury. Wool or other "wicking" fiber socks are recommended.

Personal First Aid Kit: Each boy should carry a personal first aid kit.

Flashlight and Spare Batteries: A Mini-Mag light is recommended. Flashlights with a built-in wrist cord minimize loss.

Water Bottle: A 1 quart wide-mouth Nalgene bottle with an attached cap is recommended. It should be sized to fit in your backpack side pocket.

Personal Toiletries, Sun Screen, and Insect Repellent: Put together a lightweight toiletry kit (or Ziploc bag) consisting of: a travel toothbrush and toothpaste, dental floss, comb, handwipes and 2 oz plastic container of Purel (or other waterless hand sanitizer) sun screen and insect repellent.

If your scout is interested in the troop's overnight backpacking and trek trips, the following items are recommended, but not required:

Hat: with broad brim and chin strap (avoid dark colors)

2 T-shirts: Synthetic (nylon, polypropylene, capilene or polyester-blend) NO COTTON

Zip-off Pants: Nylon (quick drying) convertible pants with zip off legs. These pants may be worn with the troop Class A shirt as part of the uniform if the pants are clean and neat.

Jacket or Vest: Lightweight Polar fleece

Under Garments: Nylon or synthetic underwear and polypropylene long underwear (These thermals can also double as sleep clothes).

Gloves and Knit Cap: These can be handy to ward off the cold at night and early morning.

If you have questions about the type of gear to purchase, please feel free to contact the adult leaders for recommendations. It's wise to buy the correct gear the first time during the REI or sporting goods clearance sales.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELOR SIGN-UP

Scout Name _____ Parent Name _____

Please check the subjects you can help teach and complete a Merit Badge Counselor Information sheet

Advanced Computing	<i>Family Life *</i>	Pioneering
American Business	Farm Mechanics	Plant Science
American Cultures	Fingerprinting	Plumbing
American Heritage	Fire Safety	Pottery
American Labor	<i>First Aid *</i>	Programming
Animal Science	Fish and Wildlife Management	Public Health
Archaeology	Fishing	Public Speaking
Archery	Fly-Fishing	Pulp and Paper
Architecture and Landscape	Forestry	Radio
Art	Game Design	Railroading
Astronomy	Gardening	Reading
Athletics	Genealogy	Reptile and Amphibian Study
Automotive Maintenance	Geocaching	Rifle Shooting
Aviation	Geology	Robotics
Backpacking	Golf	Rowing
Basketry	Graphic Arts	Safety
Bird Study	<i>Hiking *</i>	Salesmanship
Bugling (see Music)	Home Repairs	Scholarship
<i>Camping*</i>	Horsemanship	Scouting Heritage
Canoeing	Indian Lore	Scuba Diving
Chemistry	Insect Study	Sculpture
Chess	Inventing	Search and Rescue
<i>Citizenship in the Community *</i>	Journalism	Shotgun Shooting
<i>Citizenship in the Nation *</i>	Kayaking	Signs, Signals and Codes
<i>Citizenship in the World *</i>	Landscape Architecture	Skating
Climbing	Law	Small Boat Sailing
Coin Collecting	Leatherwork	Snow Sports
Collections	<i>Lifesaving *</i>	Soil and Water Conservation
<i>Communications *</i>	Mammal Study	Space Exploration
Composite Materials	Medicine	Sports
Computer-Aided Design	Metalwork	Stamp Collecting
<i>Cooking *</i>	Mining in Society	Surveying
Crime Prevention	Model Design and Building	<i>Sustainability *</i>
<i>Cycling *</i>	Motorboating	<i>Swimming *</i>
Dentistry	Moviemaking	Textile
Digital Technology	Multi-Media	Theater
Disabilities Awareness	Music and Bugling	Traffic Safety
Dog Care	Nature	Truck Transportation
Drafting	Nuclear Science	Veterinary Medicine
Electricity	Oceanography	Water Sports
Electronics	Orienteering	Weather
<i>Emergency Preparedness *</i>	Painting	Welding
Energy	<i>Personal Fitness *</i>	Whitewater
Engineering	<i>Personal Management *</i>	Wilderness Survival
Entrepreneurship	Pets	Wood Carving
<i>Environmental Science *</i>	Photography	Woodwork

* Merit Badges required for the rank of Eagle Scout are indicated in bold italics.

TROOP 226 ADULT LEADERS • VOLUNTEERS • SCOUTERS

NAME	TITLE	RESPONSIBILITY
Tracy Benhamou	Scoutmaster	Adult leadership of Troop
David Ackerman	Assistant Scoutmaster	Assist Scoutmaster and leader of the Troop
Diane Appel		
Ray Edejer		
Greg Horne		
Steve Sommerville		
Scott Sunbury		
Louis Toman		
Robert Moore		
Kent Larson		
Janice Provinse		
Joan Rickard		
Ann Larson	Troop Committee Chairperson	Financial solvency of Troop. Quality and adequate adult leadership
Joan Rickard	Advancement Chairperson	Schedules SMC and BOR; keeps advancement records
Scott Sunbury	Treasurer	Keep financial records of the Troop. Transact financial matters.
Diane Appel	Secretary	Minutes of Committee meeting
Joan Rickard	Awards	Purchases awards for Court of Honor
Diane Appel	Outings Coordinator	Insure that the outings are safe and organized and tour permit is obtained, participants
Tom Meyers	Chabot Rifle Shoot	Coordinate target holder construction and arrange for range
	Pancake Breakfast	Organize annual pancake breakfast for Charter Organization
	Snow Camping / Ski Trip	
Tracy Benhamou	Canoe Trip/Canoe Custodian	Adult leadership of canoe storage and maintenance
Liz Domanski	Holiday Party	Coordinate ordering pizzas, gift exchange and Toys for Tots collection
	Service Project Coordinator	Organize and provide community service projects for the Scouts
Diane Appel	Hiking Coordinator	Plan day hikes and obtain tour permit
Diane Appel	Camp Coordinator	Coordinates troop participation at Wolfeboro, Went, Philmont, other camps and obtain tour permit
Norman Gee	Eagle Scout Coach(s)	Advises Life Scouts on how to become Eagle Scouts.
	Roundtable Representative	Attend Roundtables & reports on meeting
Janis Provinse	Database manager/ Registration	New member registration, roster
Steve Sommerville	Membership	Leads annual new scout recruitment effort
Stefanie Tomlinson	FOS	Heads annual FOS fund raising drive
Dorothy Gieske	Charter Organization Representative	Liaison between charter organization and Troop
Phil Mulvihill	Unit Commissioner	Liaison between unit and district and council
Ann Larson	Medical Records Coordinator	Coordinate annual medical forms
Janis Provinse	Scoutbook Record Keeper	Troop Record Keeping
	Hospitality	Coordinate food for potluck, snacks and refreshments
	Equipment Coordinator	Works with Troop Committee, Scoutmaster, Troop Quartermaster to maintain troop equipment
Ann Larson	Training Coordinator	Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities to get trained.
	Troop Scrapbook	Work with troop historian to keep scrapbook
Norman Gee	Webmaster	Keeps troop website updated
**	Merit Badge Counselors	Provide guidance on merit badges

** See attached sheet for merit badge counselor positions

TROOP 226, ADULT TRAINING

**** REQUIRED FOR ADULTS CHAPERONING TROOP ACTIVITIES**

*Highly recommended for adults chaperoning Troop activities

Basic Training (Online)

This is Scouting *

Youth Protection Training **

Fast Start: Boy Scouting *

Supplemental Training (Online)

Climb On Safely

Physical Wellness *

Safe Swim Defense *

Safety Afloat *

Trek Safely *

Weather Hazards *

Scoutmaster & Assistant Scoutmasters (including basic and supplemental training)

Position Specific Training

Introduction to Outdoor Leader Skills

High Adventure Training (HAT) Core

Basic Backpacking Awareness

Cycling Awareness

Okpik - Cold Camping

Paddle Sports

Recommended for Everyone

CPR *

First Aid*

Wilderness First Aid*

Scouts

National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

TROOP 226, BOY SCOUT ADVANCEMENT

Advancement in the Boy Scouts of America is designed to build and reinforce principles and skills from the beginning scouting experience in Tiger Cubs up to the rank of Eagle Scout. For instance, at each level of Scouting there is training to learn Scout skills, such as personal fitness, first aid, and appreciation of the environment, respect for the flag, and participation in community service. Each level is successively more in-depth. In Boy Scouts at the completion of each rank the Scout will participate in a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review.

The Board of Review is conducted by 3-4 troop parents, including an Adult Scouter and then 2-3 other parents. This provides oversight and feedback between the parents and Scouts to help maintain the goals and expectations of the Troop.

Troop Guided - If the Scout generally participates in Troop activities, such as meetings, campouts and community service, he will complete these requirements

Scout - The Arrow of Light Requirements

Tenderfoot - Basic Scout Skills

Second Class - Continuation of Scout Skills and 1 hour Community Service

First Class - Completion of Scout Skills, the Scout should have a functional understanding of the Scout skills and the principals outlined in the Scout Oath; his duty to God and country, duty to others and duty to himself.

Self Paced with Troop Assistance - The Troop will help the Scouts start several merit badges each year, but each Scout must complete the badge on his own.

Merit Badges - Each merit badge is focused on a specific subject. They can be an in-depth look at a previous subject such as First Aid or Swimming or an interesting subject of the Scout's choosing like Snow Sports or Coin Collecting. There are over 100 possible merit badges. To become an Eagle Scout the Scout must earn 21 merit badges, including 12 required badges.

Star - *Merit Badges*

- 6 Merit Badges and 6 hours Community Service

Life - *Leadership*

- 5 Merit Badges and 6 Hours Community Service

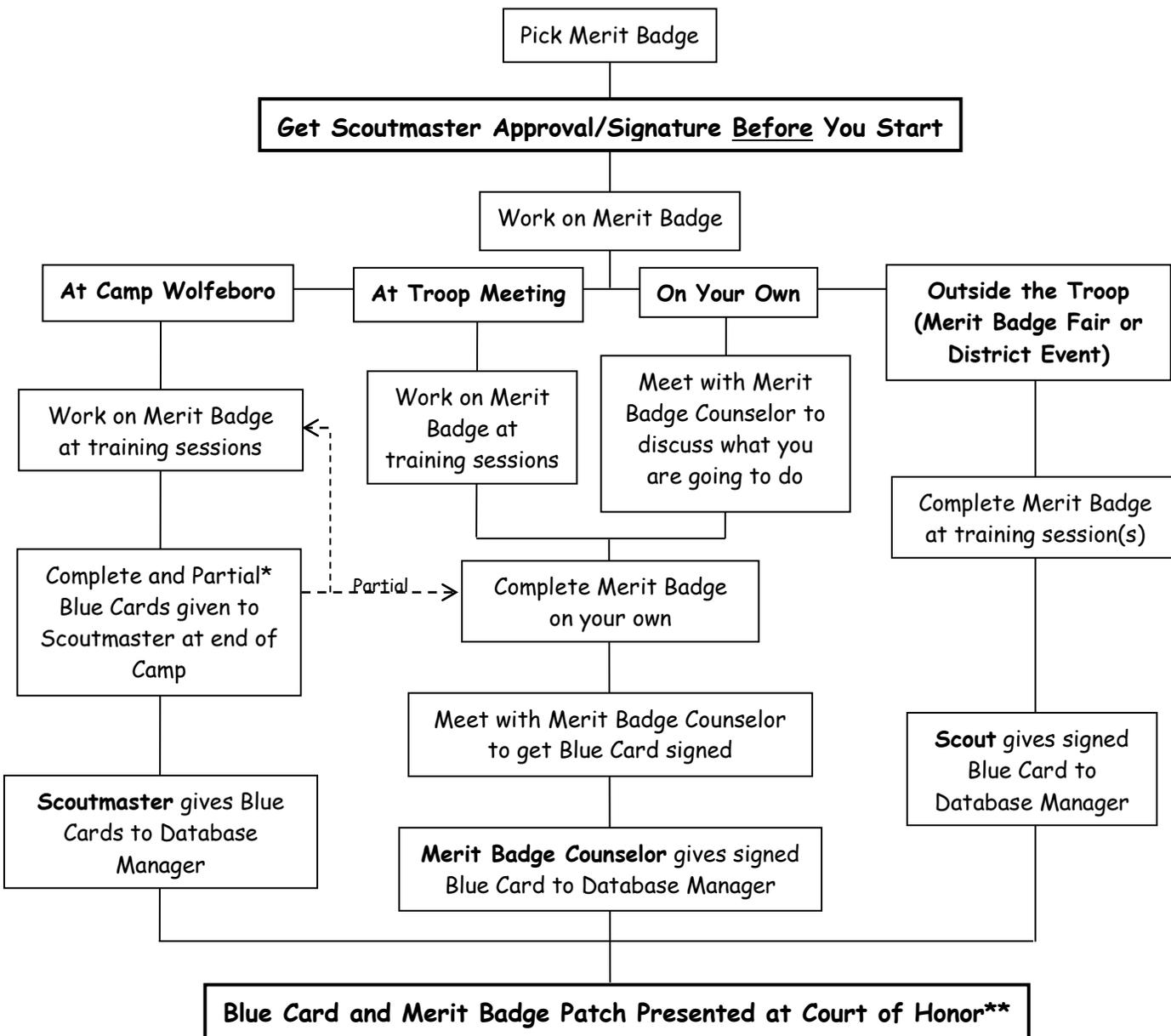
Eagle - *Community Service*

- 10 Merit badges and a Service Project

USING BLUE CARDS FOR EARNING MERIT BADGES

YOU CAN'T START A MERIT BADGE UNTIL THE SCOUTMASTER SIGNS A BLUE CARD. DON'T LOSE THEM: NO BLUE CARD, NO MERIT BADGE.

Here are the steps to follow to earn Merit Badges, depending on the situation:



*You may finish a partial merit badge with a Troop Merit Badge Counselor or take it back to Camp to finish another time

**If you need your signed merit badge cards for rank advancement before you have received them at a Court of Honor, the Database manager will provide the cards and/or data log to the Scoutmaster/Board of Review.

Blue Cards are your responsibility once they have been given to you. If you lose them, you will need to plead your case to the merit badge counselor who issued them. Camp-issued cards are difficult to replace and you may need to repeat the work to get a new card.

**BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 226
TRIP PERMISSION SLIP**

As the parent or legal guardian of _____, I hereby give my permission for this child to participate in _____ with Troop 226, from _____ to _____.

I give permission to the leaders of the above unit to render First Aid, should the need arise. In the event of an emergency, I also give permission to the physician, selected by the adult leader in charge, to hospitalize, secure proper anesthesia, order injection, or secure other medical treatment, as needed. My son belongs to the _____ Medical Plan, ID/Policy Number _____.

My son has the following medical problem and /or allergies that the troop should be aware of:

My son is currently taking the following daily or routine medication _____

_____.

(Please send medication in original prescription container with dosages, doctor's name and expiration date on label and give it to the tour leader when you drop your son off for the activity.) An adult leader will dispense this medication to your son.

My son may be given the following common, over-the-counter medication by an adult in authority in case of emergency _____. (Please send any special medications such as Claritin, Motrin, etc. that you know your son will or may need to take while he is with the troop. This medication should be in the original container with dosage and expiration date on label and given to the tour leader when you drop your son off for the activity.)

In case of emergency, I can be reached by phone at _____ or _____.

If I cannot be reached, please contact _____ at _____.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent or Guardian)

**BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 226
REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST**

Expenses must be submitted to the Troop Committee for Approval before payment. If you anticipate needing payment before an event or between committee meetings, please submit your payment request in advance or contact the Committee Chair or Treasurer. Please attach receipts or other documentation to support your request. Thank you for your support of Troop 226.

Item	Amount, \$
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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_____	_____
Total Amount Requested	_____

Requested By

Name: _____
Address: _____
City, Zip: _____
Phone: _____

Approved for Payment by Troop Committee on _____ By _____

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 226

Scout Personal Data Collection Form

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Sex: M / F

Address: _____ Mailing: _____

Phone(s) Home: (____) _____

DOB: ____/____/____

_____: (____) _____

Grade: _____

_____: (____) _____

School: _____

Scout's Email: _____

Joined Unit: ____/____/____ Cub Scout ____/____/____ - ____/____/____ Highest Cub Badge: _____ Boys Life: Y

Health form on file: Y /

Emergency Contact (in addition to parents): _____ Phone: (____) _____ Class 1 Phys: ____/____/____

Doctor: _____ Phone: (____) _____ Class 2 Phys: ____/____/____

Insurance: _____ Policy: _____ Class 3 Phys: ____/____/____

Allergies: _____

Other: _____

Father: _____ Mother: _____

Guardian: Y / N Guardian: Y / N

Phone(s) Work: _____ Phone(s) Work: _____

_____: _____ _____: _____

_____: _____ _____: _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Drivers Lic: _____ ST: ____ Drivers Lic: _____ ST: ____

Employer: _____ Employer: _____

Occupation: _____ Occupation: _____

Vehicle(s) Year/Make/Model	# Belts	Lic Plate	Insurance (in thousands)		
			Per Person	Per Accident	Property
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Remarks: _____

BOYS SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 226
Troop 226 Scout Conduct Policy

The goal of Boy Scout Troop 226 is to provide a safe environment for your son to participate in Boy Scouting. The guidelines for acceptable behavior of a scout are contained in the Scout Oath and Law.

We believe that our troop should provide a "safe haven" in which your son can develop his personal skills, leadership abilities, maturity and self-confidence. With this goal in mind, **we do not permit the following behavior** at our meetings or activities: hitting, fighting, harassing, hazing or in any way causing physical or emotional harm to another individual. In addition, we expect the scouts to respect the property of our Charter Organization, St. Luke's Lutheran Church, its neighbors, and the other scouts and their families. We also do not permit the use of alcohol, street drugs, or tobacco at our Scout meetings or activities.

The consequences for misconduct at our Troop meetings and activities are as follows:

- The first incident will result in counseling by the Scoutmaster.
- The second incident will result in a conference with Scoutmaster, the scout and his parents and possible required attendance of parents at Troop meetings and activities.
- The third incident will result in dismissal from the Troop.

In addition, repair or replacement of any damaged property is the responsibility of the party who caused the damage.

We have read and understand the Troop 226 conduct policy:

Boy Scout

Parent or Guardian

Scoutmaster

Date

Note: This is not an agreement or contract; it is an acknowledgement that the parties have read and understand this information contained herein.

TROOP 226 PARENT INFORMATION

Print Scout Name _____

We are delighted to welcome your family to Troop 226. As you know, your son's enjoyment and success in Boy Scouts is directly related to the quality of the program we offer as well as your encouragement of his efforts and participation in the troop. Becoming an Assistant Scoutmaster is a great way to be with your son during his scouting adventures.

With this in mind, we would like to point out key Troop 226 policies that will maximize your son's advancement and satisfaction.

MEETINGS:

- Please arrive on time; regular troop meetings start promptly at 7:30 pm and end at 9:00 pm. If your son's patrol is responsible for meeting set-up, please arrive 10 minutes early; for clean-up, please plan on staying 10 minutes after the meeting closes.
- Please remind your son that he needs to sit with his patrol, be attentive, and be respectful at meetings. He cannot leave the meeting room unless he has been given permission to leave. We cannot have Scouts running around outside, particularly in the dark. St. Luke's Church has been gracious enough to sponsor our Troop. In return, we need to respect the Church property and the neighbors' property by being quiet when we are outside the meeting room.

UNIFORM:

- Please make sure your son has the proper Class A uniform. We will provide Troop 226 numeral patches, a neckerchief, and a Class B Tee-shirt. You are responsible for getting the rest of the uniform. Although we do not require official uniform pants, when we conduct uniform inspections, official BSA pants and socks are expected for a perfect uniform award.
- Please use the attached Uniform Inspection Sheet for proper placement of the patches.
- Please remind your son to leave all non-scout clothing and accessories (conspicuous jewelry, baseball hats, etc.) at home.
- Please make sure your son wears CLOSED-TOE shoes to the meetings.
- We do not allow the boys to wear any "camo" clothing for meetings, overnights, or outings.

OUTINGS:

- There are no refunds if your son makes a commitment to go on an outing that requires participation fees for lodging, campsite rental, and/or troop purchased food. Adult fees are generally paid by the troop.
- On a case-by-case basis, the troop will reimburse parents who drive on outings for the cost of gas after the trip. These expenses should be discussed and agreed upon prior to the activity/outing with the adult leader or Committee Member organizing or leading the activity/outing. We ask that you not deduct these expenses from the trip fee or collect gas money from other parents.

PARENT PARTICIPATION:

At this time, Troop 226 does not have mandatory parent participation requirement. The Troop Parent Committee would like to avoid imposing strict requirements by having the parents volunteer to help. We do however; have a policy that parents participate (drive, chaperone, etc.) on at least one overnight activity and one day trip per year. In addition, we are asking each family to take on a committee job. All parents are also encouraged to become merit badge counselors.

By signing below, you acknowledge that you have read the foregoing Parent Information and that you have received a copy of the Troop 226 Handbook.

Parent or Guardian

Date

Shopping List for Uniform

REQUIRED

Shirt
Green Shoulder Loops
Council shoulder emblem
World Crest
Merit Badge Sash large (Only worn during Courts of Honor)

Troop Provided (DO NOT BUY)

Boy Scout Handbook
Neckerchief
Neckerchief Slide
Unit Numerals
Journey to Excellence Patch
Patrol Patch
Missionaries of Peace (when earned)
Rank Patch (when earned)
Position Patch (when earned)

OPTIONAL

Pants
Hat
Socks
Belt