



Boy Scouts of America

Troops 1444 & 3444

Parent Handbook

2022

RECOMMENDED READING FOR ALL SCOUTS AND PARENTS

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## **WELCOME**

Welcome to Boys Troop 1444 and Girls Troop 3444! As a new member you are joining a group of boys and girls who share your interests in the outdoors, adventure, and learning. As a scout you will get the opportunity to acquire new skills, and you will be recognized and rewarded for what you have accomplished. You will have the opportunity to learn leadership, organizational and other skills that will help you later in your life.

This Troop Handbook is intended to act as an introduction to Scouting in Troop 1444/3444 and to give parents and Scouts a better understanding of how the troop works. Please take the time to read through this handbook, and contact the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, or any other adult leader if you have any questions.

## **TROOP 1444/3444 ORGANIZATION**

Troops 1444 and 3444 are part of the Great Salt Lake Council, Wasatch Peak District 18. Every Scout Troop has a Chartering Organization which assists the troop by providing a meeting place and assistance when needed. Corner Canyon Church proudly charts Troops 1444 and 3444.

## **THE NEW PARENT**

We want our new parents to feel at home with the troop from the very beginning. The adults who give their time, talents, and support to make Troops 1444 and 3444 a success are all volunteers. You are invited to participate either as an adult leader or as an active parent. You may assist our Troops by becoming a merit badge counselor, providing transportation to and from outings, serving on the Troop Committee, or serving in other leadership positions.

It is the troop's expectation that every parent will assist in some way during the course of the scouting year.

## **JOINING TROOPS 1444 and 3444**

To join BSA Troops 1444 and 3444 you must do the following (as outlined in The Boy Scout Handbook, Fourteenth Edition)

- Meet the age requirements - complete the fifth grade or be 11 years old, or earn the Cub Scout Arrow of Light Award and be ten-and-a-half years old (must be under 18 years of age)
- Complete a Boy Scout Application form and health history, signed by a parent or guardian  
<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406.pdf>
- Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance
- Demonstrate the Scout Sign, Salute, and Handshake
- Demonstrate tying the square knot
- Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath or Promise, Law, Motto, Slogan, and the Outdoor Code
- Describe the Scout Badge
- Complete the "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide" pamphlet from the front of the Boy Scout Handbook
- Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference

## **THE NEW SCOUT**

When a child joins the troop, he/she will be placed in a patrol. Each patrol consists of six to eight Scouts led by a Patrol Leader (a Scout).

It is particularly important for new Scouts to attend all regular troop meetings and as many camping trips as possible so that they quickly get a solid understanding of the Scouting experience and their own role in the troop.

## **TROOP STRUCTURE**

### **THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER**

The Senior Patrol Leader is usually an older Scout who holds the rank of First Class or higher and who is elected by the Scouts to serve a 6-12 month term. The Senior Patrol Leader, with assistance of the Patrol Leaders, plans and leads all activities at the Scout level. The Scoutmaster and his/her assistant Scoutmasters are advisors to the Senior Patrol Leader.

Troops 1444 and 3444 are run by the Senior Patrol Leaders and are divided into several small groups called patrols. The Senior Patrol Leader qualifications are as follows:

- Must have served as a Patrol leader and successfully completed the Patrol Leader training course with the Scoutmaster
- Must express a desire to hold the position prior to the troop election
- Must agree to honor the attendance requirements set by the Scoutmaster

A patrol is a group of six to eight Scouts who camp together and participate in troop activities together. Each patrol has a Patrol Leader elected by the patrol members and serves a 6-month term. The Scoutmaster will override the vote if a boy has not agreed to take the position under the guidelines set forth by the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader provide the training for each Patrol Leader.

### **THE PATROL LEADER**

The Scouts are organized into patrols consisting of up to eight Scouts. Patrols are led by Patrol Leaders who are elected by the Scouts in their patrol for a term of six months. The Patrol Leader is a leadership position and is responsible for seeing that many things are done.

Other troop positions (all appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader) include:

- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Quartermaster (equipment control)
- Troop Guide (assists young Scouts through the program)
- Chaplains Aide (religious activities)
- Historian (documents troop activities)
- Librarian (maintains troop library)
- Scribe (record keeper/publisher)

These positions are appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster based on interest shown by the boy and each boy's need for leadership for rank advancement.

### **TROOP MEETINGS**

The troop meets each Tuesday from 6:45 until 8:30 PM at Corner Canyon Church in Draper, Utah. Troop meetings concentrate on skill development, patrol involvement, competition, games, and fun.

Advancement Night and Board of Reviews (with advance notice) are held during the troop meeting on the third Tuesday of each month. The purpose of a Board of Review is to ensure that each scout pursuing a rank advancement has fulfilled all requirements of the specific rank. The Scout will meet with the Advancement Chair and at least one Committee Person.

### **SCOUT UNIFORM**

The Boy Scouts of America is a uniformed organization. Wearing the Boy Scout uniform shows a sense of belonging and pride in the Scouting movement. All members of Troop 1444 and 3444 are required to wear the approved uniform and insignia to all troop meetings and activities. Adult leaders should set an example and wear the proper adult uniform.

Troop 1444 and 3444 will supply any merit badges and patches earned by a troop member. Any lost badges/patches will be paid for by the Scout. Our troop has approved the following uniform:

- Official BSA khaki long or short sleeved shirt (with appropriate Troop 1444/3444 numerals, Great Salt Lake Council patch, red shoulder loops, current leadership position patch, and rank insignia. See the inside cover of the BSA Handbook for details)
- Neckerchiefs - black background with red stitching
- BSA olive pants or shorts with belt
- Official BSA scout socks, olive color
- Merit badge sash to display merit badges; to be worn at Courts of Honor and other special events
- Scout handbook and troop notebook (supplied by the troop)

Each Scout is required to have a complete "Class A" uniform and to wear it during troop meetings, while traveling to and from camping sites, and on other occasions. A "Class B" uniform is also required. This is a red tee-shirt with the troop logo and is available from the troop for \$6.00 each.

### **SCOUT HANDBOOK**

Each Scout is expected to obtain and keep a copy of The Boy Scout Handbook, Fourteenth edition. This book should be brought to all troop activities and campouts. A protective cover (available from the Scout Shop) is optional.

## **PURCHASE OF UNIFORMS, BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK, AND EQUIPMENT**

Uniforms: Please consult your Scout Handbook for a description of the full uniform. All required uniform items can be purchased from the Scout Shop. The Scout Handbook is part of the uniform.

The Scout Shop is located at:

### **Utah Valley Scout Shop**

1351 W 800 N  
Orem, UT 84057  
801-571-2727

### **Ogden Scout Shop**

1200 E 5400 S  
Ogden, UT 84403  
801-476-1900

Equipment: Please consult an adult leader before purchasing camping equipment. They can advise you about the type of equipment needed and other features to look for in camping gear. Be sure to check other outdoor/camping stores for your camping equipment.

## **TROOP COMMITTEE**

The troop is directed by the Troop Committee which consists of all registered adult leaders. Our troop is “scout led” but that does not mean that there is nothing for adults to do; quite the contrary. We (the adults) give the Scouts an appropriate amount of responsibility and guidance, but parent participation is critical for the success of the program.

There are many ways in which all parents can get involved, even if you are new to Scouting. Troop Committee positions include:

- Charter Organization Representative (liaison between the troop and the Charter Organization)
- Troop Committee Chair (Head of the troop committee)
- Scoutmaster (Oversees the operations of the troop)
- Assistant Scoutmaster (Advisor to assigned Patrols)
- Troop Committee Member (Registered volunteer helping with troop business)
- Advancement Chair (Administers the troop advancement program, maintains records and prepares advancement reports for the council)
- Fundraiser Coordinator (Organizes fundraising projects to meeting troop needs)

The Troop Committee meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 7:00 PM or whenever called to meet by the Committee Chair.

## **WEEKLY EMAIL**

A weekly email is sent with important information. Both Scouts and parents are encouraged to read the emails and retain them for reference. Information will also be updated on the Troop Facebook page (which also acts as a nice message board for questions).

## **CAMPING TRIPS**

Camping trips are a large part of Scouting. Our troop camps 11 months out of the year. No camps occur in December because it is a busy month for families due to the holidays. Scouts are required to pay for food, transportation, etc. A camp typically costs around \$30 per boy, but the amount will vary

depending on the details and requirements of the event. The fee is due two troop meetings in advance of the campout. Parents must complete a permission slip at the time the fee is due. A new permission slip is required for each activity.

If a Scout commits to a trip and any costs are extended based upon the commitment, the Scout is responsible for paying those costs whether he/she attends the event or not.

### **SUMMER CAMP**

Our annual summer camp is a fun-filled activity planned for a six-to-10-day period, usually during July. It is strongly recommended that every Scout attend Summer Camp. It is the single most important activity of the Scout year.... and the Scouts LOVE it!

### **COST OF SCOUTING**

When a new Scout joins the troop, he/she pays the registration fee. He/she can also buy a subscription to "Boys Life Magazine" (optional).

### **EXPENSES**

Expenses are a necessary part of any worthwhile organization, and Troops 1444/3444 are no exception. It is the responsibility of each Scout to learn to accept his/her share of those expenses by paying dues, and by his/her participation in fundraising activities.

The Troop Committee, through the Troop Treasurer, will be responsible for all monies within the Troop, fees for camping, registration, activities and fund raising must be deposited into the Troop's checking account. The Troop will reimburse expenses for food purchased for patrol or camping activities that are part of the Troop's approved events. All other reimbursements must have the Troop Committee approval!

No one may plan fundraising activities without prior notice and approval received from the Troop Committee.

The amount of annual Troop fees and dues shall be determined by the Troop Committee based on the annual budget required for the activities that the Scouts have planned. If a family does not pay dues or fees, the family's participation may be limited to a pay as you go option whereas the family pays for all their Scouts incidental costs (Leadership Patches, Rank Advancement Patches, Merit Badge Patches and Program Supplies).

### **ANNUAL RE-CHARTER & TROOP FEES**

The Great Salt Lake Council re-charters Troops annually beginning in October for the coming year. Also at the time of re-chartering, the Troop assesses an annual troop/equipment fee. Each Scout and a registered adult leader from each family are responsible for paying annual fees to the re-charter chairperson.

Annual re-charter and Troop fees are broken down as follows:

Fees are \$277 annually (this includes the \$77 rechartering fee required by our national office). The fee is broken into two payments, one in October (\$177) and the remainder in March (\$100).

Additional fees for monthly campouts and extra events are paid based on attendance in that particular activity.

### **FEES PRORATED BY MONTH**

For Scouts Joining after the annual re-charter the fees are as follows:

In cases of genuine hardship, scholarship opportunities and payment plans may be arranged. Additionally, all or part of the Troop fee can be waived in return for participation in Troop fundraising activities. Troops 1444/3444 believe that no Scout or family will be turned away for financial reasons. If the troop fees, camping or uniform costs creates a hardship, the Scoutmaster should be contacted immediately. This information will be kept in strict confidence.

### **SCOUT ACCOUNTS**

These accounts are maintained by the Committee Treasurer and are reported to the Scoutmaster and Committee monthly. To make the collection of costs associated with camping for each scout easy, a parent can add money to their boy's account IN ADVANCE and the fees for outings can be deducted from that account. Or you can choose to pay in advance each time. Checks are made payable to "Troop 1444" or "Troop 3444" or paid via cash or VENMO (Wasatch Front Scouting BSA Troop) and given to the Committee Treasurer.

### **COURT OF HONOR**

The Court of Honor ceremony is held four times per year to officially recognize and present to each Scout the merit badges and rank advancements he/she has earned. All troop families are invited to attend the ceremony and, in fact, excellent adult attendance goes a long way in making these events special for all the Scouts.

### **SERVICE PROJECTS**

To earn certain badges of rank, a Scout is required to work on or perform a service project. The Scout must fill out the Service Project Approval form and submit it to the Scoutmaster for approval BEFORE starting the project.

### **MERIT BADGE COUNSELING**

When a Scout wishes to earn a merit badge, he/she must first get a blue merit badge card signed by the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. The Scout, not the parent, then calls the Advancement Coordinator and asks to be assigned a counselor. The Advancement Coordinator then finds an available person and provides the Scout with the advisor's name and contact information. The Scout calls the counselor and receives instruction on how they will proceed through the merit badge requirements.

In no case shall a Scout meet with a merit badge counselor alone. Each Scout should have a buddy or parent with him, or should arrange to meet with the counselor in a public place.

The requirements for each of the over 100 merit badges available are contained in a merit badge booklet bearing the appropriate badge title. These booklets may be borrowed from the local library or purchased at the Scout Shop. The troop also maintains a library of merit badge booklets which Scouts may borrow. See the Troop Librarian for additional information.

Parents are strongly encouraged to volunteer their time and experience as merit badge counselors. It is a great way to give back to the troop and to help individual Scouts achieve their Scouting goals.

### **SAFETY AND MEDICAL FORMS**

Troop 1444 and 3444 adult leaders have been trained and are experienced in providing a safe environment for all activities. Special care is always taken to ensure the safety of everyone. When you join Troop 1444/3444 you are asked to sign a form authorizing adult leaders to obtain medical treatment for injuries. Before Summer Camp, forms are provided for medical exams that are required in order to attend the camp (these forms require a physicians signature, so plan ahead!).

BSA Medical Forms A&B are required for every campout. Form C is required for our weeklong campouts as well as some high adventure activities.

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### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

The adult leaders of Troop 1444 and 3444 strive to provide a safe, healthy, and secure environment for all the Scouts. Scouting is to be a positive, growing experience and, because of this, we can't allow certain behaviors within our troop. To help facilitate this, the troop committee has developed a Code of Conduct for both Scouts as well as Leaders/Parents that is strictly enforced. Each Scout and his/her parent/legal guardian are required to read and sign the Code of Conduct before joining the troop. Signed copies should be turned in to the Scoutmaster. If you have any questions please speak with the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair.

### **YEARLY ACTIVITIES**

Each Scout year includes:

- Weekly Tuesday night meetings, year round
- Family Camp, usually the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in June
- Camping 11 months out of the year, *usually* the third weekend of the month
- A week-long Summer Camp, usually in July
- Open House to encourage new Scouts to join our troop
- Many other fun and exciting events

### **SOME FINAL REMARKS**

Now that you know a little about us, please ask us questions to learn even more!

Accompanying this handbook are a listing of adult leaders and their contact information.

Please keep this handbook in a safe place in your home so that you can consult it whenever you have a question. But in all cases, if you need information, please ask.



Please fill out and sign this sheet in the appropriate places and return to Dan Dye.

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Print Scout's Name

I have read and agree to follow the Troop 1444/3444 Parent Handbook

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Parent or Guardian Signature and Date

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I give permission to Troop 1444 and 3444 to put pictures of my son on the troop's internet website.

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Parent or Guardian Signature and Date

## Boy Scout Troop 1444/3444 Leaders Contact Information

Scoutmaster-boys	JB Fowler	801-360-5464	jbfowler@gmail.com
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Advancement Chair	Jolene Anderson	801-514-5587	Joleneanderson01@gmail.com
Secretary	Jolene Anderson	801-514-5587	Joleneanderson01@gmail.com
Equipment Chair	open		
Camping Chair	Chris DeLangis	801-865-0771	delangisc@gmail.com
Camping Chair	Jeff DenBleyker	801-558-1680	Jeff.denbleyker@ch2m.com
Treasurer	Lisa Coliflower	513-266-2842	Lcoliflower86@gmail.com
Membership	Stephanie Fowler	281-743-1698	s_j_fowler@yahoo.com
Fundraising Chair	open		