

Dear New Troop 889 Scout and family,

Welcome! To make your entry into the troop as smooth as possible, we have put together this information packet and checklist to guide you along the way. Please note that all paperwork is due in full no later than the first Monday of February. This date will quickly approach, however our committee needs time to process and submit the applications to the council office prior to Troop 889's Crossover Campout in March when your son will ceremoniously join the troop.

A checklist of items due is included in this packet. Please review it carefully. If you have any questions or concerns, no matter how insignificant you think they might be, please contact any one of our leaders. It is our goal to complete the paperwork as efficiently as we can so we can move on to the fun stuff!

There are several options for you to turn in your completed paperwork:

- You may drop it off at the table in the foyer outside our regular troop meeting (please review our web calendar) on Monday evenings at Christ Church United Methodist.
- You may drop it off at our regular committee meeting (please review our web calendar) on the 1st Wednesday evenings at Christ Church United Methodist.
- **Webelos families** may mail it or drop it off to **Ed Feragen, 15 Churchdale Pl., The Woodlands, TX 77382**
- **Other New Scout families** may mail it or drop it off to **Kelly Hansen, 14 Beckett Hill Pl., The Woodlands, TX 77381**
- If other arrangements need to be made, please contact one of the leaders listed below.
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Webelos Coordinator	Membership Chair	Scoutmaster	Committee Chair
Ed Feragen	Kelly Hansen	Tim Yagley	Mike Lampkin
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As was mentioned during your visit to Troop 889, we require at least one parent from each family to volunteer and fill out a BSA Adult Leader Application. Thank you in advance for your generous commitment to the health and excellence of your Troop's program.

We are proud to help you help your son reach his full potential in Scouting.

Yours in Scouting,

Troop 889 Committee

New Scout Application Checklist

- Personal Troop Registration Form**
Basic contact information for your family. Plus previous Scouting records for your son.
<http://Troop889bsa.org/newscout>

- BSA Youth Application**
A PDF of this form may be filled out and printed, but the ink-signed copy must accompany your paperwork. No photocopies will be accepted by the council office.
<http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-406A.pdf>

- BSA Adult Leader Application**
A PDF of this form may be filled, but we must have the ink-signed copy. If you download the online version, please remember to also print and sign the "Disclosure Agreement".
Please note: Per BSA guidelines, a separate Adult Leader Application is needed for each position you would like to hold. Troop 889 pays membership fees for adults.
<http://scouting.org/filestore/pdf/524-501A.pdf>

- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for your Scout)**
(see details below)
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

- BSA Annual Health & Medical Record (fill-out one for registering Adult)**
This is an annual record and must be updated accordingly.
http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf

- A check made out to "Troop 889 BSA" for \$150.00**
Credit card payments are also available via PayPal (see web site). Financial aid is available through confidential request via the Troop Committee Chair.

New Scout Commitment Agreement

A key component to the success of Troop 889's ability to deliver our sons an optimal Scouting program is the active participation of the adults in our troop family. As we state in our troop handbook ("Troop 889 Procedures & Guideline Manual"), at least one adult parent or guardian will take an active role and a formal position in the troop.

By submission of my son's Letter of Intent to Troop 889, I commit our family to an ongoing role on the Troop Committee, Scoutmaster Corps or Merit Badge Counselor.

Our family's role in the troop will be: _____

(Title of position to be held by adult family member.)

Name(s) of family member(s) above: _____

I agree to accept and perform the duties of the position listed above to the best of my ability. If unwilling to accept this role, I will resign my son from Troop 889.

Understood and agreed by: _____
(Signature of Scout's parent or guardian.)

Date: _____

Scout Buddy Preference

Your Scout's Name: _____

Buddy Preference: _____

Name of a Scout your Scout **does not** want to buddy with: _____

While we believe in fair play, learning to work with others and the Golden Rule, we will attempt to oblige this request whenever possible.

This information will be kept in the strict confidence.