



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

# TROOP 502

ROSE BOWL DISTRICT, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY COUNCIL

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## WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE'S TROOP 502!

And thanks for joining us. This package of information will answer many of your initial questions about Boy Scouting and Troop 502, as well as to provide us information we need for the Troop's files.

These items are for you to **keep**:

- Uniform Equipment Requirements (*this tells you what you need to buy*)
- Uniform Standards (*this tell you when and what to wear*)

These items are for you to complete and **return to us**:

- A "Join Boy Scouting" registration form (*when filling out the back page, please note that this is a self-copying form so separate the last page so the medical information does not copy onto the preceding page*)
- A personal information sheet (*the emergency numbers and email addresses are especially important*)
- A "Consent to Medical/Dental Treatment of Minor" form (*we must have this before you can go on any Troop outings*)
- A Class 1 & 2 Medical Form (*we must have this as soon as convenient*)

We also need you to **return**:

- A check for \$200 made out to "Troop 502 BSA" for your annual dues.

Some commonly asked questions:

*When does the troop meet?* Our regular meeting nights is Monday at 7:00 p.m. at Lower Softly Hall at St. George's Episcopal Church, 4467 Commonwealth Boulevard. The meetings formally start at 7:15 p.m. We do not normally meet on Monday nights that are La Canada USD school holidays, but you should check always our website to be sure. We do not normally meet when school is not in session (winter, spring, and summer recesses), but we do go to summer camp and may have other summer activities or training programs. If in doubt, check our website ([www.troop502.org](http://www.troop502.org)) or ask or email any troop Scout or adult leader.

*What is the first thing I need to do?* Buy the Boy Scout Handbook! It tells you many things you need to know and do. The Boy Scout joining requirements are listed on page 4. You must go over the Youth Protection Guidelines found in the front of the book with your parents. After you have done that, have one of your parents initial and date next to that item on page 4. You should study the book and prepare for the other requirements. Any Scout who holds the rank of First Class or above can test you on these requirements and initial them as you pass them. They will also be happy to work with you to help you pass these requirements—do not be shy about asking!

*Do I have to attend every meeting?* We would really like it if you did, but we know it is not always possible due to homework, sports, and illness. We do expect you to make as many meetings as you can, and we expect that you will "share" absences between Scouting and your other activities when conflicts do arise.

*Do I have to attend St. George's Church?* No. St. George's is our Troop's sponsor, but less than half of our members also belong to the church. We do follow the Scout Law and remember that a Scout is reverent, but we do not do or ask anything of you that would interfere with your personal religious views or church attendance.