



Welcome to Troop 220!

New Member/Parent Orientation Packet

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Troop 220 was founded in 1994 and is chartered by Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 8510 Wyoming Blvd. NE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Although the troop is located at the Covenant United Methodist Church, the troop is non-denominational in nature and current members have diverse religious backgrounds.

The purpose of Troop 220 is to provide leadership and citizenship training to young men in an enjoyable atmosphere through teaching and practicing the principles of Scouting. Troop 220 stresses camping, backpacking, and hiking as a means of educating young men in the enjoyment and the responsibilities of the outdoors.

While each scout in Troop 220 is responsible for his own advancement through the scouting ranks, older scouts are encouraged to teach important scouting skills to younger scouts. Experience has proven that a full and active outdoor program can provide the experiences needed for any boy to attain the rank for which he sets his goal.

Join Us!

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History

Troop 220 is a relatively young troop, started in August of 1994. It is chartered by Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 8510 Wyoming Blvd. NE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Although the troop is located at the Church of the Good Shepherd, the troop is non-denominational in nature and current members have diverse religious backgrounds. In spring of 2012, the Troop was at strength of 43 Scouts and 23 adult leaders.

Most years, the troop has achieved the Quality Unit award and the National Camping award (which means at least 10 campouts during the year), and we will strive to continue as a quality unit in the Great Southwest Council.

Troop Statement of Policy

Troop 220 is a boy-run troop.

- The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are program facilitators.
- The troop committee works in support of the Scouts, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.
- **Parents are needed, expected, and encouraged to participate with the troop.** Opportunities for participation are outlined later in this document.



Members of Troop 220 treat others with respect and dignity and follow the Troop 220 Code of Conduct (below).

- Since the boys represent all Boy Scouts when they are in uniform, they must attend all scout functions well-groomed, clean, neat, with proper attention given to personal hygiene. Adults will be addressed using titles of respect (Mr., Mrs., Dr., Miss, etc.).
- Verbal abuse, including malicious teasing, will not be allowed. Abusive physical contact of all types and hazing are not allowed.

The troop is a guest of Covenant United Methodist Church. A scout is expected to:

- Protect church property.
- Respect the wishes of the Church concerning access to and use of the facilities.
- Conduct himself in a courteous and respectful manner at all times.
- Help restore the meeting area to the condition in which it was provided to the troop at the end of each meeting.

Troop 220's uniform guidelines are described in Scout Uniform and Appearance below.



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Scouts are NOT allowed to use tobacco products, alcohol, or illegal drugs at ANY time.

- The use of illegal drugs and/or alcohol is NOT allowed at ANY time by any individual while participating with the troop in ANY troop activity.
- Adults are NOT to use tobacco products within sight of any scout.
- Scouts' prescription drug usage is to be supervised by the Scoutmaster or designee.
- Personal electronic devices will NOT be used at ANY troop function without the permission of the Scoutmaster or Campmaster.

Traveling is strictly controlled.

- Drivers must possess a valid driver's license and be at least 21 years old. All vehicles must be insured to the minimum amounts required by the State of New Mexico.
- Travelers must wear seat belts at all times while the vehicle is underway.
- Traveling in the back of a pickup truck is not allowed, including pickup trucks with enclosed backs.

Tenting accommodations are strictly controlled.

- Unrelated adults and scouts will tent in separate tents.
- Scouts will tent with their age group.
- Scouts who are ill may tent near the adult area but not with an adult, unless it is with their own parent(s).

National Boy Scout policies take precedence over any troop policies.

Purpose and Philosophy

The purpose of Troop 220 is to provide leadership and citizenship training to young men in an enjoyable atmosphere through the teaching and practice of the principles of Scouting. Troop 220 stresses camping as a means of educating young men in the enjoyment and responsibilities of the outdoors. We feel that confidence and pride in one's own abilities are attained through hands-on learning and advancement. While each scout in Troop 220 is responsible for his own advancement through the scouting ranks, older scouts are encouraged to teach important scouting skills to younger scouts. Experience has proven that a full and active camping program can provide the experiences needed for any boy to attain the rank for which he sets his goal.





Program and Activities

	2009	2010	2011	2012
Camping/ Backpacking	Jemez Mountains – Snow Fun (Girl Scout Camp) El Malpais / El Morro Manzano Mtns. St. Park Founders Ranch – Camporee Las Conchas – Jemez Great Sand Dunes Elks Refuge – Family Camp Carlsbad Caverns + Aquatics Camp Water Canyon – Cibola National Forest	Jemez Mountains – Snow Fun (Girl Scout Camp) Villanueva State Park Rio Grande Gorge Cochiti Lake – Camporee White Sands Mora Flats – Pecos Heron Lake Elks Refuge – Family Camp Bandelier Socorro Nature Area / Bosque del Apache	Sipapu – Skiing/Sledding Rockhound State Park Gila Cliff Dwellings area Baca Ranch – Camporee Panchuela / Cave Creek – Pecos Stewart Lake – Pecos San Gregorio Reservoir – San Pedro Parks Bluewater Lake Elks Refuge – Family Camp Carlsbad Caverns + Aquatics Camp Fenton Lake	Sipapu – Skiing/Sledding Datil Wells / VLA Wolf Sanctuary Spring Camporee Los Conchas Backpack Wheeler Peak/Williams Lake Backpack Guadalupe Creek Jemez Elks Refuge – Family Camp White Sands Bosque del Apache
Fundraiser	Scout popcorn Coupon books Christmas wreaths	Scout popcorn Christmas wreaths	Scout popcorn “Garage” sale Christmas wreaths	Scout popcorn
High Adventure		Philmont Trek	Gila Wilderness	Gila Wilderness Philmont Trek
Summer Camp	San Isabel Scout Ranch, CO	Gorham Scout Ranch, NM	Camp Alexander, CO	Camp Chris Dobbins, CO
Troop Awards	Quality Unit	Quality Unit	Quality Unit	Quality Unit

Eagle Scouts

Troop 220 has graduated 30 Eagle Scouts between 1994 and 2012.



Camping

One troop campout is typically planned each month. Once a year the troop participates in a District-wide Camporee or Klondike, engaging in inter-troop competition. Scouts sign up for each campout prior to the event in order to attend.

The patrols plan the menus, assign duties while camping, and purchase the necessary food supplies. Budget for food is \$4 per Scout per meal.





Troop Meetings

- Regular troop meetings are held on Mondays throughout the year from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. at the Covenant United Methodist Church, 8510 Wyoming Blvd. NE.
- Scouts are expected to attend each regular meeting dressed in the Class A uniform during the school year and the casual uniform during the summer months.
- Meetings include a variety of programs such as games, skill instructions, speakers, demonstrations, patrol corners, and announcements. Occasionally, there are special outings in lieu of a troop meeting.
- Courts of Honor are held two to three times per year as dictated by advancement.
- Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meetings are held the third Monday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Covenant United Methodist Church.
- Troop Committee meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 PM at the Covenant United Methodist Church.



Dues and Activity Fees

Troop dues are \$75.00 per year, payable annually in October or as new scouts join the troop. Dues are payable to the troop committee treasurer. This amount includes the yearly dues to the national organization, coverage provided by the BSA Unit Accident Insurance, and a subscription to BOY'S LIFE magazine. Scouts having difficulty in making dues payments should discuss this with the Scoutmaster. No scout will be denied membership in the troop because of financial hardship.

The dues for the adult leaders are \$15.00, payable annually in October or as they join. There are no dues for registered merit badge counselors.

Camping trips vary in cost depending on meals and distance. The scouts receive a food budget of \$4 per meal per person, and there is a charge based on the distance and the current cost of gasoline. An additional amount is sometimes charged to cover campground fees, etc. Adults

who go on campouts are charged the same food and additional fees, but are not charged for gasoline. Permission slips and money are collected during troop meetings before the campout (preferably the week before the campout).

Each summer Troop 220 attends a week-long scout camp as a troop. Costs for the week are typically around \$250 and reservations are made in about February or March. Camperships to help defray costs may be available. More information regarding camperships can be obtained from the Scoutmaster.



Parent Participation

No troop can last long without the **SUPPORT** and **PARTICIPATION FROM EVERY PARENT**. Parents are expected to attend all **Courts of Honor**, whether or not their son is being honored. These meetings are held two to three times per year. Parents are also encouraged to be **Merit Badge Counselors** for any of the approximately 120 possible merit badges. The subjects vary widely and the merit badges that a parent chooses may relate to his or her job, business, profession, or interest.



Parents are needed to attend **campouts and outings**; a minimum of two adults is required for each activity and campout in order to fulfill the Boy Scouts of America policy of "two-deep leadership." Three or more adults is preferred in order to provide for the possibility of illness or injury while on a Troop outing. **IF WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH ADULTS WILLING TO PARTICIPATE, THE OUTING WILL BE CANCELED.**

Parents are always needed to provide **transportation**. If adequate transportation is not available for an outing, some or all of the scouts will be unable to participate in that outing.

If for some reason a parent cannot drive or participate in troop campouts or outings, there are other areas in which they can help. The Troop Committee Chairperson, Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster may be contacted to arrange alternative activities. The following is a partial list of areas within the troop that require parental involvement:

Registered Positions	Other Opportunities for Involvement
Scoutmaster Assistant Scoutmasters Treasurer Secretary Committee Chairperson Committee Members	Advancement Chairman Equipment Coordinator Eagle Advisor Summer Camp Coordinator Family Camp Coordinator Fund-raising Coordinator Outings Coordinator Transportation Coordinator Service Project Coordinator Guest Speaker Coordinator New-Scout Recruiter District Liaison (attend Round Table meetings) Webmaster Neckerchiefs & Slides Maker

Often these positions have corresponding roles within the scout troop structure and hence are useful to enhance the scout's role and leadership experience.



Fund Raising



In recent years, the major Troop 220 fund raisers have included: popcorn, Christmas tree recycling, delivering calendars, and garage sales. Except for sales of Boy Scout popcorn, these fund raisers do not necessarily take place every year. Other fund raisers may be held during the year as the troop committee deems necessary and worthwhile.

Depending on the fund raiser, the profits are shared between the scouts and the Troop: put in the scouts' individual accounts or in the troop general fund. The "scout accounts" may be used to pay for any troop campouts or other activities. They may also be used to purchase scouting- or camping-related personal equipment or to pay for annual dues. Many scouts use money that they have accumulated in their scout accounts to help finance their Eagle projects. Any funds left in the account of a boy who leaves the troop remain with the Troop (though he is welcome to use the money for camping/outdoor equipment before or soon after he leaves).

Service

Performing service is an important component of Scouting and necessary for rank advancement. Our goal is to provide service opportunities to the Scouts several times per year. The Service Project Coordinator will set up service projects, approved by the Scoutmaster or the Troop committee. Examples of past service projects include: repairing and painting tables and benches for a school, performing various landscaping and grounds-maintenance duties for the community or community organizations, sorting clothing for the Storehouse, helping with the Light the Night walk of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and performing various services for our sponsoring Church.

Troop 220 Code of Conduct

Scouting is a values-based program with its own Code of Conduct. Troop 220 has specific rules, which reinforce the Scout Oath and Promise. All Troop 220 Scouts follow the Code of Conduct. **THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS!**

- When the Scout Sign goes up, all mouths go shut. (*A Scout Is Obedient*)
- No yelling, screaming, or running anywhere inside the Church — EVER. (*A Scout Is Courteous*)
- When somebody is speaking (adult leader, SPL, any other person), LISTEN!
 - If you are talking to someone else, you will not hear what is being said.
 - This behavior is extremely rude and it wastes EVERYBODY'S time when you have to ask the speaker to repeat what was said. (*A Scout Is Courteous*)





- Respectful behavior towards ANY Adult Leader and ANY Junior Scout Leader (Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, Skill Instructor, higher-ranked scout) is ALWAYS EXPECTED.
 - Disrespectful behavior will NOT be tolerated and will result in a verbal warning.
 - Continued disrespectful behavior will result in the scout being asked to call his parents to come and pick him up immediately. (*A Scout Is Courteous*)
- Listen to and obey your Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leader. You voted them into office and have given them the responsibility to lead the Patrol and the Troop.
 - This responsibility gives them the authority to assign you tasks to complete with the expectation that those tasks will be completed without whining and complaining.
 - Your Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leader ARE NOT "bossing you around" when they give you orders — THEY ARE DEMONSTRATING LEADERSHIP!!! (*A Scout Is Obedient*)

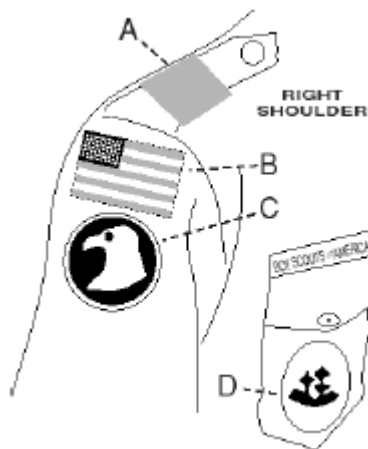


Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor I will do my best
 To do my duty to God and my country
 and to obey the Scout Law;
 To help other people at all times;
 To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake,
 and morally straight.

Scout Law

A Scout is ...
 trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous,
 kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave,
 clean, and reverent.



Scout Uniform and Appearance

Troop 220's uniform consists of:

- An official shirt, tucked in.
- Official Scout pants are not required.
- No sagging pants.
- Neckerchief, slide, and sash ("Class A's").
- Must be clean and in good repair.
- Socks and shoes for all troop activities except for water activities.

All scouts are expected to attend each troop meeting dressed in a regular uniform during the school year. **Neckerchief, slide, and sash are optional for meetings unless the scout**



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is scheduled for a **Board of Review, Scoutmaster conference, or for any Court of Honor**. During summer vacation, a casual uniform consisting of Boy-Scout- or outdoors-oriented tee shirt and shorts may be worn.

Troop 220 provides new Scouts with the Troop neckerchief, slide, epaulets, and Troop 220 numerals for the scout's uniform shirt.

New uniforms may be purchased at the Boy Scout store located at 5841 Office Blvd. NE (345-8603). Thrift stores, such as Goodwill, Savers, or Thrift Town, are possible sources for used scout items.

Within two weeks of changing rank, position, or patrol, new patches or badges should be sewn or glued neatly onto the uniform. Instructions for applying appropriate emblems are in the Scout Handbook. Since the boys represent all Boy Scouts when they are in uniform, they must attend all scout functions well-groomed, clean, neat, with proper attention given to personal hygiene. The Scoutmaster or his designee has the final say for appropriate dress on a situational basis.

Scout Notebook

As a member of Troop 220, each scout is provided a Scout notebook. The Scout notebook is used to maintain monthly and annual calendars of scheduled activities, to track progress on rank advancement and merit badge work, and to maintain a scrap book of the Scout's memories. Scouts are encouraged to bring their Scout Notebook to each meeting and Board of Review. Scouts should save all badges, advancement cards, leadership certificates, etc., from their Scouting career. Save anything that will help preserve memories of Scouting, including pictures. It is especially important for a Scout applying for Eagle to have documentation of all rank advancement and merit badges.



Steps to Advancement

***** SCOUT TENDERFOOT SECOND CLASS FIRST CLASS STAR LIFE EAGLE *****

Each scout is expected to live up to the "scouting ideals" as embodied in the Scout Motto, Scout Slogan, Scout Oath, and Scout Law. These provide basic personal behavior guides and standards.

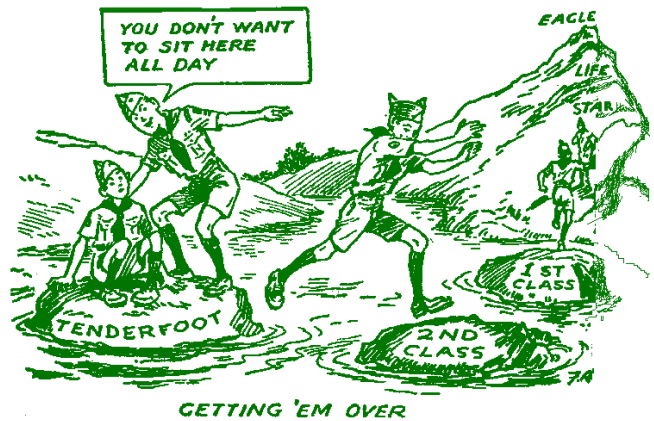
Scout Badge

- Study the "Spirit of Scouting" section in the BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK.
- Ask the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster to check you on the requirements.
- Sign up for a Scoutmaster Conference.
- Show your signed book to the Advancement Chairman for approval.



Ranks

- Each new scout is given a notebook with advancement checklists and forms for keeping records. You should bring this checklist and your Scout Handbook to each meeting to have your progress monitored and recorded.
- As you earn merit badges and satisfy advancement skill requirements, make sure they have been entered in your handbook by an adult leader.
- After meeting the time, service project, advancement skills, badges, and leadership requirements — schedule a Scoutmaster Conference.
- Have your book checked for completeness by the Advancement Chairman before you have a Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review.
- Hold Scoutmaster Conference. The Scoutmaster Conference will be conducted one-on-one, in view of other adults and youths.



Handbook for Patrol Leaders BSA 1964

Next schedule a Board of Review.

- Show your signed book to the Advancement Chairman for approval.
- The rank is earned at the successful completion of the Board of Review.

These steps apply to all ranks except Eagle. The same basic steps apply for Eagle, but there is a much more formal application process. All merit badges and rank advancement are awarded at Courts of Honor, but are sometimes recognized at troop meetings between Courts of Honor. Scouts may wear new insignia as soon as it is earned.

Merit Badges

Some merit badges are offered during regular troop meetings or at other scheduled times.

- Review the requirements and select a badge you want to earn.
- Get a blue card signed by the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- Contact the Advancement Chairman to get a merit badge counselor's name.
- Contact the counselor and work with him or her.
- Turn in your completed blue card to the Advancement Chairman for approval.
- Save your portion of the blue card and merit badge card (when received) in your Scout Notebook.





It is more fun and easier to earn badges in groups; however, scouts may work alone. In line with Boy Scout rules, a scout should not be alone with any merit badge counselor or other adult leader. The Troop Committee asks that parents not sign off on their son's merit badge unless he is part of a group working on the merit badge. Parents should also not sign off on rank advancement requirements for their own son.

Preparing for a Board of Review

The purpose of a board of review is to see how well the scout and adult leaders in the troop have done in teaching scouting skills and to check the Scout's attitude and practice of the ideals of Scouting. The success of the review depends not on those doing the reviewing, but on the Boy Scout himself.

Here are some helpful tips on how to make your next board of review successful:

- Make sure that you have completed all of the requirements and that they have been properly checked off in your Scout Handbook before you schedule a board of review.
- You need to make a good impression. You should wear your regular uniform with a neckerchief, slide, and sash. Make sure your appearance is neat and clean; be prompt and polite.
- Before the meeting, review the skills or badges you earned for this rank. Be prepared to answer any questions about them.
- Explain how you have lived the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Discuss and explain how you have shown Scout spirit.
- Be prepared to discuss your leadership position in the troop for Star, Life, and Eagle ranks, and how it has helped you to grow and learn.
- Be prepared to explain and discuss your service projects.
- Review and be prepared to discuss some of the camping or other troop activities you have participated in since your last advancement.
- If there is anything about scouting or the troop that you are not happy with, feel free to discuss them with the board. Likewise, if you have suggestions for improvement, please let the board know your thoughts and ideas.
- If you have a Scout Notebook, take it along for the board members to see.
- Bring your Boy Scout Handbook for the board members to review and sign.

If you have properly prepared for your board of review, you can now relax and enjoy it!

Troop Communications

Troop rosters, permission slips, newsletters, and medical forms are provided on a continuing basis. The Scoutmaster or a Committee member will provide these items as required. Usually, things like newsletters and permission slips are handed out to the scouts at troop meetings and also e-mailed to parents. In addition, there is a troop web site at <http://www.troop220nm.org/>, which has a calendar, the most recent newsletter and permission slip, and photographs of troop activities.