



Welcome to Troop 220!

New Member/Parent Orientation Packet

(Updated March 2020)

Troop 220 was founded in 1994. We are chartered by Covenant United Methodist Church (CUMC) located at the corner of Wyoming and Wilshire in Albuquerque. We meet every Monday from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at CUMC. Our Troop is non-denominational, with Scouts from a diverse background who attend various middle and high schools in Albuquerque.

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Join Us!

If you want to know more about Troop 220 see our website:

<http://www.bsatroop220nm.org/>



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History

Troop 220 is a relatively young troop, started in August of 1994. We are chartered by Covenant United Methodist Church, located at 8510 Wyoming Blvd. NE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Troop Mission Statement

The purpose of Troop 220 is to provide training in outdoor skills, leadership and citizenship to young men in an enjoyable atmosphere. Through camping, backpacking, hiking and service to the community our Scouts learn the principles of Scouting and the responsible enjoyment of our parks, national forests and wilderness areas.

Troop Statement of Policy

We strive to be a quality unit in the Great Southwest Council by achieving the Journey to Excellence Gold (Quality) Unit award and the National Camping award (which means at least 10 campouts during the year). 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.

Troop 220 is a boy-run troop."The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method."

"The object of the patrol method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."

- Sir Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Boy Scouts

Patrols are the building blocks of a Boy Scout troop. Working together as a team, patrol members share the responsibility for the patrol's success. They gain confidence by serving in positions of patrol leadership. All patrol members enjoy the friendship, sense of belonging, and achievements of the patrol and of each of its members.

- The Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders are responsible for leading the Scouts in meetings and activities.
- 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.



Safety and Youth Protection

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders are to abide by these safeguards. Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to use these safeguards outside the Scouting program. Registered leaders must follow these guidelines with all Scouting youth outside of Scouting activities. **National Boy Scout policies take precedence over any troop policies.**

Registration Requirements

- The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.

Registration includes:

- **Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection Training (YPT)**
- **Volunteer Screening Database check**

Current Youth Protection training is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal. Adult program participants must register as adults and follow Youth Protection policies.

Program Requirements

- The buddy system should be used.
- The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- Sexual activity is prohibited.
- Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

Adult Supervision

- **Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings.**
- **All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at the activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered as leaders. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.**
- **One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.**
- **In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.**
- **Private online communications (e-mail, texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.**
- **Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.**



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Transportation

- Seat belts are required for all occupants.
- All vehicles must be insured to the minimum amounts required by the State of New Mexico.
- All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason.
- The drivers must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age.
- Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab.

Tenting accommodations are strictly controlled.

- Unrelated adults and Scouts never tent together.
- Scouts will tent with a "buddy" in 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).



Troop 220 Code of Conduct

Members of Troop 220 treat others with respect and dignity and follow the Troop 220 Code of Conduct which is based on the Scout Oath and Law. Scouting is a values-based program with its own Code of Conduct. All Troop 220 Scouts are expected to 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 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)
- Scouts are expected to listen to and follow directions given by the Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leader. The Troop elected these Scouts and have given them the responsibility to lead the Patrols and the Troop.
 - This responsibility gives them the authority to assign tasks to complete with the expectation that those tasks will be completed without complaint and in a timely manner.
 - (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.

- Our Scouts represent all Boy Scouts when they are in uniform. All Scouts must attend all scout



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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.).
- No forms of bullying, including verbal abuse, teasing, hazing, abusive physical contact of any type or through electronic media/social networking are tolerated.

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.

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.

Electronic Devices and phones are strictly controlled.

- During troop meetings and campouts all electronic devices including phones are not to be used unless authorized by an adult leader.

Program and Activities

One troop campout or activity is typically planned each month. This may be a car camp or a backpacking trip. In December we have a Troop "Lock-In" where we reserve a venue such as a trampoline park, climbing gym, or youth center. During the lock-in the Scouts, with adult chaperones, spend the night using the facilities, do a holiday gift exchange and play electronic, card and board games. During the Fall and Spring school breaks (typically October and March) we plan an extended multi-day trip or backpacking trek. Each year we generally participate in either the District-wide Camporee (spring) or Klondike (winter), engaging in inter-troop competition. During the winter we also schedule a ski/snow play trip, often using the Sipapu Ski Lodge. During the summer months the Troop attends a week-long Scout Camp and/or a High Adventure Camp such as Philmont Scout Ranch or Northern Tier. During the summer we may also schedule a whitewater rafting adventure on the Rio Grande, a canoeing trip, or inner tubing trip. In September we plan a Family Camp and Court of Honor and invite Cub Scouts from local Packs to participate. We usually hold the Family Camp at the Elks Refuge in the Manzano Mountains.



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The patrols plan the menus, assign duties while camping, and purchase the necessary food and supplies.

Examples of typical outings:

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 Carlsbad Caverns + Aquatics Camp Water Canyon – Cibola National Forest	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	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 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 Bosque del Apache
High Adventure Treks	Philmont Scout Ranch	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 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 Class B casual uniform (Troop T-shirt and shorts or long pants) during the summer months.
- Meetings include a variety of programs such as patrol corners, First Class Center for younger scouts, merit badge training, games, skill instructions, demonstrations, 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 either the Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center or the Covenant United Methodist Church.

Dues and Activity Fees

Troop dues are 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. Parents of Scouts having difficulty in making dues payments should discuss this with the Committee Chair. No scout will be denied membership in the troop because of financial hardship.

The dues for the adult leaders are also 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 \$350 and cover all expenses while at camp. Reservations are usually made in 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 is sustainable 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Class Center • Star/Life/Eagle Coordinator • Troop Equipment Coordinator • Recruiting Coordinator Treasurer Secretary Committee Chairperson Committee Members	Advancement Chairman Equipment Coordinator Summer Camp Coordinator Family Camp Coordinator Fund-raising Coordinator Outings Coordinator Transportation Coordinator Service Project Coordinator Merit Badge Coordinator Merit Badge Instructor Guest Speaker Coordinator 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 and Scout Accounts

Troop 220 fund raisers have included: popcorn sales, Christmas wreath sales, Jerky sales, delivering calendars and homeowner association flyers, 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. Participating in an Eagle Service Project is a great opportunity to help your fellow Scout and to accumulate service hours for your own advancement. 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, collecting food for Roadrunner Food Bank, helping with the Light the Night walk of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and performing various services for our sponsoring Church.



Scout Uniform and Appearance

Troop 220's Class A uniform consists of:

- An official BSA shirt, tucked in.
- Official Scout pants or other pants (i.e. blue jeans, cargo pants) with belt.
- No sagging pants, sweat pants or gym shorts.
- Neckerchief, slide, and sash ("Class A's").
- Socks and shoes.
- Uniform must be clean and in good repair with current rank, patrol and position patches.

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 is scheduled for a Board of Review, Scoutmaster Conference, or for any Court of Honor.** During summer vacation (from end of school through Labor Day weekend), a casual uniform consisting of the Troop Class B uniform tee shirt for that year and shorts with a belt (no gym shorts, board shorts or bathing suits) 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 Leadership

Advancement

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

Troop 220 has graduated 51 Eagle Scouts between 1994 and 2020; we are currently on a pace to award 2-4 Eagle ranks per year.

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

- "Scout" is the first rank earned by new scouts.
- 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. In addition, the on-line Scoutbook will be integrated into our record keeping of your advancement.
- 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.
- 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 (not when the badge is presented at the Court of Honor).



GETTING 'EM OVER

Handbook for Patrol Leaders BSA 1964

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

Many merit badges are offered during regular troop meetings or at other scheduled times. Summer camp is another opportunity to earn several merit badges, especially those that are outdoor activity skills or nature-oriented.



- 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



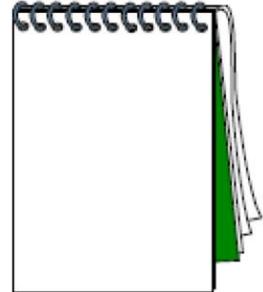
them with the board. Likewise, if you have suggestions for improvement, please let the board know your thoughts and ideas.

- 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!

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 Court of Honor programs. It is especially important for a Scout applying for Eagle to have documentation of all rank advancement and merit badges.



Annual Physical and Medical Forms

The BSA Medical Form must be completed by the Scout's doctor or primary care provider before going to summer camp and other high adventure activities. It is the parents' responsibility to schedule the physicals with the clinic; physical exams typically need to be done in the spring.

Troop Communications

Troop rosters, permission slips, newsletters, 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.bsatroop220nm.org/>, which has a calendar, the most recent newsletter and permission slip, and photographs of troop activities. **Please provide the troop with your email and phone contact information so that you can receive these notifications.** Also, this contact info should be entered into your scout's Scoutbook account on-line. Use of Troop e-mail resources is governed by the Troop's Acceptable Use Policy for E-mail.