

Welcome to  
Boy Scout Troop 112



Troop Meetings on Tuesdays  
6:45pm to 8:00 pm

First United Methodist Church  
Activity Center  
San Marcos, TX

[www.t112.org](http://www.t112.org)

## Troop Organization

The Boy Scouts of America is a boy-led organization, with adults serving as advisors. The leader of the Troop is the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL along with the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL) and the Patrol Leaders form the Troop Patrol Leaders Council (PLC), which plans the Troop events.

The adult leaders of the Troop serve as advisors, teachers, coaches and resources for the Scout leaders of the Troop. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters directly interface with the Scouts in the Troop, while the Troop Committee serves the Troop in a logistical and resource capacity.

When problems of an operational nature arise in the program, Scouts should first bring the issues to the attention of their Patrol Leader and then to the SPL or ASPL. Only after exhausting these resources should the Scout involve the adult leaders.

There are no "Moms" or "Dads" at Troop meetings or on Troop campouts, only Boy Scout Adult Leaders. We welcome all parents to become an adult leader.

## Troop Communication

Troop 112 has several means of communicating with troop members. Announcements are made at the end of all meetings. In addition, the Troop website has a calendar of upcoming events and meetings, as well as a discussion board, pictures of outings and events, and a roster of members.

Once an account has been created for you, an e-mail will be sent with your user name and password to allow you to access the discussion board and other areas. When an item is posted for discussion or

announcement, you will receive an e-mail notification.

## Uniforms

Upon joining the Troop, scouts will be presented with a neckerchief, slide and shoulder loops. Troop 112 T-shirts (Class B uniform) and Troop 112 caps are available for \$10.00 each.

Uniform shirts and other required items may be purchased at the Scout Shop in Austin. You will need to purchase the "Class A" uniform shirt (button up khaki shirt) as well as a Council patch and a World Crest patch. Placement of patches is outlined in the Boy Scout Handbook, or talk to an adult leader.

### **Scout Shop Hours of Operation:**

Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Saturdays: 10:00 am - 3:30 pm

*Closed on major holidays.*

Please call 512-926-6363 ext. 30 or 1-800-444-1910 ext. 30 for information.

### **Directions:**

From Interstate Highway 35, take the Highway 290 East exit (as if you were going to Manor).

Take the Highway 183 South exit (as if you were going to the airport) and quickly move to the far right lane on the 290 access road.

As you approach the traffic light at the intersection of the 290 East access road and Highway 183, enter the right turn transition lane. The Scout Service Center's driveway is off of this transition lane. Please note that you can not get to the Scout Service Center from Highway 183.

## Dues

Initial dues for joining the Troop are \$35.00. These dues include items given to the scout

upon joining (book, slide, neckerchief, shoulder loops) as well as their national dues and a subscription to Boy's Life. This will also cover their Troop dues until the next time they are due.

Our Troop dues are \$30.00 semi-annually, payable in January and July. The annual national dues are included in these Troop dues. Boy's Life is \$12.00 per year.

## Camping Information

Troop 112 owns tents, cooking equipment, stoves and a trailer to transport our camping gear to our campouts. Each scout will need to bring personal gear to each campout. Talk to the scoutmaster regarding advice before purchasing equipment.

### Required Personal Gear

- Class A Scout Uniform (must be worn when traveling)
- Class B Uniform
- Extra clothing appropriate to season, campout
- Sleeping bag, small pillow
- Eating utensils/ mess kit (disposable utensils are discouraged)
- Camp chair or stool
- Scout Handbook
- Water bottle/canteen
- Personal toiletries
- Rain Poncho or coat
- Sunblock
- Flashlight

On occasion, special gear may be required; Scouts will be notified in advance when special equipment is needed.

### Do not bring

- Knife, axe (until Totin' Chip is earned)
- Matches, lighters (until Fireman Chit is earned)
- Electronics (CD players, radios, games)
- Sodas, candy or other sweet snacks (attracts ants)
- Camouflage clothing
- Cots
- Any items deemed dangerous or disruptive by the adult leaders of the Troop

## Rank Advancement

The ranks in Boy Scouts begin with Basic Scout, and proceeds to Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and finally Eagle Scout.

Boy Scouting is a self-paced program where Scouts may advance as quickly or as slowly as they want. Most Scouts should be able to earn their First Class Rank in a year.

Scouts should bring their Boy Scout Handbook to all troop meetings and activities. The Scout Handbook is the Scout's personal record of his advancement, and it is important that the Scout keep it up to date.

It is the Scout's responsibility to ask the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader his Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster to sign off on completed items in his Scout Handbook.

## Summer Camp

Troop 112 attends summer camp for one week each year. Summer camp is an opportunity for Scouts to work on advancement, merit badges and have fun. There is a fee for summer camp, and additional fees will be added for any travel, lodging or meals required to get to summer camp.

All Scouts in the Troop are welcome to attend, and new Scouts are especially encouraged to attend summer camp. Parents may attend camp if they are a registered Boy Scout adult leader and have completed Youth Protection Training. There is a parent night at summer camp when parents and siblings may visit.

This year we will be attending camp at Camp Alexander in Colorado and the cost is approximately \$350.00 (\$250 camp fees plus travel). New Scouts planning to attend summer camp should notify the Scoutmaster as soon as possible, as there is a registration deadline.