



Scouts BSA Troop 449 Fremont

Welcome! We are a Youth-Led troop designed to develop life skills, learn and practice leadership, make real contributions to society through community service, and have loads of fun along the way!

Thank you for your interest in our troop. Here is some basic information and commonly asked questions.

- **Troop Meetings** We virtually meet every Monday night from 7:00 to ~ 8:00pm on [Zoom](#). We strive to make the meetings both educational (learn Scout essentials), social, and fun (games). In non COVID-19 times, we meet at Cabrillo Elementary.
- **Outdoor Activities** We strive to have at least one outdoor activity a month from hiking, biking, camping, or often combined together to develop core Scouting skills while having fun. Here are a few of our 2020 past and planned activities
 - Jan - Winter Awareness Training** - USS Hornet
 - Feb - Klondike Derby** - Snow Camping, Tahoe
 - Mar - Campout and 5 Mile Hike**, Coyote Hills
 - Mar - Eagle Service Project** - Trail Building@Tule Ponds
 - Jun - BSA 101 (Knots, Fires, Cooking)**, Fremont
 - Jul - 5 Mile Hike**, Pleasanton Ridge
 - Aug - Tie-Dye T-Shirts**, Fremont
 - Sep - Kayaking**, Lake Lodi
 - Oct - TBD**
 - Nov - Scouting for Food**, Community Service
- **Summer Camp** Every summer, we spend a week at a BSA Summer Camp. In 2019, we went to Camp Makualla in Oregon. Unfortunately, in 2020 it was cancelled due to COVID-19. Summer camp is often rated as the best experience by Scouts, and we highly encourage all youth to attend! The costs for summer camp is ~\$500 with financial aid available.
- **Costs** We strive to keep costs as low as possible and offer multiple fund-raisers for Scouts to help pay their way.
 - Local Troop Monthly Dues - \$10/month to cover basic scout supplies (patches, neckerchiefs, wobble), make camp reservations, replace broken equipment, etc.
 - GGAC Program Council Fee - \$66/year. These fees fund the local council staffing, organization programs and activities including training, year-round maintenance of BSA camps, and insurance.
 - National BSA Fees - \$66/year, plus optional Boy's Life Magazine Subscription \$12/year Note: Arrow of Light Webelos transfer in free.
 - Other Costs
 - Scout Uniform, Handbook, Personal Camping and Hiking Gear
 - While the Troop will provide tents, stoves, pots, pans, etc., Scouts will need their own personal gear to make camping an enjoyable experience including a sleeping bag, pad, meal kit, canteen, etc.
 - Most local camping costs are food only.
 - Fundraisers - We believe that Scouts should help fund their activities and provide regular opportunities to fund their Scout bank accounts. We offer regular monthly opportunities to do waiter duty at the Elks Lodge, sell meat sticks, and have an annual popcorn sale campaign in the late summer.
- **How can parents/legal guardians etc. help?** Scouting success highly depends on many adult volunteers from drivers, chaperones, scout masters, merit badge counselors, board of review members, troop committee roles, etc. Please note that the safety of our scouts is our priority. As such, we require that all adult volunteers go through a registration process that includes formal annual youth protection training and a background check.
- **What is the biggest transition from Cub Scouts to Scouts BSA?**
 - Scouts BSA is Youth-run, Youth-led, which means sometimes it looks like organized chaos.
 - Adult leaders are there to guide scouts and make sure they are safe.
- **How can I learn more about your troop?** Ask any of our adult volunteers or visit our website at www.bsatroop449.org.
- **How can I learn more about the BSA and Scouting?** Please see <http://www.scouting.org/> for more information.

Arnold Suvatne Scout Master entavus@gmail.com (408) 209-2563

Jennifer Mehta Committee Chair jmehta4@gmail.com (925)-408-0575

If you have any more questions, please feel free to call or email us. Thank you again for your interest!