



# 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!

- **Troop Meetings** We meet IN PERSON on Monday nights from 7pm - 8pm at Cabrillo Elementary School: 36700 San Pedro Dr. Fremont, CA. 94536
- **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 past and planned activities
  - Jan - Winter Awareness Training** - USS Hornet
  - Feb - Winter Campout** - Snow Camping, Sierra
  - Mar - Campout and Hike**, Mt. Diablo
  - Apr - Scouting 101** - Anthony Chabot
  - Jun - Campout**, Pinnacles
  - Jul - Summer Camp**, Camp Chawanakee
  - Aug - Campout and Backpacking**, Castle Rock
  - Sep - Campout**, Big Sur
  - Oct - Webelos Campout and Backpacking Campout**
  - Nov - Scouting for Food**, Community Service
- **Summer Camp:** Every summer, we spend a week at a BSA Summer Camp. In 2022 we went to Camp Royaneh, in 2023 we went to Camp Winton in the Sierra Mountains and in 2024 we went to Camp Chawanakee at Shaver Lake. Summer camp is often rated as the best experience by Scouts, and we highly encourage all youth to attend!
- **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 - annual
  - National BSA Fees - annual
  - 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 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](http://www.bsatroop449.org).
- **How can I learn more about the BSA and Scouting?** Please see <http://www.scouting.org/> for more information.

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