

BSA Troop 201

Meetings: Every Wednesday from 7p - 8:30p

Parents can drop off at 7p and return at 8:30p for 'Circle-Up' when we make announcements.

Troop 201's Charter Organization and Meeting Location:
Magnolia Park United Methodist Church

2828 West Magnolia Boulevard Burbank

Troop 201 is technically two troops, a boys troop and a girls troop, therefore there are 2 people for some of the positions, but we operate as one large group.

Senior Patrol Leaders: Owen Gersh & Rethy Armes
Scoutmasters: Ryan Dreyer & Alan Armes

Assistant Scoutmasters: Bart Burcham & Claire Torrey

Current Members: 26 Scouts & 17 Adult Members

Charter Organization Head: Don Peterson

Parent Committee:

Chairperson: Chris Cookson

Secretary: Brice Tidwell

Treasurer: Kiersten Walker

Recruitment Chair: Sharyn Gersh

Rank Advancement Chair: Justin Walker

Troop 201 Song

*We are from 201
We're proud to wear the name
We are the best in the West
And in the USA*

*Our hats are red and gold
We live the Scouting code
Across the hills you'll hear us shouting
"We are from 201"*

*God and country is our theme
We live in high esteem
We know the ropes and have high hopes
To live the Scouting dream*

*We're blessed with friendship too
We're buddies through and through
Across the hills you'll hear us shouting
"We are from 201"
Rah Rah!!!*

Fees: Scout \$170/year which covers BSA national membership, local Verdugo Hills Council fees, and 2 Family Campouts; Adult Membership: \$60/year (if you join mid-year the fees are prorated by month)

Additional Costs:

- Monthly Campouts are paid by only those attending and range from \$30-60 depending on the location. Monies not used are returned to each Scouts individual fund known as their 'Scout Accounts' which can then be applied to later campouts or summer camp.
- Summer Camp is a full week of sleepaway camp, usually \$400-700 depending on location and travel.
- Complete Uniform costs average \$150-180. (Advice, buy large shirt and let them grow into it.)

Fundraising opportunities are available; strongly encouraged, but not mandatory to participate in.

Troop 201 excels in two areas: high adventure activities and Eagle Scouts. From 2016-2019 Troop 201 has had 14 (FOURTEEN) Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout, and has completed 2 Philmont High Adventure Treks covering 150 miles of New Mexico.

Troop 201 is pursuing more high adventure activities in the coming years. We're planning a return to Philmont 2022 and the Troop's first Northern Tier High Adventure 2021.

For more information about joining Troop 201 email t201membership@gmail.com
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Welcome to Troop 201

Below is some general information on Scouts BSA. The other side has specific information about Troop 201



What is Scouts BSA?

Scouts BSA is a year-round program for youth 11-17 years old that provides fun, adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility to help them become the best version of themselves.



What is a Troop?

A Troop is a youth-led unit. This means that the meetings and outings are led by the elected youth leaders. Every six months the Scouts elect new **Patrol Leaders** (PL) and a **Senior Patrol Leader** (SPL). While the Troop is led by the Scouts which teaches them great leadership skills, adult members are still very important. The head adult leader is the **Scoutmaster** (SM), and he/she is supported by several **Assistant Scout Masters** (ASM) and a **Parent Committee**.



Scout is a boy or girl age 11-17

Patrol is made up of 3-8 Scouts of same sex & similar age

Troop is made up of several Patrols & a Parent Committee, anywhere from 20-100 people total

Council is made up of several Troops and Packs (Packs are youth younger than 11)



What is the uniform?

As a universal symbol of scouting, the Official BSA Uniform is known for lasting through countless adventures and bringing Scouts together with a common thread. The 'Class A' uniform includes official shirt, pants, neckerchief, cap, belt, and socks. The 'Class B' uniform includes a Troop shirt, shorts or pants, and socks. Class A uniforms are worn whenever the Troop is traveling together to a campout or participating in a community activity. Class B uniforms are worn for more informal occasions such as during summer camp and hiking.



What is a rank advancement?

Advancement in Scouts BSA is based on individual initiative with guidance and encouragement from the patrol leader, Scoutmaster, and other youth and adult leaders. Scouts BSA has seven ranks: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. The BSA Handbook outlines all the requirements to advance to each rank. A Scout can begin working on rank advancement on day one and can be working on requirements for multiple ranks at the same time.



What is a merit badge?



Merit Badges are awards earned by members of Scouts BSA, based on activities within the area of study by completing a list of periodically updated requirements. There are around 120 different merit badges. As a Scout progresses, merit badges become a requirement of rank advancement. An Eagle Scout must earn a total of 21 merit badges, including these specific 13: Camping, Personal Fitness, Personal Management, Swimming, Hiking, or Cycling, First Aid, Citizenship in the Community, Citizenship in the Nation, Citizenship in the World, Cooking, Family Life, Emergency Preparedness (E-Prep) or Lifesaving, Environmental Science or Sustainability Communication.