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Troop3

Family Handbook

Aurora, Colorado

Centennial District

Denver Area Council



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We extend a warm welcome to both you and your son as new members of the Troop 3 family. We hope that joining our Troop will mark the beginning of a long and enriching experience for both your Scout and your family.

This handbook was compiled and written to help you understand scouting in general and to inform you about how our troop operates. Scouts will find a diversified offering of outdoor adventures, new skills and responsibilities, mixed with fun, friendship, and challenge. For families, there are many opportunities to take an active role in the larger Family of Scouting.

Your understanding of the troop's mission, procedures, and activities will enrich your own experience and will go a long way in ensuring a meaningful and productive experience for your son. Please take a few minutes to look over this guide to gain an overview of our program.

Keep this manual as a reference guide for you and your Scout to be used throughout his scouting career. From time to time, we will be updating your guide to keep it current. The Troop e-mail newsletter is a good way to keep up to date with Troop activities so be sure to sign up for it. Also check out the Troops website WWW.Troop3bsa.com for calendars, forms, checklists and more. Meanwhile if you have any questions, please call me at 303-750-8275 or 303-919-6684cell.

Please join us at our next Tuesday meeting. We're looking forward to getting to know you better.

Yours in Scouting,

John Witt

Scoutmaster, Troop 3





Troop 3 Contact Information

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Scout Master	John Witt	303-750-8275 303-919-6684 cell	johnrwitt@hotmail.com

Meeting times & location

The Troop meets at St. Paul Presbyterian Church located on the Northeast corner of East Hampden Avenue and Tower Road, just one block east of the intersection on the north side of Hampden. The normal meeting time is every Tuesday from 7:00 - 8:30 PM.



Youth Protection

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

Troop 3 adheres to the BSA policies on Youth Protection with background checks of all potential leaders, Mandatory youth protection training for all registered leaders, and following Scouting's Barriers to Abuse Policies.

More information on these policies can be found on the BSA website for youth protection at <http://www.scouting.org/Training/YouthProtection.aspx>

If you have concerns or would like to talk personally please don't hesitate to contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair.



The Scouting Program

Boy Scouting is education in a fun environment. While boys will not think of it in this way, your troop is meant to be an educational unit. Your scout will have many chances to learn and improve himself. He may accept them or not; it will not be held against him if he turns them down. He decides what he learns and how fast.

As he improves himself, he will be recognized. Each boy sets his own goals for personal growth.

The troop is governed by boys. They make the rules and plan the program with adult guidance. They will have a chance to lead and to learn how to lead. The adult leaders give their knowledge and services to the troop. This makes it very important to have as much adult participation as possible.

Scouting works towards three aims:

Character – we may define character as what the boy is himself; his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.

Citizenship – Used broadly; citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn his obligations to other people, to the city he lives in, to the government that presides over the city and nation.

Fitness – Fitness shows itself in four distinct aspects; of the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), the moral fiber (as shown by courage, respect for others, etc.), and the emotions (self-control and self-respect).



What is a Boy Scout?

Boy Scout Joining Requirements

1. Meet the age requirements. Be a boy who is 11 years old, or one who has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old.
2. Find a Scout troop near your home.
3. Complete a Boy Scout application and health history signed by your parent or guardian.
4. Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Demonstrate the Scout sign, salute, and handshake.
6. Demonstrate tying the square knot (a joining knot).
7. Understand and agree to live by the Scout Oath or Promise, Scout Law, motto, and slogan, and the Outdoor Code.
8. Describe the Scout badge.
9. Complete the Pamphlet Exercises. With your parent or guardian, complete the exercises in the pamphlet “How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent’s Guide”.
10. Participate in a Scoutmaster Conference.



Next comes the Ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class and so on. All ranks and requirements are shown in detail in the Scout Handbook. When you have any questions, please contact the Scoutmaster or Advancement Chair.



Scout law, Code, Motto, Slogan, Scout Oath

Scout Law

A Scout is Trustworthy. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

A Scout is Loyal. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation and world community.

A Scout is Helpful. A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is Friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

A Scout is Courteous. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along together.

A Scout is Kind. A Scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing.

A Scout is Obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobeying them.

A Scout is Cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is Thrifty. A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is Brave. A Scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him.

A Scout is Clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is Reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.



Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to

Be clean in my outdoor manners,

Be careful with fires,

Be considerate in the outdoors, and be conservation minded.

The Scout Motto

The scout motto is BE PREPARED. A scout prepares for whatever comes his way by learning all he can. He keeps himself strong, healthy, and ready to meet the challenges of life.

The Scout Slogan

The Scout slogan is DO A GOOD TURN DAILY

Good turns are helpful acts of kindness done quietly, without boasting, and without expecting reward or pay. Doing at least one Good Turn every day is a normal part of a Scouts life.



SCOUT OATH

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.

What is different from the Cub Scout program?

The Cub Scout program is family-centered and adult led. Adults plan all activities. Most activities lend themselves to full family participation. Adult leaders and the boy's parents conduct Cub Scout advancement. Camping is limited, even for Webelos.

The Boy Scout program is boy-centered and boy led. Boys plan troop and patrol activities (with adult guidance). Camping is the very heart of the Boy Scout program. Scouts camp and function as patrol groups under their own elected youth leadership.

A Boy Scout has almost total control over his advancement. Seasoned Scouts and skilled adults provide assistance with advancement but it is up to the individual Scout to develop the skill.

To advance, a Scout must be active, live by the Scout Oath and Law, practice leadership, give service to others, learn Scout skills (mostly in the outdoors) and earn merit badges.



What is a Chartered Organization?

Every Boy Scout Troop requires a business, organization, or other entity to sponsor the Troop before it can be duly chartered. The sponsoring unit can be either a ‘for profit’ or non-profit entity and there is no limit to the number of units an entity can sponsor.

Troop 3 is sponsored by the Rocky Mountain Radio League, a non-profit group engaged in HAM radio operations and promotion.

The entity can also be as involved as they like or as invisible as they need to be. The sponsoring unit can change as often as necessary but stability is the key to a successful program. If the sponsoring unit is a non-profit, then the non-profit tax exempt status is enjoyed by the Scout troop as well. By charter, everything the Scout Troop has belongs to the sponsoring unit. This means equipment, trailers, stoves, camping gear, etc. belong to the sponsoring unit. The reason is simple. The Boy Scouts of America (District, Council, and National) uses this structure to support and account for each Troop.

The chartered unit organization:

Receives a charter each year to use the Scouting program

Owens the scout troop

Provides a meeting place

Approves the leadership of the Troop

Operates the Troop within the guidelines and policies of that organization and the BSA.

Selects a chartered organization representative (COR)



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Scout-led troop, meaning that the Boy Scouts run the meetings with guidance and assistance from the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and other Troop Advisors.

Plans for each meeting are made at the Patrol Leader’s Council, known as the “PLC” which is held monthly. It is open to all members of the Troop. The Patrol Leaders and or their Assistant Patrol Leaders, the Troop’s Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and the Scoutmaster must attend the PLC.

The Troop Committee

The Troop committee is the support arm of any Boy Scout Troop and provides administrative functions for the Troop. The committee conducts oversight of the programs instituted by BSA and implemented by the Scoutmaster. The committee consists of individuals who provide this administrative support. They include a Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Outdoor Rep, Membership Rep, Advancement Rep, Fundraiser Rep, Quartermaster Rep, other At-Large members and the.

The committee interacts with the Unit Commissioner, Centennial District and Denver Area Council on any issues that are necessary to support Troop activities. This might include obtaining tour permits for travel outside the District, coordination on Scout Show participation and other such duties or responsibilities.

Notes:



Dues

New Scouts will pay \$125 to join the Troop. This pays for registration fees, Boy's life and Troop Dues. New Scouts also receive a Scout Handbook, scarf and slide, and the new Scout Campout fee. Annual dues are \$100.00 due at the time of re-charter each February.

The boys are also responsible for the food costs on the camping trips and any campsite fees. From time to time, there is a small increase to help the drivers with a gas allowance for the service they perform to the Troop.

Adult Leaders annual registration fee is \$25.

Fundraisers

The Scouts pay for most of the operation of the troop with their yearly registration fees. This money is used to pay for camping equipment, and supplies, merit badges, rank patches and certificates, other advancement and instructional materials, and a portion of BSA re-charter fees.

Large fundraisers for Troop 3 are the popcorn sales and Jewell Ave clean-up. Scouts that participate in the fund-raisers will receive 60% of the profits. 40% will be retained in the troop account to support Troop activities. Money raised by the Scouts will be maintained in individual Scout accounts for a Scout to use only for his Scouting activities or equipment.

Fundraisers for the Troop must be approved by the Troop committee, and the Denver Area Council.

Once a year the council conducts a fundraising drive among the parents of Scouts called Investment in Character. The IIC goal varies from year to year. Council funds support Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch, the Scout shop, Camp Tahosa, administration and record keeping, leader training and some support to the districts.



Uniforms

Troop 3 has two approved uniforms. We have a custom printed red T-shirt with our troop logo on the upper left hand side. The Class B shirt may be worn to meetings, camp outings and places designated by the Senior Patrol Leader during summer meetings. The full dress uniform consists of a button down official scout shirt, jeans or approved slacks, and the official Troop scout scarf. This is worn to Courts of Honor, meetings, outings, etc. where a full dress uniform is required. If in doubt, wear the dress uniform. Scouts and Adults leaders wear the Official Scout shirt to and from all camping trips.

Additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$13.00, sweatshirts for \$13.00. (See ASM Allen Wagner to purchase).

Obtaining Scout Rank

The rank structure is found in the Scout Handbook and is as follows: Scout, Tenderfoot, 2nd Class Scout, 1st Class Scout, Star Scout, Life Scout, and Eagle Scout. Advancement to the next higher rank is earned through a variety of actions, events and demonstrated ability. Early in a young Scout's career, the requirements are very easy and designed to allow for quick advancement and recognition. As the boy progresses up the ladder to Eagle, the requirements become more challenging, take longer to accomplish and require demonstration of leadership ability and team work.

Courts of Honor

A “Court of Honor” is usually held at least once a quarter and is the recognition ceremony held to honor the accomplishments of the Scouts. At the Court of Honor, official rank cards are presented, merit badges are handed out and formal recognition for a ‘job well done’ is conveyed upon the Scout. The parents, brothers and sisters are always welcomed at the ceremony and invited to join in the celebration. There are usually refreshments served at the end of this event for all participants and their guests.



What is a Merit Badge?

Merit Badges are awards that are earned based on the Scouts completing established requirements within a specified area of study. The purpose of the Merit Badges are to allow Scouts to examine an area of study and determine if they would like to further pursue them as a career or avocation.

Each Merit Badge has a book which contains information on the Merit Badge, and the requirements needed to complete the Merit Badge.

How many are there? There are 130 merit badges from which to select.

What do I need for Eagle? In order to earn Eagle Scout, the Scout must complete 21 merit badges. Of the 21 merit badges, 12 are required for the Eagle Rank. The 12 required merit badges are:

- Cycling or Hiking or Swimming
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communications
- Emergency Preparedness or Lifesaving or Environmental Science
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Personal Fitness
- Camping
- Personal Management

How are they earned?

There are designated Merit Badge counselors for each Merit Badge with whom the Scout will need to meet to demonstrate that the requirements have been completed. The counselor will then “sign off” on the required blue card. The Scout will then be presented with a circular



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patch with the image representing the badge's subject. It is the responsibility of the Scout to maintain control of each blue card they complete, which serves as proof of completion of the Merit Badge, throughout their tenure in Boy Scouts.

When you determine that you wish to work on a particular Merit Badge, check with the Advancement Chairperson to determine who the Merit Badge Counselors are for that particular badge. Speak with the Counselors for your particular badge and determine one person that you are going to work with to earn the badge. Go to the Advancement Chairperson and obtain a blue card for the Merit Badge. The information will be recorded in the troop records that you have begun the Merit Badge, who your counselor is, and when you started. Take the blue card to the Scoutmaster for his signature. Take the blue card to your selected Counselor and determine whether the Counselor or you will retain the blue card until the merit badge is complete. After completion of the merit badge, take the blue card to the Scoutmaster for his signature and turn it into the Advancement Chairperson for proper recording of the information and to receive the Merit Badge. You will receive a Merit Badge Card at the next Court of Honor. Keep all of these cards in a notebook, as you will be required to provide them at your Eagle Board of Review.

What activities is Troop 3 involved in?

At Troop 3 we believe that activities, in addition to weekly meetings, provide an environment in which your Scout can develop and utilize new skill sets and increase self-confidence, emotional growth, and problem solving skills. Activities undertaken by Troop 3 can fall into several different categories such as weekly meetings, day trips, camping (weekend campouts, District Camporees, summer camps and other special campouts), fundraising and community service activities. Scout participation is encouraged for all activities, unless there are specific age requirements for specific events as defined by the Boy Scouts of America.

Troop 3 holds weekly meetings in which Scouts are taught new skills which they will be able to use later in their outdoor camping experiences. As Troop 3 is a 'boy led troop,' instruction of these disciplines is done by older Scouts. As new Scouts learn these skill sets, and are able to understand the complexities of each, they will be able to train other Scouts.

Troop 3 has an outdoor activity planned at least once a month. The activity could be a day hike, skiing, tubing, a field troop, a weekend campout, or the week long summer camp.

Troop 3 will assign fees for the Scouts who participate in activities which help cover



costs associated with that specific campout or event. Fees may be used to cover the cost of food, campsites, fuel, entry fees and other associated charges.

As of the 2013/2014 Scout year, fees for weekend campouts average \$15-\$25 dollars. Fees for Summer Camp and other special activities are understandably higher. Fees can be placed in the payment envelope attached to the sign-up sheet or paid to the Treasurer of the troop and may be deducted from the Scouts account if funds are available.

Parents are encouraged to participate with their Scouts whenever they are able and are welcome at any meeting or outing. We invite you to share your skills and interests so that we may develop the best possible organization for your Scout. For more information on becoming a registered adult leader see any of the current registered leaders. Scout siblings may join their parents on outings with the Scoutmaster's preapproval.

Troop 3 Equipment List

Our Troop keeps an inventory of patrol camping equipment. We have the tents, stoves, lanterns, patrol boxes (large wooden boxes that hold basic dishes and most cooking items needed for a campout), coolers and the other equipment the Troop needs for most of its camping trips. In addition to his uniform, handbook, etc., a Scout needs a modest amount of camping and accessory equipment. While there are many expensive camping items, few of these are required for the beginning Scout. A checklist of the items he needs for various sorts of outdoor experiences is included in the Boy Scout Handbook. We have Troop 3 Pack Check Lists attached in the appendix of this handbook and also posted on our Web site. He can use these lists again and again as a reminder of necessities he will need. He can customize this list for items of convenience to make camping more enjoyable.

This will get him started and will be needed throughout his Scouting career. He is to be encouraged to earn and buy his own equipment as the need arises. For outings where special gear is needed, we will advise you. The leaders can advise you on gear, good places to buy gear and what kind of gear to buy. We will cover what to bring for each particular campout and also do pack checks at a meeting prior to a campout so that each Scout is properly prepared.

PARENTS: Please do not change or remove anything from a Scout's pack before a



campout after it has been checked. We are experienced in the constant weather changes in the Colorado high country and would not want your Scout to be uncomfortable or ill-prepared in any outdoor situation.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is Scouting all about?

A. The first chapter of the Scout Handbook has a very good description of the Boy Scout Program and of the troop organization. The aim of the BSA program is to build character, citizenship, and fitness in the young men who will be our leaders in the years to come. Leadership skills are developed in an "on the job" learning experience through the various troop leadership positions. **A BOY SCOUT TROOP IS RUN BY THE BOYS, NOT BY THE ADULTS.** The adults serve as advisors, giving guidance, support, supervision and instruction while allowing the boys to choose, plan and conduct activities themselves. To be truly successful, a Troop must have strong boy leadership. This leadership may be available at some times more than others and there are times when things seem more like organized or not so organized chaos. Unless matters of safety are involved, Troop 3 Scoutmasters try to avoid the temptation to jump-in and correct problems too quickly because often the boys may learn more from their failure than their successes.

Q. What is Scouting in Troop 3?

A. The philosophy guiding Troop 3 strongly supports the basic tenets of the Boy Scouts of America. Boys should have fun while participating in the character-building activities of Scouting. More than some troops, Troop 3 is an "outdoor" troop. We schedule overnight outdoor activities every month of the year, as well as other one-day events such as family picnics and long-term campouts such as summer camp. Troop 3 believes that the best way to guide boys in the principles of the Scout Law is through the outdoor experience, hands-on



training in Scout skills and strong boy leadership of the Troop.

Q. What is the Troop Committee?

A. The Troop Committee is vital to the success of the Troop. It is the best way to know what is going on in Scouts so that you can help your Scout participate in events that will help him advance. Any registered Scout parent or guardian can be a member of the Committee and participation is strongly encouraged and very much needed. The Troop Committee meets on the first Monday after the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. either at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church or the Village Inn next to the church. The Committee provides support for the Troop by giving assistance with transportation, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor, additional activity supervision, Merit Badge counseling and necessary fundraising. Interested parents are always welcome to participate on camp-outs, hikes and other trips and in family activities such as the Family Camp-out in August, ski trips and Fright-night.

Q. What do I need to buy?

A. The single most important item is the Scout Handbook. For the uniform, you should have a BSA Class A uniform shirt, boy scout shoulder loops, Denver Area Council Patch, a neckerchief slide, a #3 patch, and a purple Brotherhood of Scouting patch. Other useful items, although not required, would include a Merit Badge Requirements book, and a Class B Troop t-shirt and/or sweatshirt.

Q. Is the Scout uniform required? Is there a dress code?

A. The Scout uniform is not required. No boy will be excluded from Scout activities because he does not have a uniform. We strongly suggest that every Scout have a uniform shirt. Troop 3 has two appropriate uniforms. The Class A is the dress uniform, consisting of a button-down official Scout shirt, jeans or approved slacks, and the official Scout scarf. This is worn to meetings, outings. Courts of



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Honor, etc., anywhere a full dress uniform is required. Our Class B uniform is a custom printed T-shirt with our troop logo on the upper left-hand side. This shirt may be worn to meetings, camp outings (summer meetings), and places designated by the Senior Patrol Leader.

Q. How is the Troop organized?

A. Troop leadership is chosen by the boys themselves. Every 6 months, the whole troop elects a Senior Patrol Leader and each patrol elects its own Patrol Leader. These boys make up the PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) which meets once a month with the Scoutmaster to plan Troop activities. In addition, there is an annual PLC meeting used to plan the calendar of activities for the next year. Junior Assistant Scoutmasters and Instructors appointed by the Scoutmaster are older boys, usually Eagle or "almost-Eagle" Scouts who aide the senior patrol leader and the patrols with their activities.

Q. What is a Board of Review?

A. A Board of Review is the final step for rank advancement. The Scout schedules his Board through the Advancement Chairman. The Board consists of three members of the Committee. The Board asks the Scout questions pertaining to the specific rank he is seeking, "Scout spirit", the Scout law, leadership, if appropriate, and service. A Court of Honor is then held on a scheduled meeting night so that any Scout who has passed his Board of Review will be honored. Scouts are expected dress respectable at their Board of Review and to be in their Scout shirt with troop Scarf.



Q. What are Advancements?

A. As each boy learns more about Scouting, he will "advance" to a higher rank. As each Scout advances, he should keep the paperwork in a safe place, such as a photo album with card holders, since this information is needed when the Scout reaches the rank of Eagle. All items such as merit badges (if not worn on a sash), patches, all advancement cards, any training certificates...all information that would be pertinent to rank advancement, should be kept in the album. This helps keep your Scout organized. Please be aware that it is very difficult and time consuming to reproduce this information. Scouts may work on merit badges as soon as they join.

When a Scout needs to have an item signed off, he must have it signed by the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Parents and/or non-registered adults can NOT sign for work completed. The Scout should also notify the advancement chairman so duplicate records can be made. If a Scout loses his handbook and no other official record has been made, he will have to redo the work for that rank.

Q. What should my Scout bring on a campout? What to buy?

A. There are checklists of what to pack in the Scout handbook. We also have discussions about proper gear (clothing, tents, etc.) at Troop meetings. Types of clothing and gear can change, depending on the campout. We will cover what to bring for each particular campout and also do pack checks at a meeting prior to a campout so that each Scout is properly prepared. PARENTS: Please DO NOT change or remove anything from a Scout's pack before a campout. We are experienced with the constant weather changes in the Colorado high county and would not want your Scout to be uncomfortable or unhealthy in any outdoor situation. You may need to purchase certain items we require for winter camping (wool socks, long underwear, etc.). Please check with the Scoutmaster or SPL on these items.



Appendix –

Denver Area Council Info

Who is there?

The Council President, District Executives for each district, District Commissioners, all major Council Scouting Committees as well as support staff.

Where is it located?

10455 West 6th Ave On frontage Rd. between Kipling and Simms.

What are key contact numbers?

The telephone number to the Denver Area council is 303-455-5522.

Age Restricted Activities

These categories of Scout activities are age restricted due to the physical activities involved and the need for physical development of the Scout.

Venturing	Identified as a ‘CREW’ rather than a ‘Troop’
RAMS	All shooting activities consolidated under one program
Big Horn	Advanced training for youth leaders
Tahosa High Adventure	Includes Snow Camping, COPE, TREK
Philmont	High adventure, National-level Scout facility
Seabase	Deep Water Adventure; located in Florida
Boundary Waters	High adventure, back-country canoeing
National Jamboree	Summit Bechtel Reserve, WV. Held every 4 years



BSA Operated Outdoor Facilities

Peaceful Valley Scout Ranch

Four thousand acre Scout facility located in Elbert County that encompasses Camp Dietler, Camp Chris Dobbins, Magness Adventure Camp and the newest addition – the Gates property. Open year round for all types of Scouting Activities.

Camp Tahosa

Denver Area Council Scout Camp located near Ward, Co

Ben DeLatour

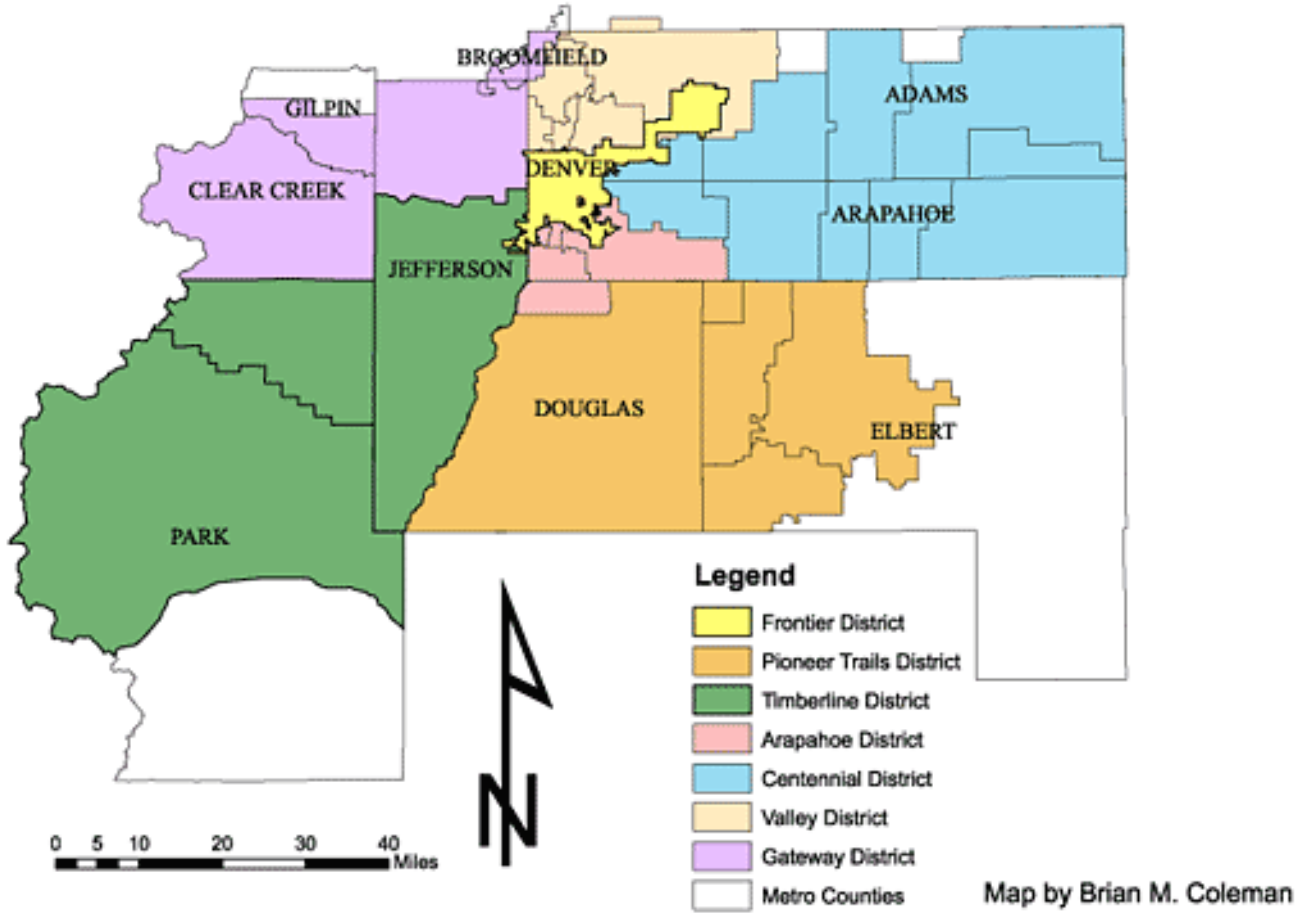
Summer Camp facility used by Troop 3 from time to time Located in the
Longs Peak Council

Camp Alexander

Summer Camp facility used by Troop 3 from time to time.
Located in the Pikes Peak Council.



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Useful Web Links

[Boys' Life Magazine](#)

[BSA Licensing](#)

This site contains information on licensing BSA symbols, words, or phrases.

[Fieldbook Companion Site](#)

This Web site is a companion to the BSA's *Field book*

[Florida Sea Base](#)

The Florida National High Adventure Sea Base is headquartered in the heart of the fabulous Florida Keys. Scouting's most complete aquatic facility offers a complete variety of water activities from SCUBA diving to sailing "tall ships."

[Good Turn for America](#)

Today, America needs the service of its citizens more than ever. Hunger, lack of adequate shelter, poor health—these are issues that affect all of us. The Boy Scouts of America believes that we can do something about these issues—if we all work together.

[Join Cub Scouting](#)

This site provides information about the Cub Scout program to prospective members, including boys, parents, and organizations that may be interested in starting a pack.

[National Eagle Scout Association](#)

Information about the National Eagle Scout Association, including a section for NESAs members.

[National Scouting Museum](#)

The National Scouting Museum is a tribute to the rich history of the Boy Scouts of America. The size of a football field, this massive state-of-the-art facility features a Norman Rockwell art gallery, virtual reality adventures, hands-on learning experiences, and a historical collection that traces the Scouting movement from its beginnings.

[Northern Tier](#)

The Northern Tier offers many adventures, each geared to the goals and desires of your group. Come to the Northern Tier for an unforgettable journey through the heart and soul of Canoe Country.

[Legal Issues Web Site](#)

This site was developed on behalf of the Boy Scouts of America to inform the public about the issues that confront the Scouting movement.

[Online Learning Center](#)

This site provides a variety of materials, from quick references to complete courses, all designed to help our members improve leadership skills and deliver a quality program.

[Order of the Arrow](#)

Learn about Scouting's National Honor Society, as well as its summer camp and Scout-reach initiatives.

[Pihlmont Scout Ranch](#)

The Boy Scouts of America's premier high-adventure base challenges Scouts and Venturers with more than 200 square miles of rugged New Mexico wilderness. Backpacking treks, horseback cavalcades, and training and service programs offer young people many ways to experience this legendary country.



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[Scouting Friends](#)

Reconnect with Scouting. Get back in touch with the program that helped shape your life and holds so many fond memories. The Scouting Friends site can help you stay informed about the activities and programs at your local council.

[Scouting Magazine](#)

Scouting is the national family magazine for the adult leaders and committee members of the Boy Scouts of America. Their Web site contains a complete archive of past editions going back to 1998.

[Scouting - Vale La Pena](#)

The official Spanish-Language Web site of the Boy Scouts of America

[Scoutreach Division](#)

Scout-reach is the BSA's commitment to making sure that all young people have an opportunity to join Scouting, regardless of their circumstances, neighborhood, or ethnic background.

[Scout Stuff](#)

Operated by the national Supply Division, this site is your official online source for information about camping equipment, uniforms, handbooks, pinewood derby supplies, and other essential Scouting merchandise

[Scout Zone](#)

This site provides information about the Boy Scout program to prospective members.

[Soccer and Scouting](#)

Soccer and Scouting teaches soccer skills and provide exciting competition, and at the same time boys will be Cub Scouts and learn the life-long values taught in the Scouting program.

[Tooth of Time Traders](#)

Order items from Philmont's Tooth of Time Traders via this Web site.

