

Welcome to Troop 166

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Dear Scout and Family,

Welcome to **Troop 166**—we're thrilled to have you join our Scouting family!

Whether you're brand new to Scouting America or continuing your journey from Cub Scouts, you're about to embark on an exciting adventure filled with challenges, achievements, and unforgettable experiences. Troop 166 is more than just a troop—it's a community of young leaders, mentors, and families working together to help Scouts grow into confident, capable, and compassionate individuals.

What is Scouting America All About?

Scouting is about building character, developing leadership skills, serving others, and having fun in the great outdoors. Through a youth-led program, you'll learn valuable life skills, earn merit badges in areas that interest you, go on camping trips and hikes, and form friendships that last a lifetime. The Scout Oath and Law guide everything we do, and you'll quickly see how they help shape responsible and respectful young leaders.

What to Expect

As a Scout in Troop 166, you'll:

- Attend weekly Troop meetings where we plan outings, practice skills, and grow as leaders.
- Participate in monthly camping trips and outdoor adventures.
- Work toward rank advancement at your own pace with the guidance of older Scouts and adult leaders.
- Get involved in exciting events like summer camp, service projects, and high-adventure treks.

Parents, you're part of this journey too! We strongly encourage family participation. Whether it's helping at an event, joining a committee, or supporting your Scout's advancement, your involvement makes all the difference.

Highlights to Look Forward To

- **Summer Camp** – A week-long adventure packed with learning, fun, and friendships.
- **Fundraising Events** – Including our famous **Taco Shack** during community events and **Popcorn Sales**, both great ways to support the Troop and teach Scouts valuable skills.
- **Troop Traditions & Outings** – From camping trips to holiday celebrations, there's always something to look forward to!

Stay Connected

This packet includes important information including a **welcome letter to our new Scout**, **how your family can get involved**, [Troop Parent Guide](#) with **packing lists**, the **Troop Code of Conduct** and much more information. For the most up-to-date information including our calendar and other news please visit our website:

 Scan the QR code below or go to www.palmacscouting.org



Our [troop website](#) includes so many valuable resources for our Scouts, families and leaders to take advantage of.

We're so excited to begin this adventure with you. If you have any questions or need help getting started, don't hesitate to reach out to a Scoutmaster or Troop Committee member.

Yours in Scouting,

The Leaders of Troop 166

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"Be Prepared" and welcome to the adventure of a lifetime!

To our new Scout:

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As a new Scout, you're beginning an incredible journey filled with adventure, learning, and leadership. Advancement is a key part of your Scouting experience—it helps you build new skills, set and achieve goals, and grow as a leader and a person.

To advance in Scouting, you'll work through a series of ranks, starting with **Scout** and progressing through **Tenderfoot**, **Second Class**, **First Class**, **Star**, **Life**, and finally, **Eagle Scout**. Each rank includes a variety of activities and requirements such as outdoor skills, service projects, leadership roles, and earning merit badges.

Here are a few tips to help you succeed:

- **Stay active** in your troop—attend meetings, go on campouts, and participate in service projects.
- **Set goals** for yourself and work with your Scout leaders or a mentor to make a plan.
- **Ask questions** and don't be afraid to seek help. Everyone is here to support you.
- **Live the Scout Oath and Law every day**—they're your guide to being your best self.
- **Have fun!** Advancement is important, but the journey and friendships you make along the way are just as valuable.

Remember, **your Scout journey is what you make of it**. Take every opportunity to learn, lead, and grow—and you'll go far.

Welcome aboard, Scout. The adventure starts now!!!!

Ways Parents/Guardians Can Support and Get Involved with the Troop:

- **Support Scout Advancement at Home**

- Encourage your Scout to set goals and stay motivated as they work toward rank advancements.
- Help review requirements, practice skills, and track progress using the Scout Handbook or online tools.
- Participate in Boards of Review when invited, and celebrate achievements along the way.

- **Become a Troop Committee Member**

- Join the adult committee that helps guide the overall direction and health of the troop.
- Committee members assist with planning, recordkeeping, budgeting, fundraising coordination, and more.
- This is a great way to be involved behind the scenes and make an impact without going on every campout.

- **Serve as a Troop Leader or Assistant**

- Consider becoming a registered adult leader, such as an Assistant Scoutmaster or Merit Badge Counselor.
- Leaders help organize and supervise activities, campouts, and meetings while mentoring Scouts in leadership and outdoor skills.
- Training is provided, and no prior Scouting experience is required—just a willingness to support youth development.

- **Help with Troop Fundraisers**

- Volunteer your time and energy during key fundraising events like **Taco Shack** and **Popcorn Sales**.
- These fundraisers are essential to support troop activities, supplies, and camp fees.
- Parents can assist with setup, Taco Shack shifts, marketing, or logistics to ensure fundraising success.

- **Offer Your Time and Talents**

- Do you have a special skill, hobby, or profession? Consider sharing it with the Scouts as a guest speaker or merit badge counselor.
- Help with transportation, camping gear organization, or chaperoning events.
- Even small contributions of time or expertise are meaningful and appreciated.