

# WEBELOS BRIDGING 2018

If you plan on bridging from Webelos into Troop 848, here are the steps you need to take. We have several forms to fill out. A pre-registration Jotform, your application to be a Boy Scout and a BSA health form. Jotforms are an internet data gathering tool. We provide a link to a Jotform with the data we need. You fill out the data and “Submit” your form. After the data has been submitted the screen will give you a message that says “Thank You, Your submission has been received”. Jotforms are secure and the troop does not share this information. We also use Jotforms for campout sign-ups and anything else we can. They are a very useful tool. All the information on your scout and any registered adult is kept in our “Troopmaster” database. Troopmaster is a web based computer program designed to manage all aspects of a Boy Scout troop’s operation.

**Pre-Registration Jotform.** Make sure you fill out our pre registration internet “Jotform” as soon as you have made your decision to join. The form is located at this link:

<http://form.jotformpro.com/form/50405711161947>

**This will help us plan for attending your Arrow of Light/Bridging ceremony** and will give us an idea how many new boys to expect this spring. If we know the date of your Arrow of Light/ Bridging ceremony we will have a Scoutmaster and scout(s) there to present the bridging Webelos with green Boy Scout epaulets and 848 troop numbers.

**Application to be a Boy Scout.** We will have these forms available the night you join the troop. If you wish, you can swing by the Scout Shop in the United Way Building on Bay Area Blvd and pick one up and have it filled out ahead of time. These forms are required for all youth, Troop Committee Members and Scoutmasters. All adults must also furnish a copy of their current Youth Protection Training certificate.

**BSA “Annual Health and Medical Record” Form:** Health forms are required for each scout and participating adult and can be downloaded at <http://www.scouting.org/scoutsources/healthandsafety/ahmr.aspx>. These forms will also be available the night you join the troop. They will need to be submitted prior to the first campout. There are three parts on the new BSA Health form. Part A & Part B need to be completed in their entirety and submitted along with a copy of the scout's medical insurance card. Part C of the medical form requires a physician's exam and is only required for those attending summer, winter, or high adventure camps. Always keep the originals in a safe place and give the troop copies.

**Troop website** is [www.bsatroop848.org](http://www.bsatroop848.org). Includes the troop’s colander, new scout information, policies and procedures, advancement information, photos, etc.

**E-mail.** A lot of information is passed along by e-mail via Google groups. The current plan is to enter your e-mail(s) into the troop Google group. If you do not start getting e-mails two weeks after registering, go to the “Email” tab on the troop website and request membership. We plan to continue using several smaller groups to cut back on the amount of e-mail that everyone gets. One of these groups will be for Green Scouts and their parents.

Here is the schedule for your first month in the troop.

**March 27<sup>th</sup>:** “Join the Troop” night at Clear Lake United Methodist Church (CLUMC), 7 pm start. Bring your checkbook and some patience. We will have stations set up to register for the troop and provide/collect health forms. If you have these completed ahead of time it will help us out. Please make sure to include a copy of your scout’s medical insurance card. You should also be ready to sign up for summer camp and make a down payment if your scout is going. Summer camp information will be located in a “Summer Camp” tab on the troop website. Please read all of the summer camp info. We “highly encourage” the first year scouts to attend this summer camp. It is an excellent venue to get a start on advancement and earn a couple Merit Badges. Other “stations” will be a table to purchase Troop T-Shirts and a “Used Uniform” table where you can get used uniform parts for cheap. We require the full Boy Scout Uniform – tan shirt, green pants/shorts, green socks and green belt. We do not require neckerchiefs or hats. While you are doing paperwork, the boys will be taken and organized into “Green Scout patrols”. The boys will pick patrol names and Patrol Leaders.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Troop Meeting at CLUMC, 7 - 8:30 pm. This will also serve as our Make-up Registration Day if you can’t make the March 27<sup>th</sup>. Please have your son’s Boy Scout Handbook by this meeting and make sure he brings it.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>:** “Green Scout Fast Start” at Bay Area Park, 9 am – 1 pm. We will teach the boys how to set up tents, operate the stoves and lanterns and give them some experience with the troop trailer, troop equipment and the “patrol method” before a campout. They will cook a hot breakfast (and clean up afterwards). There will be a small cost (probably \$5) for food. Also, while the boys are being introduced to Troop 848 operations, there will be a parent meeting discussing items needed for campouts.

**April 10<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting at CLUMC, 7 - 8:30 pm.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>:** Troop Meeting (Campout Planning) at CLUMC, 7 - 8:30 pm. The patrols will plan meals, collect food money, and make duty rosters. Also, there will be a parent meeting discussing items needed for campout for those who missed the parent meeting at the Green Scouts Fast Start on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**April 20<sup>h</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>:** First Campout – Mission Trails Hiking/Biking in San Antonio, Texas.

Other dates of note:

**June 16<sup>th</sup> to June 24<sup>th</sup>:** Summer Camp at Camp Rainey Mountain in northeastern Georgia.