

Thank you for visiting our Troop today. As you look toward your next step in Scouting, we hope you'll consider Troop 380 as a possible home for your adventure. Troop 380 was founded in 2019 by exceptionally experienced Scouters in the Pacifica District, who wanted to enable the scouting experience for more youth in our community.

Considered a "small" troop today, we've used that to our advantage in 2020 & 2021 as we've remained highly active, while adhering to and protecting the safety of all of our members.



## See all our adventures on <u>380scouts.com</u>!

We'd love to schedule a visit! With the pandemic our meeting schedule is fluid. We usually meet Monday evenings, but occasionally on Sunday afternoons. Please contact Scoutmaster Rick West at <u>scoutmaster@380scouts.com</u>

## Things to know about Troop 380

**Scouts:** NYLT Trained, Newport Sea Base staff, Order of the Arrow Leadership, Completed Philmont Hike, Philmont Conservation Crew, Ready and Prepared Award Winners, Eagle Scout, Community Volunteers

Adult Leadership : Silver Beaver Honorees, Wood Badge Course Director & Staff, James E West Honorees, Pacifica District Award of Merit, Completed 4 Philmont Hikes, Order of the Arrow, Exceptional Scouter Honorees, Eagle Coaches, District Eagle Board Members, 100% Trained Adults





## 9 Things You Should Ask Troops You Visit

- 1. Are you a youth-led troop? What does that mean?
  - a. For 380 this means that the youth are given the opportunity to use the skills they've learned to lead themselves. The 'flavor' of it will vary depending on the skills, age, and maturity of the youth. The capabilities of a troop led by 11-year-olds, is far different than a troop being led by 17-year-olds.
- 2. What is the job of the Scoutmaster staff?
  - a. To provide what is missing. Different situations will have different things missing. Perhaps it's safety, experience or they're missing being asked the right questions.
- 3. What's the role of the Parent in your troop?
  - a. Support your scout. No scout finishes this journey on their own and no troop can operate without you. Both your scout and the troop need you involved, participating & supporting. We are all volunteers!
- 4. What is your stance on training?
  - a. **Youth**: to do their jobs correctly, they must be trained. We hold annual Troop Leadership Training and encourage Scouts to take NYLT and other youth courses.
  - Adults: must be trained in their Troop positions. "Every youth deserves a trained Leader" - Baden Powell. We encourage and support Wood Badge training, as well as training in fundamental areas of program such as Hiking, Boating, Safe Swim, etc.
- 5. Do you have limits on the number of scouts you'll accept or criteria for the parents?
  - a. We have no limit or criteria except that we ask at least one parent to be an active volunteer.
- 6. What is your philosophy with first year scouts? Do you do new patrols or add them to an existing patrol?
  - a. Being a small troop, we are currently adding to a patrol, but philosophy-wise we believe in what's called a "new scout patrol". Ask us more about it.
- 7. Do you have a robust Trail to First Class program? What is the average time it takes a scout to earn First Class?
  - a. We attempt to make advancement opportunities available. Average time is 18-30 months, but this largely depends on the motivation of the scout, the impact of other activities like sports and the support of their family.
- 8. Are their fees associated with your troop? What would my scout get from those fees?
  - a. We do have a yearly fee and they are calculated based on operating need versus fundraising efforts. That fee is intended to provide standard patches, gear maintenance, meeting supplies and other things that make a troop go! Scouts can raise their own funds with multiple fundraisers, to pay their own way with camping fees, personal gear or Troop dues.
- 9. How many scouts are in your troop? What is their age range?

