



TROOP 874

San Ramon, CA
A Scouts BSA Troop for Boys



We invite Arrow of Light Scouts and Scouting-age boys and their parents to visit our troop meetings anytime.

Please visit our website for more information about our troop and to get an overview of upcoming and recent events on our calendar: <https://tinyurl.com/t874sr>

Our Troop: Scouts BSA Troop 874 of San Ramon was first chartered in 1983. We are part of the Meridian District of the newly formed Golden Gate Area Council. The troop has about 70 members and is very active. We typically have an outdoor activity once a month in addition to week-long summer camps and our District Camporee. Our scouts enjoy participating in outdoor activities like camping, hiking, and backpacking. In addition to camaraderie and leadership, the boys learn and practice skills like outdoor ethics, cooking, first aid, knot tying, and orienteering on these trips.

Our youth leaders plan varied activities and destinations each year. In addition to camping, other activities have included: Whitewater rafting on the American River, cycling on the Iron Horse Trail, skiing/snowboarding weekends, kayaking on Tomales Bay, Scout-O Orienteering Challenge, Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants games, winter camping in Yosemite, Pacific Pinball Museum / High Scores Arcade, Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk overnight, and quarterly backpacking treks throughout California such as Hetch Hetchy, Emigrant Wilderness, Yosemite, Joshua Tree, Carson-Iceberg Wilderness, and Death Valley.

Meetings: Our troop meetings are held on the second through fourth Tuesday nights each month, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Pine Valley Middle School in San Ramon. The school is located at Pine Valley Road and Broadmoor Drive. During the summer months, we meet outdoors at Boone Acres Park picnic area on Davona Drive and Westwood Ave. The troop has been meeting via Zoom during the pandemic.

Leadership: Troop 874 is a boy-run troop and operates by the patrol method. The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC), with oversight from the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee, plan and implement the troop's activities, including the weekly troop meetings, campouts, and annual summer camps. Our troop conducts the Introduction to Leadership Skills (ILST) course twice a year and sends scouts annually to National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT). Our adult leaders are trained in scouting policies, outdoor skills, practical leadership skills, and safety, and many have attended the Wood Badge advanced leadership course.

Parent Participation: Troop 874 is fortunate to have an excellent core group to guide the troop and we encourage new parents with specific talents to share them. In addition to uniformed Adult Leader and Troop Committee positions, we have many parents who help with special projects. Our Troop Committee meets monthly to discuss ongoing troop issues and to ensure the troop's safety and success.

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

At-A-Glance

Troop Meetings: 2nd through 4th
Tuesdays, 7:00 to 8:30pm

Meeting Location: Pine Valley M.S.
(Online during COVID-19)

Annual Dues: \$250/year

Sponsor: Self-Chartered

Size: 68 Registered Youth

21 Registered Adult Leaders
(10 are Wood Badge Alumni)

Boy Led: Yes!

Introduction to Leadership Skills
for Troops: Yes! 2x per Year

National Youth Leadership
Training: Yes! 2x per Year

Backpacking & High Adventure: Yes!

Summer Resident Camp:
Camp Wolfboro every June
One other camp every July

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Quality Unit Since 2015

Website: <https://tinyurl.com/t874sr>

Scout Advancement: Our Troop Guides and older scouts, under the guidance of the adult leaders, work with younger scouts on rank advancement during the year. Additional opportunities are available in summer camp programs and merit badge camps. Boys are encouraged to earn merit badges individually or in groups/ patrols. Many troop parents are merit badge counselors. We bring in other community members to our meetings to help scouts with specialized skills. Troop 874 holds quarterly Courts of Honor, where advancement is formally acknowledged.



Summer Camp: Troop 874 attends Camp Wolfboro in the Sierras every June. The Troop also attends one or two other resident camps each year. For 2019 our scouts went to the Wente Scout Reservation in Mendocino County, while in 2021 our scouts will attend Camp Cherry Valley on Catalina Island.

Service to the Community: Troop 874 participates in the Council's annual Scouting for Food drive each fall. We have also participated in 9/11 Remembrance Ceremonies, California Coastal Cleanup Days, Earth Day cleanups, assisted Pine Valley Middle School during school and PTA events, and helped other local schools, churches, and non-profit organizations with various projects. In our service to scouting in general, our members have helped run activities for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Adult Leaders at the Unit, District, and Council levels.



Our troop has had a great number of Eagle Scout Projects also, both indoors and out. Examples include: Building prayer benches and a bulletin board for the Sri Sai Datta Temple & Cultural Center, constructing animal-resistant food lockers for campsites at the Mount Diablo State Park, collecting and distributing toiletries and other basic supplies for San Francisco homeless, creating a database of Run for Education materials and building moving carts for the San Ramon Valley Education Foundation, building planter boxes & walking paths and planting roses at the Old St. Raymond's Church, designing and building shelving systems for the California High School choir room and the Dougherty Valley High School English teacher lounge, erecting "No Idle Zone" signage at Walt Disney Elementary School and Pine Valley Middle School and distributing informational flyers. These projects encourage all scouts of any rank or age level to participate and develop teamwork and leadership skills, all while having fun in a safe environment.

Rank of Eagle Scout: Troop 874 is proud to have had eighty-five scouts earn the rank of Eagle in the Troop's history. We have a number of Eagle Scout Advisors mentoring our Life Scouts. This involves preparing them for their Eagle Board of Review and guiding them through the many requirements needed to advance from Life Scout to Eagle.

High Adventure: In addition to summer camp, we also offer a high adventure program for older scouts (14+). In the last ten years the troop has gone to Sea Base Bahamas (2011), Sea Base St. Thomas (2015), Philmont Scout Ranch (2019), and in 2020 there was both a winter "Okpik" trek and a summer canoe trek at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base. Trips to Philmont and the Florida Sea Base are planned for 2021 as well as a whitewater trek at the Summit Bechtel Reserve in 2022.

Fundraising: Troop 874 has four major fundraisers each year: Popcorn sales in the fall, an evergreen wreath sale before Christmas, Christmas tree recycling in January, and coupon books in the spring. Each scout is allowed to use a large percentage of the funds he raises to help offset his costs of scouting activities such as summer camp and annual troop dues.

For more information or if you have questions contact us at: <https://tinyurl.com/t874sr> > Menu > Home > Contact Us.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are unable to hold our usual fun recruiting events. Please join us at one or more of the following:

Saturday, 10/31/2020 = Recruiting Hike at Sunol Regional Wilderness
Sunday, 11/15/2020 = Recruiting Hike at Sycamore Valley Open Space
Tuesday, 11/17/2020 = Arrow of Light Troop Meeting

Tuesday, 12/8/2020 = Arrow of Light Troop Meeting
Tuesday, 1/12/2021 = Arrow of Light Troop Meeting
Saturday, 1/30/2021 = TBD Outdoor Recruiting Activity

All events will include a parent Q&A breakout. To receive more details or to RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/t874sr> > Menu > Home > Contact Us



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