

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TEXAS SOUTHWEST COUNCIL
TROOP 363

TWO DEEP LEADERSHIP. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings.

Troop 363 requires at least one parent register with their Scout through the Texas Southwest Council.

1. Complete Youth Protection Training online:

<https://training.scouting.org/programs/6>

You do not have to be a registered adult to be a member of the Boy Scouts of America. Please keep a copy of your YPT certificate.

2. Complete BSA Adult Application
3. Pay \$45.00 registration fee (National/Texas Southwest Council)
4. Create/Login in to my.scouting.org

TRAILS END POPCORN. BSA offers popcorn as a fundraising opportunity for Scouts. Participation in BSA can be costly especially when a Troop is active weekly, monthly and yearly. Your Scout has an opportunity to raise enough money through popcorn sales to pay for all Scouting activities with Troop 363. Is your Scout selling popcorn? If not, why not? Here are costs involved with Troop 363:

-Southwest Texas Council Recharter Fees. Annual cost: \$138.00 per Scout (Breakdown: \$72 to National BSA and \$66 goes to Texas Southwest Council)

Fees are due December 17, 2021

-Troop 363 Dues: Annual cost: \$73 per Scout.

Payment is due March 31, 2022.

Monies gathered for annual troop dues are used for the following: Troop trailer maintenance and fees/insurance; State and National Camp Passes for annual Troop campouts; replacement of camping equipment, including chuck boxes/propane tanks; Reserve to pay for Scout expenses, ie. summer and winter camp deposits, including ski deposits.

-Troop 363 Merit Badges and Advancement Patches. A single Court of Honor ceremony involves the purchase of badges/patches for approximately 35-35 Scouts. Our last Court of Honor cost the Troop approximately \$800.00. Troop 363 hosts three COH's each year. Popcorn sales offsets this cost for our Troop.

BOARD OF REVIEW. The board of review is a chance for adults to talk with the Scout about what he's done, what he's learned, how it has helped him in his advancement and how he's enjoying the program. It's an essential part of the Boy Scouting experience, and it's **required** for every rank from Tenderfoot to Eagle Scout.

Troop 363 hosts BOR's as needed each month. The BOR committee consists of 3 adult leaders/parents. During any given month, Troop 363 has approximately 2-5 boys needing a BOR. A BOR lasts approximately 15 minutes per Scout.

In order to meet this requirement in a timely manner for the Scout and volunteers, many BOR's are held before our weekly meeting, approximately 6:15 p.m. If we have 5 Scouts requiring a BOR (usually a week before a Court of Honor) it would be best to have 2-3 BOR's occurring simultaneously in order to finish before the 7 p.m. weekly meeting. This ideal scenario would require 9-12 parents to volunteer during a BOR.

Please note: Parents **cannot** participate in their own Scout's BOR and Unit Leaders (Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmasters) **cannot**

participate in a Board of Review. If your Scout has earned Rank within Troop 363, **we need/require your assistance with BOR's.**

What is required to volunteer during a BOR? (1) A desire to assist a Scout in his Trail to Eagle (2) ability to read a list of questions and communicate with a Scout (3) approximately 30-45 minutes 1-2 times per month.

Please consider signing up for a specific month (a volunteer team of 3-4) to host BOR's as needed for that month.

CAMPOUTS / BACKPACKING / WINTER-LOCK IN / SKI TRIP Troop 363 prides itself as an active Troop with approximately 10 monthly campouts, 1 summer camp, 1 winter camp, 1-2 backpacking trips, Winter Lock-In and a New Mexico Ski Trip in January.

If your Scout participates as a camper, backpacker, lock-in attendee or skier your participation is recommended/required. The number of registered adult leaders needed during these events vary because of the following reasons: number of scouts participating, two deep leadership and/or drivers. **Please note that if we do not have enough adult leaders/drivers, the event will be canceled.**

How can you help? Commit to attending 1-2 events during the year. The Troop 363 calendar is set a year in advance in order to give Scouts and parents time to prepare. If **you** don't experience this awesome time in Scouting with your Scout, who will?

SERVICE HOUR VOLUNTEERS. Troop 363 offers several opportunities for service hours during the year, including Adopt a Highway/Texas trash pick up and the Cinch Shoot Out Clean Up. Troop 363 has maintained and cleaned a mile-long stretch along FM 2288 for several years.

Additionally, Troop 363 has cleaned after the Cinch Shoot Out for two years. The Shootout is a unique opportunity for Scouts to earn **money and service hours.**

As you know, service hours must be earned and completed by each Scout in order to advance in rank. Your Scout must work to earn these service hours, however, registered adult participation is **recommended/required** in order to keep the Scouts safe and ensure two-deep leadership.

How can you help? Commit to attending 1-2 service hour opportunities with your Scout. The Troop 363 calendar is set a year in advance in order for Scouts and parents time to prepare.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS Are usually held the first Tuesday of each month but because of COVID-19 and summer meetings at Baden Powell, meetings have been inconsistent. Please know that committee meetings will become more consistent as we move into the Fall and Spring.

Why are Committee Meetings important?

The committee's primary responsibility is supporting the troop program. The importance of mutual cooperation between troop leaders and registered adults is critical for the smooth and successful operation of the troop. The support and administration of an active troop requires the participation of every committee member. Every member should have a working assignment. This will not only help the troop to operate effectively, but will help assure team spirit and promote attendance at meetings.

Committee Chair.....Rachel Haralson
Secretary.....Jenny Corbitt
Treasurer.....Nikki Russwurm
Advancement Coordinator.....Will Sherman
Chaplain.....Rafaela Armendarez
Training Coordinator.....Casey Jacobson

