

Welcome to Troop 818

21 Years in Scouting



“Scouting is a Game with a Purpose” – Baden Powell

Through fun and adventure, Troop 818 strives to create opportunities for young men to develop values and skills to lead fulfilling and purposeful lives.



Ralph Mersiowsky from Troop 818 made the cover of Boys Life following a trip to Zion National Park.

We Put the Outing in Scouting: Since our founding in 2002, Troop 818 has had hundreds of adventures. We go somewhere about every month. Just a sampling includes rappelling into ice cold water in slot canyons in Zion National Park, summiting Mt. Humphreys, war canoeing at Catalina Island, watching the sun set over the Grand Canyon and skiing the world class slopes of Sunrise Ski Area. It's more than just fun; these adventures offer young men the opportunity to challenge themselves, to problem solve, to be prepared and learn interpersonal and leadership skills desperately needed in the 21st century.

Summer Camp: Baden Powell said, “A week at camp is worth six months of theoretical teaching in the meeting room.” Camp the first year of Scouting is critical. New Scouts attend the “Trail Begins” program and learn the basics of Scouting and outdoor skills. Our cycle is two summers in Arizona and one summer out of state. At summer camp, Scouts learn a variety of skills such as first aid, horseback riding, rock climbing,

archery and wilderness survival. They also learn the intangibles of being self-reliant, going without technology and the joy of developing lifelong friends.

High Adventure: For the Troop's Scouts 14 and older, we have a high adventure program. Crews from T818 have sailed around the USVI, hiked the Cascades, canoed the Boundary Waters, trekked 106 miles across Philmont Scout Ranch, rallied with thousands of Scouts at the National Jamboree, and followed the path of Lewis & Clark up the Missouri River. These are memories of a lifetime.



Maho Bay on St. John in the USVI. The Scouts slept on the deck of the boat, swam to the shore and grilled burgers on the beach

Flip this over to see a list of places we are going in 2023

Leadership: Every Scout has the opportunity to lead. We have leadership positions from Patrol Leader to Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and lots of jobs in between including Webmaster, Chaplain's Aide, Quartermaster to name a few. If the Scout ran for a position and wasn't elected, the Scoutmaster will find him a leadership job. There is always something to be done.

The Patrol Method: Troop 818 strives to adhere to the Patrol Method. As Baden Powell once observed, “the object of the Patrol Method is not so much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as giving responsibility to the boy.” Every Scout is a member of a small unit called a Patrol. Patrols have 7-10 boys of the same age. Patrols work as a team setting up their campsites, cooking their meals and completing activities. Patrols elect a Patrol Leader that manages the Patrol and sits on the Patrol Leaders Council. It is highly likely that your son will develop lifelong friendships with his Patrol-mates.

Rank Advancement: Scouts earn rank at their own pace by completing the requirement in the Scout Handbook. Between summer camp, routine outings and merit badge clinics, Scouts will have no problem checking off requirements in their Scout Handbook. As of Fall 2022, the Troop has 68 Eagle Scouts.

Order of the Arrow: Order of the Arrow is the BSA honor society. Open to 1st Class & above. We are active members of Wipala Wiki Lodge #432. OA meetings occur one hour before troop meetings.



Uniforms: Baden Powell once said, “show me a poorly uniformed troop, and I'll show you a poorly uniformed leader.” The Scouts wear their formal BSA uniform to troop meetings as well as to and from outings. The “Class B” T-Shirt is worn in situations where the formal uniform would get soiled.

Fundraising and Camperships: Scouts only pay for the outings they attend, and most of the outings are inexpensive. Scouts or their families pitch in for gas, grub, equipment rentals and permits. However, some outings especially camp and high adventure outings

can be expensive. There are camperships available to offset the cost for Scouts in need. It's good for Scouts to have a financial stake in the outing, so fundraising opportunities are available such as camp card sales, butter braid sales, scrabble tournament, Christmas tree collection, candle sales and Domino's pizza card sales.

Fees & Expenses: Membership dues for the 2022 – 2023 Scout Year are \$219 (includes \$25 one-time National BSA New-Member Joining Fee). Dues are paid by July 1st to meet the Grand Canyon Council deadline. Dues are payable via check or cash, at a meeting or online at Venmo at Troop EightOneEight.

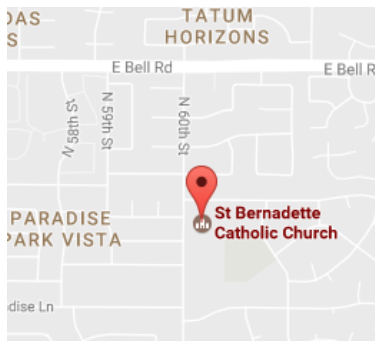
Item	Cost
BSA and GCC Fees including FOS	\$122
Scout Life Subscription	\$12
Troop 818 Activity Fee	\$60
One Time BSA New-Member Joining Fee	\$25
Total	\$219

Note: Troop T-Shirt and Duffle Bag are sold separately

We ask new Scouts to purchase a T818 Duffle to standardize bags on outings. The bags are \$25



- **Joining During the Year?** \$15.41 per month through July '23 + one-time \$25 BSA New-Member Fee.
- **Activity Shirts (Class B Uniform) \$15**
- **Need Uniform Items?** The Troop maintains gently used Scout clothes and camping items.



Meeting Time & Location: We meet every Monday Night at 7:00 PM (except after outings) at St. Bernadette's Catholic Church Gym 16245 N 60th St, Scottsdale, 85254.

Parents, We Need You! We need parents to serve as Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, Merit Badge Counselors and Drivers. We take leadership seriously and hopefully it shows where it counts in the young men we send out into the world. Other metrics include four of our leaders have earned the Silver Beaver; and 8 of our leaders are Wood Badge trained. We take it seriously, but we have fun. Talk to any adult leader about getting involved.

Month	Start Date	End Date	Event
January	1/27/23	1/29/23	Mountain Man
February	2/17/23	2/19/23	Ski Outing
March	3/18/23	3/19/23	Arizona Trail Hike
April	4/21/23	4/23/23	Kartchner Caverns
May	NA	NA	No Outing
June	6/16/23	6/18/23	Flagstaff Extreme
July	7/2/23	7/9/23	Camp Geronimo
August	9/01/23	9/04/23	Zion National Park
September	9/29/23	10/01/23	Leadership Retreat
October	TBA	TBA	District Camporee
November	11/17/23	11/19/23	Horton Springs Hike
December	12/11/23	NA	Casey At The Bat



2023 Upcoming High Adventure: For Scouts 14 and older:
Sea Base and National Jamboree

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