



Boy Scouts of America Troop 482 Floral Park – Bellerose, New York

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Troop 482. We look forward to having your scout participate in a great year of scouting! We anticipate many exciting camping trips and Eagle Scout projects in the upcoming year. Here is some important information to help make a smooth transition from the Pack to our Troop.

- 1) **Troop Meetings** - Monday evenings at 7:30 to 9:00 pm, in the Floral Park Bellerose School Old Gym.
- 2) **Troop Website** - Our official website is www.troop482.com. You can find all types of information about our scouting program including forms, photo gallery, Merit Badge Counselors and much more.
- 3) **Calendar** - This can be found on the front page of our website (Full Annual Calendar)
- 4) **Media Release Form** - We post pictures of scouts when at scouting activities on the Troop 482 website. Please complete the form indicating any restrictions. Please return the form to our Committee Chairman or any committee member
- 5) **Dues & Registration** - The annual fee for a scout to be a member of the troop is \$120.00. If you have more than one scout in the troop it is \$115.00 each. Webelos crossing over from Cub Scouts will only need to pay \$50.00 for the remaining scouting year. If you are unable to pay the full amount, you may speak with our Troop Treasurer to make other arrangements.
- 6) **Troop Committee** - Troop 482 is run by committee consisting of the Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Treasurer, Advancement Coordinators, Trip Coordinator and other interested parents. We meet approximately every 4- 6 weeks to discuss troop operations, plan trips, and events. These meetings are open and parents are encouraged to attend. Please see our calendar for the dates: ---- American Legion Hall, 15 Elizabeth Street -- 8:00 to 9:00 PM.
- 7) **Volunteers** - Troop 482 is successful due to the parental involvement. Each year, when scouts leave the troop, we lose parent volunteers. Please consider to volunteer to help share the responsibilities of running a successful troop.

Boy Scout Policy mandates that there must be sufficient trained adults on each trip. Training can be easily completed in a couple of evenings and/or one weekend. Please consider becoming a trained member of our troop so that camping trips are not cancelled due to insufficient trained adults.

- 8) **Merit Badge Counselors** - Merit badges are a big part of the advancement process in Boy Scouts. The object of merit badges is to provide hands on experiences (Small Boat Sailing, Canoeing, Archery, etc.), to expose the scouts to different career choices (Salesmanship, Computers, Engineering, etc.) and to provide the scouts with skills necessary to succeed as adults (Family Life, Personal Management, Personal Fitness, etc.). There are also badges for Fishing, Railroading, Music, Home Repair and other "fun" badges. Counselors do not need any specific expertise. They only need to agree to have read the merit badge book and advise the scouts on how to complete the badge. Please consider becoming a merit badge counselor. ***The Boys Scouts of America is a wonderful organization because of all it offers, but it is the parents who volunteer that make it special by participating in it.***
- 9) **Scout Personal Data Form** – We need to have correct information in case of an emergency. We also need insurance coverage on vehicles that are used for troop activities. Since your scout will be going on camping trips, you may be asked to drive regardless of whether or not you plan to go on the trip. Input any information under **Allergies** or **other** that you think would be pertinent for us to know. We update this information on an annual basis.
- 10) **Email** – On the personal data form please indicate your email address or if you do not have one. The troop's email list is kept confidential and is only used for scouting related information. If you would like to relate any information to the troop, just email the information to the troop Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster. See addresses below.

Yours in Scouting,

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