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Boy Scout Troop 484 Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church Gulf Breeze, FL

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 484. We are glad you are here! To those who are crossing-over from Cub Scouts, congratulations, you are to be commended for your accomplishments and we know you will enjoy Boy Scouts. For boys coming into Scouting for the first time, it is our hope you will find the experience challenging and rewarding. We are an active Troop and will provide you with many opportunities for adventure and advancement. We canoe rivers, hike through forests, go boating, attend summer camp, travel to high-adventure camps, and much more. All the information you need to get started is included in this packet, including a calendar for the rest of the year, Youth and Adult Boy Scout applications, medical form, contact information, and information on summer camp. We consider each new Scout as tomorrow's Eagle Scout.

There is much to learn as you begin your Boy Scout experience. Please recognize that Boy Scouts is different than Cub Scouts. The most noticeable difference is that you will see the boys providing their own leadership, and learning as they experience the activities the Troop offers. The boys will plan many of their own outings and activities and will be responsible for their assigned duties.

Meetings typically begin at 6:30 PM at the Scout hut, located on Nightingale Lane in Gulf Breeze, and last until 8 PM. We keep an updated calendar on our website, www.gulfbreezetroop484.org. Uniform for meetings is a minimum of Class B (Scout t-shirt or sweatshirt) and preferably Class A (Scout uniform shirt). Our troop has elected to not wear neckerchiefs. Scout t-shirts are available at the Scout hut for \$10. Registration costs \$27 and includes a subscription to Boys Life (yearly dues are \approx \$40 and depend on re-chartering costs). Dues for regular meetings are \$1 and are collected monthly. Please make checks payable to Troop 484.

Most Troop communication will be done via email for convenience and speed. Please ensure your family's email address is kept up to date with the Scoutmaster.

Don't panic . . . you don't need to go buy all the fancy camping equipment in sight. To go camping, the Scouts must possess a sleeping bag and a mess kit. The Troop has most other needed camping equipment. If you have any questions about equipment, please contact the Scoutmaster, Outdoor Coordinator, or Troop Quartermaster.

The back of this sheet lists the current adult and youth leadership for Troop 484. Please feel free to contact any of us at any time.



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Troop 484 Adult Leader Goals:

- Build character by challenging Scouts, both physically and mentally
- Foster participatory citizenship through community service
- Reinforce the Scouts' faith with Gulf Breeze United Methodist Church
- Use outdoor activities to help Scouts grow in self-confidence and independence
- Produce physically, morally, emotionally fit young adults
- Guide the next generation of community leaders
- Direct each Scout on the path to Eagle rank

Scout Parent Responsibilities:

- Be involved in your son's Scouting experience
 - o Ask your son what he learned at the meetings
 - o Learn the Boy Scout rank structure
 - o Keep up with his progress through the ranks
 - o Encourage your son when needed
- Become involved in your son's Troop. We can always use the help!
- Help us motivate your son
- Support the troop. If you have the means, donate to the cause
- Have fun yourself! Serve and grow with your son.