

Troop 947 Web Site

I am please to announce that Troop 947 has recently established a Troop Web site (www.troop947.org) that we believe will go live beginning in January. The Troop Committee is very excited with this new capability and has had a lot of thoughtful discussions on how to leverage this new tool with our Scouts and their families. Over the coming months we would love to have your input as well.

I would also like to recognize Donovan Joyner, one of our Eagle Scouts who has developed the initial design for the web site. Special thanks to Dave Williams as well who will be our Troop Webmaster (and advisor) and assume the administrative duties for posting and updating content on the site.

One of our key goals with the web site is to improve the communication between, scouts, parents, adult leaders etc for our Troop program. Some of the key content that you can expect to find initially on our web site will be as follows:

- ❑ ***Troop Calendar and Activities***
- ❑ ***Photo Gallery***
- ❑ ***Scouting Forms, Permission slips etc.***
- ❑ ***Troop Committee Minutes***
- ❑ ***E-mail Distribution Lists***
- ❑ ***Outdoor Activities, Summer Camp etc.***
- ❑ ***Scout Links, Maps, Weather, etc.***

As I mentioned, the Troop Committee has spent a significant amount of time in developing the content and principles for our Troop site. As part of these discussions, we have also talked about site security and how we intend to manage the site. Although all sensitive information will be password protected behind the firewall, there are no guarantees that our site or any other commercial site cannot be violated from an individual determined to gain access.

Although every scout and Adult Leader will always strive "TO DO OUR BEST", we simply cannot foresee every potential outcome. As part of our Youth Protection Program, led by Assistant Scoutmaster Ken Croisant (and Youth Protection Officer), we will address web safety with the scouts and reinforce the need to manage their passwords responsibly.

You should ALWAYS understand that the Adult Leaders within our Troop will always make the boys safety in any environment, camping, swimming, hiking, or cyberspace, a first priority. Given this, it is still our belief that the Parents must make the final call to determine if you are comfortable in including your son's name in our published troop roster (password protected). Please sign and return the attached permission slip to our Scoutmaster Charlie Kuhn..

The Troop Committee strongly endorses the new web site, which will significantly enhance the already strong Troop program. In fact, the entire Troop Committee has completed the attached parental form fully authorizing their respective scouts to participate. Please feel free to suggest any ideas you may have to improve the web site to any member of the Troop Committee.

Yours in Scouting

John Trebbien

Troop 947 Permission Slip

Web Site Authorization

PLEASE CIRCLE your answers to the following questions and complete the key information below:

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| YES | NO | I understand the purpose of the Troop 947 Web site and authorize Troop 947 to Include my son within the Troop web site. My scout will receive a password. |
| YES | NO | I also acknowledge receiving and reading the letter written by our Troop Committee Chair on behalf of the Troop Committee asking for the parent's or Guardian's written permission. |
| Yes | NO | I agree to include the following information on the Troop Roster behind the Firewall. Please circle all applicable: |
| YES | NO | Scout Name |
| YES | NO | Scout Address |
| YES | NO | Scout or Family E-mail |
| YES | NO | Scout or Family Phone |

Scouts Name _____

Parents or Guardians Name _____

Parent or Guardians Signature _____

Scout Signature _____