



Boy Scouts of America

# JPL Troop 509

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La Cañada Flintridge, CA

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## Youth Protection

Safety is always the first priority for scouts and their families.

Parents, we always encourage your participation. However, please do not bring or use any alcoholic beverages or weapons (guns, bows, spears) on any scout activity. If you smoke, please do it well away from eating and camping areas, and no smoking while hiking.

If a parent is driving one or more scouts who are not immediate family members, prior to the trip you must (1) have registered your car and insurance information with the troop, and (2) have in your possession the scout medical forms (the "Red Book") while driving. The troop will provide Red Books on the day of the scout activity.

Parents are "in support" of scout activities. Scouts normally administer first aid for minor injuries. Major injuries will be assessed. Normally, professional help will be summoned depending on location and access. A scout's parents are responsible for paying for backcountry medical attention; i.e., evacuation by ambulance or helicopter.

Scout medications should be delivered to the adult outing leader before any trip with written instructions, if the parent will not be on the outing. Scouts will be reminded to take their medicines at the appropriate time(s). Scout leaders cannot administer any medicines.

The troop supports and endorses the BSA Youth Protection program and follows the five-point BSA strategy to prevent child abuse.

1. Educate scouting volunteers, parents, and scouts to aid in the detection and prevention of child abuse.
2. Use leader-selection procedures to prevent offenders from entering the BSA leadership ranks.
3. Establish policies that create barriers to child abuse within the program. For example: two adults who have taken Youth Protection training on every outing; an adult may only share a tent with his or her scout; separate scout and adult restroom and shower facilities at summer camps.
4. Encourage scouts to report improper behavior in order to identify offenders.
5. Swift removal from scout activities and reporting of confirmed offenders.

Every scout parent should review with their scout the Youth Protection section contained in the front of the Boy Scout Handbook, and are encouraged to take the online Youth Protection training offered by BSA (see the troop's website under the Adult Leadership tab).