

## About My Scout for Troop 258/358

Scout's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Parents, please tell us about your scout ...

- This form is for you to tell us things about your scout beyond the medical form - likes and dislikes, interests and phobias - all the things adult leaders should be made aware of to ensure your scout is safe and has the best possible experience with the troop.
- There may be some items that you list on the medical form, but that doesn't tell us the whole story. Please re-list and explain those items here. This form will be treated confidentially like the medical form.
- If you would like to elaborate in person, you are more than welcome to talk to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair to help us provide the best experience for your scout. The Scoutmaster and Committee Chair will safeguard this information.
- Scouting methods involve the whole person and will test and strengthen a youth's mental, physical, and emotional wellbeing. In addition to the specific prompts below, please provide any other information about life experiences that you think would help us to help your scout.
- In the many seasons to follow, please remember to update us on anything new affecting your scout's life.

**Dietary.** Are there any dietary restrictions for your scout?

**Health and physical conditions and accommodations.** Please list and expand upon any medical form items. For example, let us know if your child has diabetes, asthma, allergy, or a serious chronic or recent health concerns. Also, any physical limitations such as difficulty in hiking long distance, struggling with learning to swim, or fine motor skill issues.

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**Reasonable Accommodations.** Are there any reasonable and necessary accommodations for your scout's success. For example, do they need longer processing time, reading/writing/speech accommodations, 504/IEP plan accommodations? It's also helpful to know about ADHD or other conditions that may affect behavior and concentration.

**Strengths and weaknesses.** For example, please list whether your scout loves or hates to read aloud. How do they perform in school? By telling us these things up front, we have more time to prepare to help scouts improve in the areas they need it most and to expand in areas they already feel comfortable.

**Personality traits or Behavior Challenges.** Are they an introvert or extrovert? Is your scout worried about making friends? Are there behavior issues at school or home that we should watch out for at scouts?

**Aversions or Concerns.** Is your scout particularly afraid or worried about something? Animals, darkness, public speaking, swimming, separation anxiety, etc.

**Interests and Schedule.** Knowing more about your child's hobbies or interests can help the leaders forge connections in scouts. Is your scout in band or sports for instance? Does your scout have other regular activities that will affect attendance at meetings or campouts?

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**Family events.** Please let us know if your family is going through any major change that could affect your child, such as a move, divorce, new family member, family health issues, death in the family or of a pet. Even if your child seems to have adjusted well, whenever a life-changing event occurs, please alert leaders so that they can watch for behavioral changes. We are here to help.

**Spiritual Beliefs.** How can we be mindful of your scout's spiritual beliefs, cultural, and family customs as a member of this troop?

**Anything else?** Please provide any other information about past scouting and life experiences, or even yours, that you think would help us to understand your scout better.

We respect your privacy and will only share the information on this form when it is necessary in the best interest of your child. May the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair share this form with other scout leaders who will be working directly with your scout?

Yes, the form may be shared with trained leaders when necessary.

No, I would rather talk in person to other leaders as needed.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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