

<u>Abbreviation / Term</u>	<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Definition</u>
1C	First Class	The fourth earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
2C	Second Class	The third earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
Advancement Chair	-	Committee Member that manages troop data (advancements, attendance, merit badge progress, etc.) in TroopMaster.
APL	Assistant Patrol Leader	Helps the Patrol Leader run the patrol.
ASM	Assistant Scoutmaster	On the Program side. Requires significant formal training. With the SM, works with and supports senior youth leaders in their running of the troop.
ASPL	Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	The 2nd highest boy leader in the troop. In Troop 870, we have three ASPL's: for Meetings, for Camping and for Service
Bayshore	-	The District to which Troop 870 and 17 other area troops belong - covers Clear Lake / La Porte / Seabrook / Nassau Bay / Friendswood / Deer Park.
BOR	Board of Review	Part of each rank advancement's requirements. A progress discussion between the Scout and parents from the Troop Committee (NOT the Scoutmaster or Assistant SM) reviewing the Scout's experience to date, addressing strengths and weaknesses in the program and the Scout's desired future role in the troop.
Bridging	-	The formal ceremony in which a Cub Scout leaves that program and joins a Boy Scout troop.
Brotherhood	-	Order of the Arrow membership classification. Someone who has completed the Ordeal weekend and the requirements for Brotherhood. The troop has a few Brotherhood members.
CA	Chaplain Aide	Assists the adult Troop Chaplain promote Reverence and awareness of Religious Awards.
Camporee	-	A district-wide campout for Boy Scouts - usually held in the Spring - that tests Scouts' skills in various areas (often First Aid, Fire building, Knot tying, Lashings, orienteering, etc.)
Chaplain	-	Responsible for supervising the youth position Chaplain Aide and for promoting Reverence and religious awareness within the troop.
Chapter	-	Hierarchical organization - the sibling to the District.
COH	Court of Honor	Formal advancement recognition ceremony held periodically (in January, May and August). Parents are STRONGLY encouraged to attend.
Committee	-	Comprised of numerous adults who support the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters in their direct work with the youth.
Committee Chair	-	Leads the committee.
Committee Challenge	-	Online training course that explains the different member roles of the troop committee.
COR	Chartering Organization Representative	UBC's designated point of contact with the troop.
Council	-	The hierarchical group above the District. Bayshore District belongs to Sam Houston Area Council.
DC	Den Chief	Works with a cub scout den in a role similar to a Patrol Leader for the troop. Teaches scouting skills. Supports adult Den Leader.
Den Leader		The adult leader of a cub scout den. Works with and supervises Den Chief's activities.
District	-	The hierarchical group above the troop. Troop 870 belongs to Bayshore District.
E	Eagle	The highest earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
EA	Expectations Agreement	A personalized document signed by each youth leader, his direct superior and the appropriate scoutmaster.
Fundraising Chair	-	Responsible for organizing and managing the troop's fund raising event. (In the past, this has included garage sales and an airplane wash.)

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Green Patrol	-	The opposite of a Natural Patrol - along the lines of Webelos 3 (i.e., the patrol contains all new Scouts)
HA	High Adventure	More intense and strenuous outdoor activities designed for older, more experienced Scouts.
Instructor	-	Teaches scout skills to younger scouts.
IOLS	Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills	Required training for adult Program Leaders (specifically, ASM's) focusing on camping and other outdoor skills.
Jamboree	-	A national (or international) gathering of scouts held every four years. (The most recent National Jamboree was held in July, 2010 and celebrated the 100th anniversary of Scouting in the US.)
JASM	Junior Assistant Scoutmaster	Assists the SM & ASM's in supporting the program. BSA requires JASM's to be between the ages of 16 and 18. In our troop, we also require the scout be an Eagle Scout. In all aspects except for legal stuff (like 2 deep leadership or driving a car with other scouts in it), the JASM is treated as an adult.
L	Life	The next to highest earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
Lodge	-	Hierarchical organization - the sibling to the Council.
Merit Badge Coordinator	-	The adult who works - with the troop's Advancement Chair - to pair Scouts with approved merit badge counselors.
NYLT	National Youth Leadership Training	Optional, council-level week long advanced youth leadership training course held in June and December.
OA	Order of the Arrow	An honor organization within Boy Scouts dedicated to recognizing and promoting camping and service. New member candidates are elected by the boys each October.
Ordeal	-	Order of the Arrow membership classification. Someone who has completed the Ordeal weekend, but has not yet met the requirements for Brotherhood. The troop has a lot of Ordeal members.
Ordeal Candidate	-	Order of the Arrow membership classification. Someone who has been chosen by the troop to join OA but who has not yet completed the Ordeal weekend. NOTE: Adults are nominated by the adult program leadership; scouts are elected by the boy membership.
Outdoor Committee	-	Committee that handles the administrative requirements (permits, reservations, scout registrations, fees, etc.) for the troop's camping (including summer camp), canoeing, and other outdoor activities.
PL	Patrol Leader	Is the front line boy leader who heads up a patrol of boys. In Troop 870, we have 5 natural patrols (mixed ages) - Alligators, Eagles, Pedros, Phoenix and Scorpions. Each Patrol Leader is supported by a designated Assistant Scoutmaster.
PLC	Patrol Leaders' Council	The tactical decision-making group within the troop. Comprised of Patrol Leaders, ASPL's and the OA Rep. Led by the SPL and supported / facilitated by the Scoutmaster.
Program Leaders	-	Comprised of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters who work directly with the youth.
QM	Quartermaster	Is responsible for troop equipment. In Troop 870, we have two QM's who work with an ASM for equipment.
Re-charter / Training Chair	-	The adult responsible for collecting and submitting to Council the BSA applications for new and updated forms for existing scout and adult members of the troop. Also responsible for tracking adult leader training.
Roundtable	-	A monthly district-wide meeting for Scout leaders to discuss calendar and training issues.
Sc	Scout	The first earned rank; requires only SMC - not BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
Secretary	-	The adult responsible for taking, reading and publishing minutes of the troop's Committee meetings.

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Service Chair	-	The adult responsible for interacting with groups seeking service projects to be performed. Works with the ASPL in charge of Service Projects
SHAC	Sam Houston Area Council	The group to which Bayshore District belongs - stretching from Madisonville, Huntsville and College Station in the north, to Columbus in the west, to Bay City and El Campo in the south and to Baytown in the east.
SM	Scoutmaster	The senior adult leader on the Program side. Requires significant formal training. With the ASM's, works with and supports senior youth leaders in their running of the troop.
SMC	Scoutmaster Conference	Part of each rank advancement's requirements. A progress discussion between the Scout and the Scoutmaster or Assistant SM reviewing strengths and weaknesses and desired future role in the troop.
SPL	Senior Patrol Leader	The senior boy leader in the troop. Responsible for program. Reports to and is supported by SM & ASM's. Supervises Patrol Leaders and 3 ASPLs.
St	Star	The fifth earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
TF	Tenderfoot	The second earned rank; requires both SMC and BOR. See Scout Handbook for specific requirements.
TG	Troop Guide	Teaches scout skills to younger scouts.
This Is Scouting	-	Online training course that introduces new adults to scouts.
TLT	Troop Leader Training	Mandatory for every youth office holder in the troop and held shortly after new positions are determined in the Spring and Fall.
TOW	Troop Organizational Workshop	An annual planning event led by the SPL where the boys decide themes, camping destinations and activities, as well as known service projects for the coming 12 to 18 months.
Treasurer	-	The adult responsible for maintaining the finances of the troop - writes checks, balances statements, presents reports to the Committee.
TroopMaster	-	Software program used by the Advancement Chair to record member personal data & progress.
UBC	University Baptist Church	Troop 870's Chartering Organization and host for meetings, etc.
University of Scouting	-	A Council-wide training held in February each year.
Vigil	-	Order of the Arrow membership classification. The highest honor that can be bestowed up an OA member. The troop does not yet have any Vigils.
Webelos Woods	-	A district-wide campout for Webelos - usually held in the Fall - that tests Webelos' Scout skills in various areas (often First Aid, Fire building, Knot tying, etc.)
Wood Badge	-	Optional adult leader training - for Committee members and program leaders - focusing on people and leadership skills, not outdoor skills. Troop 870 presently has 4 adults who have completed this extensive training.
YPT	Youth Protection Training	An online course required of every Program Leader and Committee member who has contact with the youth. Expires every 2 years.