

Shanghai Scout Association
TROOP 12
Direct Service Council
Boy Scouts of America
Shanghai American School
Shanghai, China
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Troop Committee
Troop 442
King of Glory Lutheran Church
Orange County Council
Fountain Valley, California

Dear Troop 442,

On behalf of Troop 12, and the Shanghai Scout Association, please accept our congratulations on your 35th Anniversary.

I was a Scout in Troop 442 in 1975 and 1976. Please know that many of the lessons learned in Troop 442 are currently being implemented here in Shanghai. Shanghai Troop 12 was originally chartered in 1911 and was active until 1949 under the sponsorship of the Community Church and the Shanghai American School. After a long absence the troop was reestablished again in the early 1990's under the sponsorship of Shanghai American School. We currently have 32 boys enrolled representing 13 nationalities, and 5 schools across the metro Area. As most family assignments here are two to four years in length, we have been challenged to maintain an active program in foreign land. As council support is a bit distant, anyone with previous scouting experience is sought out. Troop 442 was a valuable teacher, I continue to apply its experiences.

Our link to the Fountain Valley community remains a very direct one. The Assistant Scoutmaster Dave Poppell and I were members of Fountain Valley Police Explorer Post 1007, we both graduated from Fountain Valley High School, and my father Richard supports us as a Troop Committee Member, most often forwarding insignia from the Orange County Council Scout House.

Again, Congratulations,

Yours in Scouting,

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