



HOMENTMEN GLENDALE ARARAT CHAPTER SCOUTS DIVISION

Handbook



Welcome to Homenetmen Ararat,

Scouting Division!

Since its establishment in 1978, Homenetmen Glendale "Ararat" Chapter's Scouting Division has been instilling the values of teamwork and leadership. The Scouting Division's main objective is to help scouts develop character, citizenship, knowledge of Armenian culture and personal fitness, and acquire scouting knowledge. This program provides an environment that promotes personal growth while at the same time encouraging strong values and morals that will serve the scouts for the rest of their lives.

"Ararat" is a member of the Boy Scouts of America, Verdugo Hills Council. Currently, the Chapter consists of 14 troops (five Boy Scout troops, five Girl Scout troops, two Cub Scout packs, two Brownie units and one venturing crew) totaling to approximately 250 scouts. Ararat operates one of the largest Boy Scout Troops in the United States.

This guide includes important information for new scouts and parents. Please take the time to review this guide as it will help you get started on a journey of a lifetime.

We are proud to have you as a member!

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GETTING STARTED

It is important to carefully follow the steps below to ensure that your membership is finalized and that you receive all the important information you will need throughout your scouting years.

1. Visit Ararat Main Campus to submit an application with the main office.
See page 5 for more details.
2. Be placed in a group.
Ages 6-8: Guylik/Artsvik 2
Ages 9-10: Guylik/Artsvik 1
Ages 11+: Ari/Arenoush
3. Get in touch with your miavori khmbapet for information on your group and how to get in touch with your troop leader.
Arenoush Miavor: Andrea Ghazarian
(818) 298-0976
araratscouting.arenoush@gmail.com
Ari Miavor: Alec Soghomonian
(323) 528-1094
araratscouting.ari@gmail.com
Krtser Miavor: Christine Dashdemirians
(818) 476-2795
araratscouting.krtser@gmail.com
4. Purchase uniform and accessories from the Ararat Store.
See pages 7-9 for more details.
5. Attend scouting activities.
See page 10 for more details.
6. Pay membership dues on time to continue enjoying scouting activities.
See page 11 for more details.

GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION

Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter Main Campus

3347 N. San Fernando Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065

Tel: (323) 256-2564

Fax: (323) 256-0639

Ararat Website: Ararat.org

Executive Secretary: Anahid Khachikian

E-mail: office@ararat.org

Executive Director: Armond Gorgorian

E-mail: info@ararat.org

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 12:00pm – 8:00pm

Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter North Campus

3628 San Fernando Road

Glendale, CA 91204

Between Rosslyn St. and Dolores St., behind the Carpet Wagon Store

SCOUTING LEADERSHIP COMMUNICATION

Excellent communication between scout leaders, scouts, and parents is of utmost importance to Ararat. We have established several ways parents and scouts can stay connected and updated on scouting activities, regional events, and other community events.

A scout's primary contact person is his or her patrol leader, also known as their astijanavor. The astijanavor will contact parents and scouts, by phone or email, every week to inform them of the scouting activities planned for the following Sunday. If a scout or parent should have any questions, the astijanavor should be the first person they contact. If there are any concerns or issues beyond an astijanavor's control, the troop leader may then be contacted.

To get general scouting information, parents can contact the Scouting Division Office at araratscouting@gmail.com.

Ararat Scouting has also embraced social media! It is an excellent way to keep parents in the loop on what goes on during our activities. Like us! Follow us!

FACEBOOK: Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Scouting

INSTAGRAM: araratscouting

TWITTER: @my_ararat

UNIFORMS

The uniform is an important part of scouting tradition; it represents unity and brotherhood. All scouts are expected to wear full uniform for all scouting activities. Please see following pages for uniform details.

A full uniform includes:

1. Beige/navy button-up.....**\$40, \$30**
2. Group tashkinak (neckerchief).....**\$7, \$6**
3. Scout t-shirt..... **\$10**
4. Beret.....**\$10**
5. Belt.....**\$18**
6. Navy shorts/pants/skirt.....**varies**
7. Beige/navy socks (no ankle socks).....**varies**
8. All black shoes.....**varies**

*Navy shorts/pants/skirts can be purchased from **Modella Uniforms** from one of their two locations:

3902 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Phone: 818-249-2989

Regular Store Hours:
Monday - Friday: 11am-6pm
Saturday: 11am-5pm

1708 E. Washington Blvd.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Phone: 626-797-0456

Regular Store Hours:
Monday - Friday: 11am-5pm

*Socks and shoes can be purchased from any store.

*All other pieces can be purchased from the Ararat Store when scouting activities are held at Ararat:

3347 N. San Fernando Rd.
Los Angeles, CA 90065

GUYLIK/ARTSVIK UNIFORM



TASHKINAK
Guylik/Artsvik 2: Navy blue with yellow stripes
Guylik/Artsvik 1: Yellow with navy blue stripes

BUTTON-UP
Guylik/Artsvik 2: Navy blue
Guylik/Artsvik 1: Beige

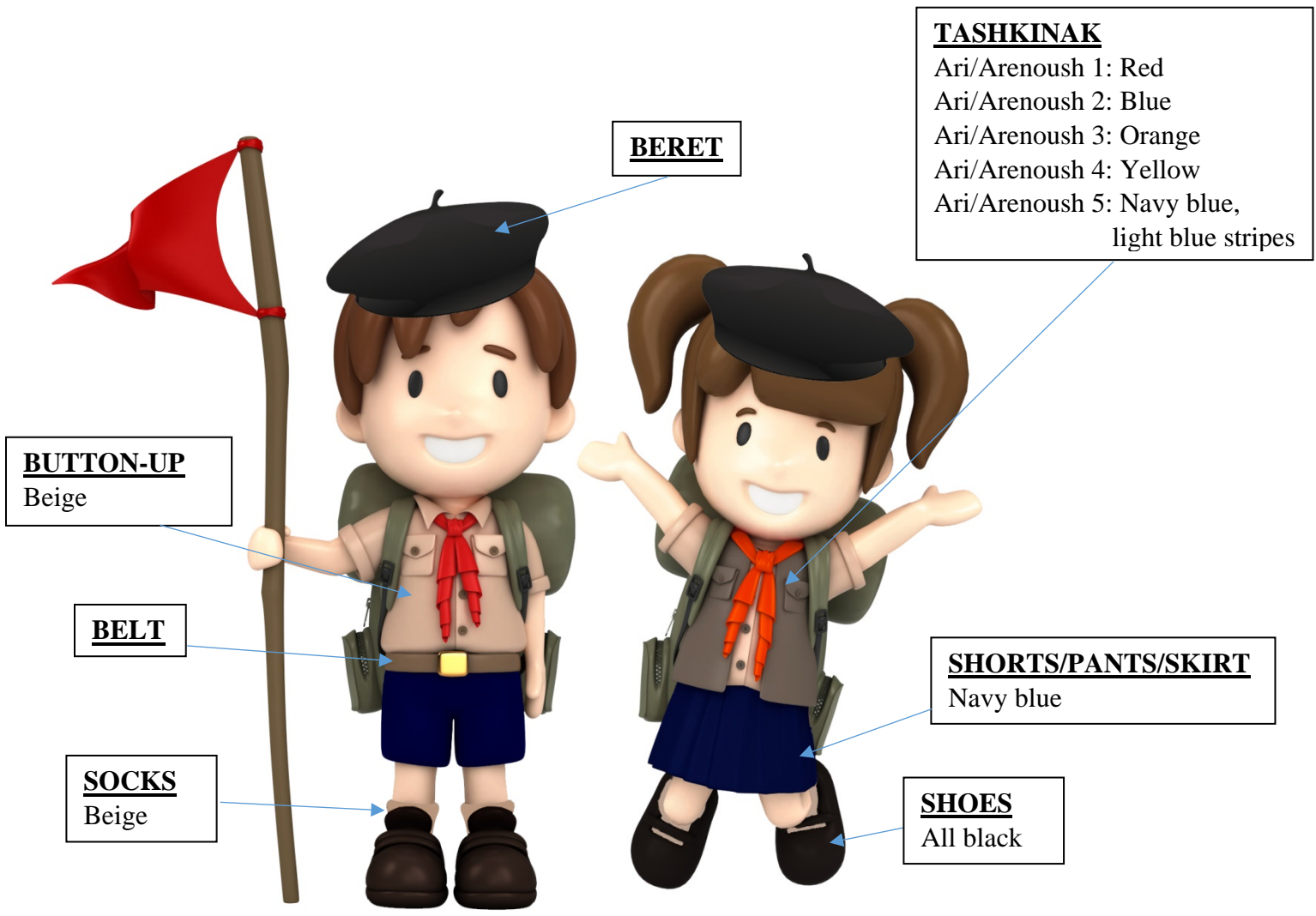
SOCKS
Guylik/Artsvik 2: Navy blue
Guylik/Artsvik 1: Beige

SHOES
All black

BELT

SHORTS/PANTS/SKIRT
Navy blue

ARI/ARENOUSH UNIFORM



BUTTON-UP
Beige

BELT

SOCKS
Beige

BERET

TASHKINAK
Ari/Arenoush 1: Red
Ari/Arenoush 2: Blue
Ari/Arenoush 3: Orange
Ari/Arenoush 4: Yellow
Ari/Arenoush 5: Navy blue,
light blue stripes

SHORTS/PANTS/SKIRT
Navy blue

SHOES
All black

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Activities range from weekly Sunday activities to field trips (also known as arshavs) and overnight camping expeditions culminating in its annual week-long camping trip. Scouting activities are held on Sundays from 9:45am to 1:00pm at one of the locations below. There may be changes to time and location for some Sunday activities. All scouting activities require full uniform unless otherwise stated. All scouts will be notified by their leaders prior to the activities.

Homenetmen Glendale “Ararat” Chapter Main Campus

3347 N. San Fernando Road

Los Angeles, CA 90065

Crescenta Valley Community Regional Park (aka “CV Park” aka “Honolulu Park”)

3901 Dunsmore Ave.

La Crescenta, CA 91214

On the corner of Dunsmore Ave. and Honolulu Ave.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Membership fees can be paid with cash, credit/debit, check, or paypal.

Cash, credit/debit, and check payments can be made in person at the Ararat main office every day after 4pm.

Debit/credit payments can also be made over the phone.

Please call the Ararat office: (323) 256-2564.

Checks can also be mailed to...

Homenetmen Glendale Ararat Chapter

Attn: Anahid Khachikian

3347 N. San Fernando Rd.

Los Angeles, CA 90065

Please make checks payable to Homenetmen Ararat. Be sure to specify that the check is for membership fees and for which members.

Paypal payments can be made online at ararat.org...

Click on "JOIN" at the top of the page.

You will see a space to submit your payment on the right hand side.

You will need a membership ID which can be obtained from your group's khmbapet.

KARKS

It is no secret that Ararat scouting breeds excellent leaders who carry on their leadership skills beyond scouting. Being a great leader requires hard work and dedication. In scouting, it also requires a thorough understanding in topics such as first aid, pioneering, survival, community service, and more. The Kark Exams test this knowledge and passing these exams make a scout eligible for advancing through the scout ranks.

The Kark Exams are held twice a year and can include both a written and physical section. Many study sessions are held by expert leaders to help scouts prepare. Study guides for each exam can also be purchased. Below is a breakdown of the three Kark Exams and what they entail:

Yerort Kark (Basic):

Prerequisite: None

Yekrort Kark (Intermediate):

Prerequisite: Pass Yerort Kark

Presentation: Teach a cultural song to a scout troop

Arachin Kark (Advanced):

Prerequisite: Pass Yekrort Kark

Presentation: Present lesson (aka dasaran) to a scout troop

RANKS

Passing a Kark Exam allows a scout to move up the ranks and take on more responsibility. They begin as assistants to leaders and eventually lead their own units. See below for a list of ranks, from beginner to leader, in a typical group:

1. Pokh Arachnort – Assistant Patrol Leader
2. Arachnort – Patrol Leader
3. Varich Arachnort – Senior Patrol Leader
4. Pokh Khmbapet – Assistant Scoutmaster
5. Khmbapet – Scoutmaster
6. Miavori Khmbapet – Unit Commissioner
7. Masnachooghi Khmbapet – Executive Unit Commissioner