

# Troop Looking For Gently Used Uniforms

Far away from the bustle of Mexico City in the small town of Puerto Penasco, families get by any way they can. The area is extremely financially depressed and parents worry that their sons will see the local gangs as a way to earn money fast and be driven towards dangerous choices. For that reason these parents jumped at the chance to partner with Troop 185 Wellesley for a supported Scouting program. Now they need your help!

With over 6 new units in the past year the Puerto Penasco Scouting program is attracting families from all over the area who see Scouting as a safe path for their sons to grow in character and skills while staying away from dangerous elements. A Scouting Information night held there last year attracted over 200 interested families and had to be moved to a local movie theater! While there is plenty of interest though, one thing is lacking: funds. Many of these parents cannot afford Scouting uniforms for their sons and so Scout Leaders Yvette Lavin and John Fortini are putting out a call for gently used Scouting uniforms.

Both Cub Scout and Boy Scout uniforms in all sizes are needed for the effort. This includes pants and shirts and should be clean and gently used (no holes). They may be dropped off with John Fortini at 8 Macarthur Rd in Wellesley, MA 02482.