

SCOUTING BSA TROOP 46

TROOP HANDBOOK

For Parents and Scouts



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Dear Scouts and Parents,

Welcome to the adventure of Scouting BSA with Troop 46. The information in this booklet is to familiarize Scouts and their parents with what they can expect from Troop 46 and Troop 46's expectations of Scouts and their parents.

Troop 46 was created on September 17th, 2013. The Troop is sponsored by The Greenbrae Lions Club. The leaders of Troop 46 have dedicated themselves to teaching Scouts to dedicate themselves to the ideals of Scouting: living with honor, doing one's duties toward God and country, and helping other people at all times. We stress that Scouting is a way of life and hope our Scouts will become truly trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent young men and women in their interactions within the Troop, their homes, their families, and their community. Scouting offers many challenges that help youth to lead, to serve, and to grow as a person and a citizen. The ideals of Scouting help the Scout develop personal traits and characteristics that will last a lifetime.

When a youth joins Troop 46 he/she has an opportunity to make new friends, participate in new adventures, learn new skills, serve those in need, and travel to places he/she may never have been before. Another opportunity: Scouting offers Scouts and parents a chance to spend some on-on-one quality time together! Your youths' success in Scouting is directly proportional to the amount of support you offer and the level of interest you show. Make time to enjoy Scouting with your Scout.

Troop 46 provides a twelve-month Scouting program that includes weekly Troop meetings as well as a monthly campout or activity. The weekly Troop meetings help Scouts to work on advancement and to prepare for the campouts. Advancement is a priority in Troop 46, but fun and safety are even higher priorities.

Communication is very important to a successful program. We have created a website <http://Troop46sparks.Scoutlander.com/> to keep Scouts and parents informed of upcoming activities and to provide forms and other resources. We encourage both Scouts and parents to review the website regularly to see what is happening. We also encourage parents to attend the regular meeting of the Troop Committee. The Scoutmaster and Committee Chair are always willing to answer any questions you might have.

We are pleased that you have chosen to join Troop 46 and we look forward to many years of friendship, adventure, service, and fun together. WELCOME to Scouting and Troop 46.

Yours in Scouting
Committee of Troop 46

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MISSION OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide an effective program designed to instill within the youth desirable qualities of character, to train them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to help develop their personal fitness, providing this country with citizens who:

1. Are physically, mentally and emotionally fit.
2. Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidence in such qualities as initiative, courage and resourcefulness.
3. Have personal and stable values.
4. Have the desire and skills to help others.
5. Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and government systems.
6. Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.
7. Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.
8. Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and in other forums of the world.

THE METHODS OF SCOUTING

Eight equally important methods are used to accomplish these aims of Scouting:

1. Ideals of Scouting: These are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Motto and slogan.
2. Patrol Method: This is unique to Scouting. Patrols are Scout led and give Scouts an experience in group living and participation in citizenship.
3. Outdoors: The program is designed to take place in the out-of-doors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities, learn to live with each other, and apply skills and activities practiced at Troop meetings.
4. Advancement: This helps a Scout grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others. The Scout is recognized for each achievement made.
5. Adult Association: Scouts learn from the example of their adult leaders. The Scoutmasters as well as the Troop Committee and parent volunteers are expected to provide role models consistent with the image of the Boy Scouts of America.
6. Uniforms: These make the Troop visible as a force for good and create a positive youth image in the community. This practical attire for Scouting activities

provides a way for Scouts to display the badges that show what they have accomplished. The Scout uniform is our team uniform.

7. Leadership Development: The program encourages Scouts to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has an opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership opportunities.

8. Personal Growth: The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting as Scouts plan their activity and progress toward their goals.

HOW THESE METHODS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE PROGRAM ARE DISCUSSED IN DETAIL LATER ON. THEY CAN BE IDENTIFIED BY THE METHOD OF SCOUTING AND THE NUMBER (MOS#) LOCATED WHERE APPROPRIATE.

(MOS1)

The Scout Oath or Promise

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout
Law; To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law

The Scout is:
Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
minded. Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Surfaces
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors,
and be conservation-

Principles of Leave no Trace

Plan Ahead and Prepare
Travel and Camp on Durable
Dispose of Waste Properly
Leave What You Find for Others to
Enjoy
Minimize Campfire Impacts
Respect Wildlife
Be Considerate of Other Visitors

TROOP ORGANIZATION

Troop 46 is a Scout-led Troop. In other words, the Scouts elect a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL). The remaining Scouts are divided into patrols. Each patrol elects a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. The SPL, ASPL, the Patrol Leaders, and any additional Scout leaders form the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). (MOS 2 & 7) (Once the PLC determines election procedures, they will be added to this document).

The PLC meets each month to make decisions about the activities of the Troop. The PLC select monthly themes, select destinations for campouts and other excursions, plan the sequence of activities for each month's Troop meetings, and direct those activities for the Troop. (MOS 2 & 7)

In a Scout-led Troop, the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Committee Members, and parents act as coaches, advisors, resource persons, and friends to the Scouts. Although they give a generous amount of time, talent, and energy to the Troop, they do not run meetings, lead events, or make program decisions. (MOS2 MOS5)

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster are primarily responsible for achieving two major goals:

- 1) Training and guidance of the Scouts consistent with the Aims and Objectives of the BSA
- 2) Providing a safe outdoor program to all Scouts. Assuming these two key responsibilities are satisfied, the adult leaders provide the Scouts with the tools to actually deliver the Scouting program to themselves and their fellow Scouts. (MOS5)

The Troop Committee is the Troop's board of directors. It ensures quality leadership, provides the meeting place, advises Scoutmaster on policies, supports leaders in carrying out program, responsible for finances, maintenance of Troop equipment, and serves on board of reviews for rank advancement. Jobs are divided among the committee members, who meet on a monthly basis.

Parents in a Scout-led Troop are very important. They volunteer for Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee positions, attend Troop Committee meetings to make their ideas and wishes known, they drive Scouts to campouts/activities, participates as a presenter or resource person when needed, participates in Board of Reviews serve as Merit Badge Counselors in areas of personal interest or expertise, and provide support to the Troop in a various ways. (MOS5)

Scouting is a partnership with the parent of the Scout. Scouting is an excellent opportunity for you to spend very high quality time with your Scout. Since leaders are not paid, we can use all the help parents can provide. We encourage all the parents to participate in as many activities as possible.

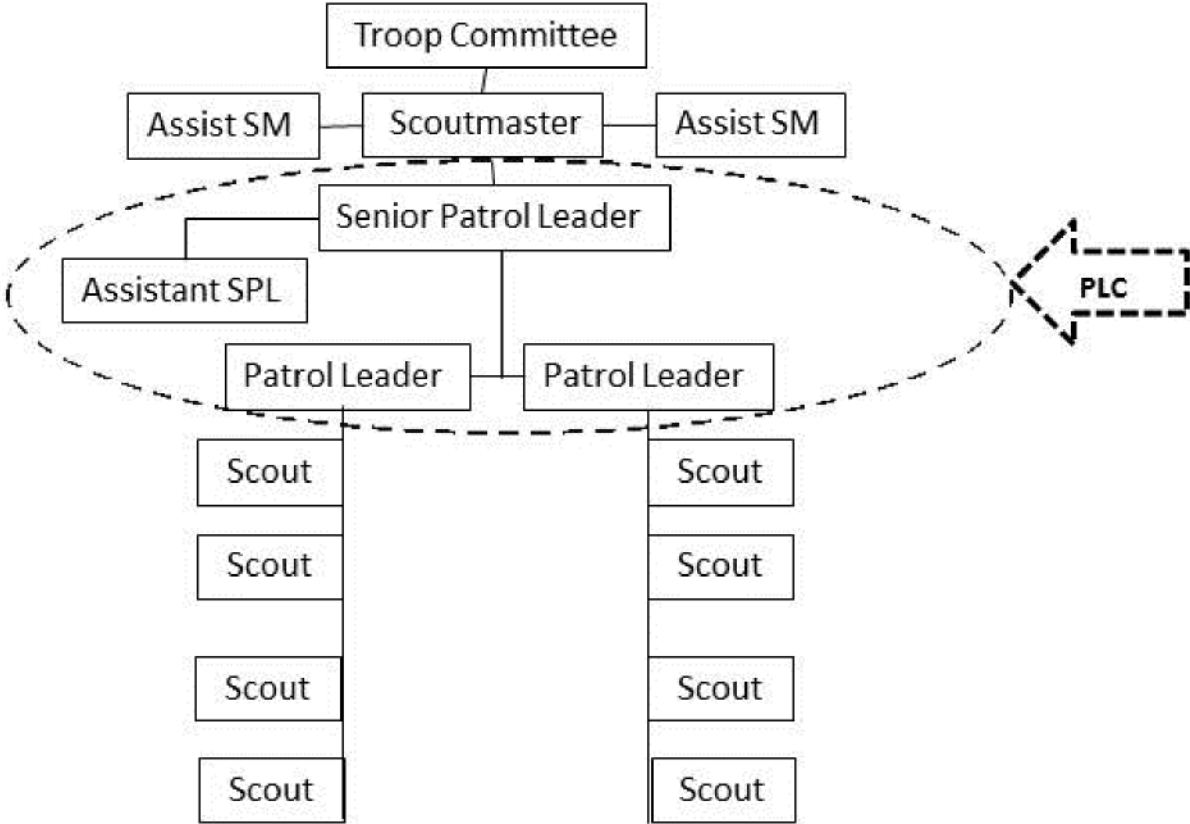
As we work on providing a Scouting program for your Scout, there is a lot of hard work and time that goes into planning such a program. As a result, we request that parents accept certain responsibilities.

- Help your Scout learn to plan ahead, so that Scout activities will have minimal conflict with school work. We realize their school work must come first, but many times both can be accomplished with planning.
- Support your Scout as he/she advances in Scouting. Your support is extremely important. Let them know of your interest and support in their involvement in Scouting.
- Attend all Courts of Honor, even if your Scout is not receiving any awards. This will encourage their advancement.
- Participate in Troop fund-raisers.
- Meeting deadlines and schedule times. When we set a deadline on permission slips, money, or any other item it is usually done for the purpose of planning logistics of trips or activities. Please do your best to encourage your son to meet such deadlines.
- If a financial problem arises, please see one of the adults and we can work something out within the Troop. Under no circumstances should a family be priced out of Scouting.
- Provide transportation to and from camping trips. If for any reason you prefer not to drive, there will be an extra charge per camping trip in order to reimburse those that consistently drive. Please remember, adult leaders do not get reimbursed for gas, mileage, or wear and tear on their vehicles. If transportation is a problem, please consult a committee member or the Scoutmasters.
- If you have any questions about serving the Troop in some position, please talk to one of the adults at any time. We look forward to working with you.
- Take Youth Protection Training (YPT). YPT are the rules that all adults working within the Scouting program must follow to protect your Scout. Understanding of these rules by all parents helps the Leaders perform their duties. YPT can be taken on-line or in person.

YOUTH PROTECTION RULES APPLY TO ANY ADULT ON A SCOUT ACTIVITY

- Two-deep leadership on all outings required. Two registered adult leaders, or one registered leader and a parent of a participating Scout or other adult, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips and outings.
- One-on-one contact between adults and Scouts is prohibited. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. Any such contact should be reported to the Troop Adult Leaders.
- If there are any injuries sustained there needs to be immediate notification made to the Scoutmaster. Immediate emergency care should be rendered by the responsible adults in attendance.
- Contraband and Restricted Substances: Alcoholic beverages are prohibited at all Scouting activities. Please abide by this rule and help us conduct a safe and accident-free program. Tobacco use is permitted but restricted to areas out-of-sight from the Scouts. Please consult with the Scoutmaster for the location of a designated smoking area. In the event that drug or alcohol use is discovered, the offending party will not be allowed back on a campout or activity.

Scout Troop 46 Organizational Chart



FINANCES

Registration

Registration is due each charter year, which runs from February 1 through January 31. This includes national registration and a subscription to Boy's Life. Troop 46 does not receive any of this money. Collection of the registration will be in December to allow time to complete re-charter by mid-January. Proration of registration will be done in accordance with the Boy Scout application for new Scouts.

Dues

Each Scout will be liable for \$10 a month Troop dues which will be due at the first Troop Meeting of each month. Dues will be deposited in the Troop's General Account.

Fund raising event profits will be split 50/50 between the Troop General Account and a Troop Scout Account provided the Scout is current with his dues. The Troop Scout Account will indicate how much is attributable to each Scout's effort in the fund raising event. The Troop Scout Account, and the amounts attributable to each Scout, is owned by the Troop and its Chartered Organization – not the Scout. If the Scout leaves Scouting, the money attributed to that Scout will be moved to the Troop's General Account. Scout Account transfers to any other branch of Scouting must be approved by the treasurer and the Committee Chair.

The Scoutmaster or Committee Chair may access the Troop Scout Account to pay any obvious Scouting expense. An obvious Scouting expense is defined as an expense which benefits the Troop or Scouting. It is the decision of the Troop's Parent Committee that uniforms, costs to complete advancement requirements, re-chartering and individual attendance at Scouting Events benefits the Troop and Scouting in general.

A Scout may assign Scout Account credits to another Scout (a Scout is Kind). The assignor must be a current Scout in good standing with Troop 46 and the donation must be a genuine act of kindness without regard to compensation, with the donation subject to the approval of the Scoutmaster.

Fundraisers

All fundraising events must be approved by the Troop Committee and submitted to the Scout Office via the Unit Fundraising Form.

Other Costs

Each Scout should have a uniform and a Boy Scout Handbook as described below. The items may be obtained from the Scout Store or online resources. Used uniforms might be found at garage sales or from former Scouts.

Each Scout will need to provide some personal camping equipment. They will need their own sleeping bag rated to +25 degrees. He/She will also need to be able to outfit themselves with the items found on Appendix B: Personal Camping Gear. Tents and cookware will be provided by the Troop; however, Scouts may be authorized to use their personal equipment (tents, cookware) after checking with the Scoutmaster.

Summer Camp is usually a week long session at an established Boy Scout Camp. The Troop goes as a unit, and is a major highlight of our yearly Scouting program. The Scouts participate in a variety of activities in which they can earn merit badges and build the Scouting spirit. Camp costs vary and are announced annually by the Council.

Camping fees are collected before each camping trip. Each Scout will be responsible for their share of the patrol grocery bill. The grocery bill should be no more than \$4 average per meal per camping trip.

Gas contribution for trips will be determined based on location of camping trip.

Other activities may require a contribution as needed. This might include entrance fees, special registration, or building use fees.

Parents will be notified in advance in the case any additional costs are necessary.

UNIFORM (MOS6)

The Scout uniform (MOS6) represents an important part of who we are and should be worn with pride by all Scouts at all Scouting functions. Two different uniforms exist:

- 1) Field uniforms (sometimes referred to as Class A Uniform) consists of a Scout shirt with proper insignia, Troop neckerchief, Troop hat, Scout pants or shorts, a Scout belt, Scout socks, hiking boots or casual shoes, Scout Handbook, and a pad of paper and pen.
- 2) Activity uniforms (sometimes referred to as Class B uniform) consists of a Troop shirt or other BSA shirt, Scout pants or shorts, Troop Hat, Scout Belt, sneakers, Scout Handbook, and a pad of paper and pen.
- 3) Troop hats and neckerchief are purchased through the Troop.

Uniform inspections will be held at Troop meetings and may occur before outings.

Uniform requirements for Troop Outings will be decided on a weekend by weekend basis and will be announced on the permission slips.

ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance at weekly Troop meetings, monthly outings, and other Troop activities is necessary to fulfill advancement requirements toward the Scout's next rank. Attendance will be considered as part of the evaluation for the Scout for "Be Active in Your Troop" and "Scout Spirit" requirements for advancement.

If a Scout is going to miss a meeting or event, he/she should notify any of the following: their Patrol Leader, the Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or any Scoutmaster Staff. This should be done prior to the meeting or event. Once groceries are purchased for a trip, food money may not be able to be returned.

TROOP MEETINGS

Troop meetings are a very important part of the program. This is where fun takes place as well as advancement. Sometimes we will have a guest speaker whose knowledge and experience makes them better suited to teach the material for the advancement subject than anyone in the Troop. Patrol meetings are where each patrol meet to plan campout menus and activities. During the school year, unless directed otherwise, the Troop meetings are held each week from 6:30-8:00 PM at Jesse Hall Elementary School. When school is not in session, meeting times and locations will be announced in advance. Troop meetings are full field Uniform occasions which includes the Official Boy Scout Handbook, a pad of paper and pen or pencil. Many announcements and details for upcoming events are made at the Troop meeting.

ADVANCEMENT AND MERIT BADGES (MOS4)

Understanding Rank Advancement

- Advancement is only one of the 8 methods Scouting BSA uses to meet the Aims of Scouting. It is no more important than any of the other 7 methods.
- Advancement is not a race. Scouts advance individually (not as a group) and at their own pace. Some Scouts advance very slowly. There is NO requirement that a Scout advances.
- BSA promotes “First Class in First Year”. It is possible to earn First Class in a year but it requires a Scout to be very active by attending Troop Meetings, Campouts, Summer Camp, and other activities.
- Scout through First Class does not require any merit badges. Each of these ranks has about 10-15 requirements. A merit badge has 10-15 requirements. One question a Scout must consider is “Should I spend the time to complete 10-15 requirement for a merit badge or would that time be better spent working on my next rank”. A Scout can earn a merit badge at whatever rank they are at. A Scout can earn 3-5 merit badges at summer camp.
- A Scout can work on any rank requirement, but can only earn the ranks in order. Since they can work on multiple ranks at the same time, it is not unusual for a Scout to earn two ranks at the same time.
- Advancement from Star rank through Eagle rank will take longer as they will

need to earn multiple merit badges for each rank.

- It is important to place the responsibility of advancement on the individual Scout as much as possible. An important distinction between Cub Scouts and Scouting BSA is that the Scout learns the responsibility for earning his/her advancement. It is part of the Character Development which is one of the Aims of Scouting. Parents can and should encourage their Scout to advance, but it is up to the individual Scout to obtain the credit for completing a requirement. (See the Mechanics of Advancement below)
- If a Scout needs help with his/her advancement they should first discuss this need with the Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leader is part of the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) where Troop Meetings and Campouts are planned. Many requirements can be accomplished at the Patrol Level. Scouts should make a habit of reviewing requirements in advance of campouts and meeting to see if there are opportunities to complete requirements. Many times a Scout will complete a requirement and not know it because he/she was not aware of the requirement. They should get the requirement signed off as soon as completing the requirement.
- The Boy Scouts of America's highest rank is the Eagle Scout. About 4% of Scouts will earn the rank of Eagle. This prestigious award is widely recognized throughout the country even by those who aren't familiar with the requirements. The fact that the rank is based on accomplishing a set of national standards rather than some arbitrary qualifications makes being an Eagle Scout worthwhile. Becoming an Eagle Scout takes perseverance and hard work.

The Mechanics of Advancement

There are four steps in the Scout advancement procedure for Scout through First Class requirements:

- **The Scout learns.** A Scout learns by independent participation with other scouts, reading the Scout Handbook, instruction at meetings, campouts, and summer camp, practicing skills (knots, first aid). Scouts can study and practice with parents. As the Scout learns, he/she grows in ability to do their part as a member of the Patrol and the Troop. As they develop knowledge and skill and earns the First Class rank, they are asked to teach others; and in this way they begin to develop leadership.
- **The Scout is tested.** Once he/she feels comfortable that they have the knowledge and skill(s) needed to pass a requirement, a Scout must demonstrate his/her ability, independent of their parents. Patrol Leaders may test a Scout on rank requirements, provided the Patrol Leader has already passed that requirement themselves. The Senior Patrol Leader and Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are also authorized to sign off requirements, but the primary signer should be the Patrol Leader. Of course any registered adult leader may also sign off a requirement. Signing off a requirement

means dating and initialing the Scout's Handbook. On a regular basis the Assistant Scoutmaster for Advancement will look at the Scouts Handbook to obtain the information to update the computer program "Scoutbook".

- **The Scout is reviewed.** After a Scout has completed all of the requirements for a rank except the requirement to "Demonstrate Scout Spirit..." they will make an appointment to meet with the Scoutmaster to complete this requirement and to meet the requirement of the Scoutmaster Conference. After the Scoutmaster Conference a Board of Review will be scheduled. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, three members of the Troop Parent Committee conduct the review. For Eagle, the Scout appears before a District Board of Review.
- **The Scout is recognized.** When the board of review has certified a Scout's advancement that Scout has obtained the rank and deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. Usually this will be done in front of the Troop. Quarterly in March, June, September, and December a Court of Honor will be held to recognize the advancement again in front of family and friends.

Steps for advancement for Star through Eagle are slightly different.

- **The Scout learns.** Most of the requirements for these ranks are to earn merit badges, showing leadership through holding a Position of Responsibility, and service projects. The merit badge procedure is noted below. The Troop has several leadership positions such as Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Senior Patrol leader, and several others. Service projects for Star and Life rank can either be done as an individual or as a Troop project. The Eagle rank requires the Scout to complete an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.
- **The Scout is tested.** The testing at these ranks are done mostly by the Merit Badge Counselors. For a Merit Badge a Scout must complete the requirement to the satisfaction of the Merit Badge Counselor. The Counselor is an adult that may or may not be part of Troop 46. They must not add or subtract from the requirements of the Merit Badge as designed by the national BSA.
- **The Scout is reviewed.** After a Scout has completed all of the requirements for a rank they will make an appointment to meet with the Scoutmaster to complete the requirement of the Scoutmaster Conference. After the Scoutmaster Conference a Board of Review will be scheduled. For Star, Life, and Eagle Palms, members of the Troop Parent Committee will conduct the review. For Eagle, the Scout appears before a Troop Eagle Board of Review and a District Board of Review.
- **The Scout is recognized.** After the District Board of Review the application for Eagle Scout is forwarded to the National Office for final review. Once this is done a special Eagle Court of Honor for the new Eagle is held. Normally there is a Court of Honor for each Scout reaching this rank.

Merit Badges

Scouts learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers while earning a merit badge. There are more than 130 merit badges. Any Scout may attempt a merit badge at any time. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible. Some summer camps will impose a minimum age requirement for certain merit badges, but don't be afraid to ask for an exception, these sometimes are merely suggestions.

As stated earlier, Scout through First Class does not require any merit badges. Each of these ranks has about 10-15 requirements. A merit badge has 10-15 requirements. One question a Scout must consider is "Should I spend the time to complete 10-15 requirements for a merit badge or would that time be better spent working on my next rank".

Merit Badges can be earned several ways:

- Scouts attending Summer Camp usually earn 3 - 5 Merit Badges during the week.
- Scouts can attend various Merit Badge Fairs
- Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a Scout can take the initiative to contact a Merit Badge counselor who is qualified for a Badge he/she is interested in.

You can find a list of Merit Badges and requirements at www.meritbadge.org. Some Scouts find it helpful to use Merit Badge worksheets that are also on this website. The worksheets are not required, but it helps to organize your work.

The Mechanics: _

- **Pick a Subject.** Choose a merit badge you're interested in and read through the requirements. Talk to the Scoutmaster about your interest in attempting the merit badge. The Scoutmaster will give you a signed merit badge application (the "blue card") and the name and contact information of a merit badge counselor (if you don't already have one in mind). These individuals have special knowledge in their merit badge subjects and are interested in helping you.
- **Contact the Merit Badge Counselor.** Get in touch with the merit badge counselor and tell them that you want to attempt the merit badge. The counselor may ask to meet you to explain what is expected and to start helping you complete the requirements. You should also discuss work that you have already started or possibly completed.
- **Use the Scout Buddy System.** You must have another person with you at each meeting with the merit badge counselor. This person can be another Scout, your parents or guardian, a brother or sister or other relative, or a friend.
- **Unless otherwise specified, work for a requirement can be started at any time.** Ask your counselor to help you learn the things you need to know or do. You should obtain and read the merit badge pamphlet on the subject. The Troop has a few Merit Badge pamphlets which can be obtained from the Troop Librarian. You can also purchase pamphlets at the Scout Store or online. Some pamphlets are even downloadable.

- **Show Your Stuff.** When you are ready, call the counselor again to make an appointment. When you go, take along the things you have made to meet the requirements. If they are too big to move, take pictures or have an adult tell in writing what you have done. The counselor will test you on each requirement to make sure you know your stuff and have done or can do the things required.
- **Get the Badge.** When the counselor is satisfied that you have met each requirement, they will sign your Merit Badge Application (the “blue card”). Give the signed application to the Scoutmaster so that your merit badge emblem can be secured for you.
- **Expectations.** You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated—no more and no less. You must do exactly what is stated in the requirements. If it says “show or demonstrate,” that is what you must do. Just telling about it isn’t enough. The same thing holds true for such words as “make,” “list,” “in the field,” and “collect,” “identify,” and “label.”
- **Important Note:** *You must save the “Applicant’s Record” portion of the blue card—it will be required as proof of the merit badge to earn the Eagle rank. A ring binder with plastic inserts or a card protector is a great idea to help you and your Scout keep track of the blue cards.*

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE (MOS 4, 5 & 8)

Scoutmaster conferences are also an important component of one of the missions of Scouting – association with adults (MOS 5). In Scoutmaster Conferences (as in boards of review), Scouts are treated responsibly with adults in a non-threatening meeting format; are viewed as equals, not as kids; and are asked questions by adults who value their answers. Many of the interactions that teens have with adults put them in a decidedly subordinate role. Not so with Scoutmaster Conferences or Boards of Review. Scouts are expected to show leadership and speak their mind. With each successive Scoutmaster Conference and Board of Review, the Scout builds their confidence around adults.

The conference is a valuable opportunity for a Scoutmaster to discuss with each Scout their activity in the Troop and their understanding and practice of the ideals of Scouting. This is a time for the Scoutmaster to:

- Openly talk about the Scout’s progress in the Troop.
- Ask how the Scout has demonstrated leadership in the Troop and their patrol.
- Ask what the Scout has done in their position of leadership.
- Ask how the Scout defines Scout spirit and lives according to the Scout Oath and Law.
- See how much fun the Scout is having.
- Determine whether the Scout is having any problems.
- Ask the Scout for suggestions to make the Troop better.

- Ask the Scout about non-Scouting areas of their life (school, sports, extracurricular activities, etc.)

Importantly, the Scout should be ready to review with the Scoutmaster any of the requirements for the new rank. The Scoutmaster must be satisfied that the Scout knows their stuff. By allowing the Scout to go before the Board of Review, he/she is saying, in effect, "I certify that this Scout is ready for their new rank." The Board of Review does not re-test the Scout, but the Scoutmaster can.

The Scout should wear their Field Uniform (Scout shirt, pants, belt, socks, neckerchief, merit badge sash, and all patches sewn on correctly) to a Scoutmaster Conference.

BOARD OF REVIEW (MOS 4, 5 & 8)

The Purpose of a Board of Review is:

- To make sure the Scout has completed the requirements for the rank.
- To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the unit.
- To encourage the Scout to progress further.

The Board is interested in the Scout's attitudes, accomplishments and acceptance of Scouting's ideals. The Board also wants you to tell them what is good about the Troop and what needs improvement in the Troop.

The Board of Review is NOT a re-test; however, the Board will check to make sure that all the requirements have been "signed off" in the Scout Handbook and that the records are consistent with the requirements for the rank.

Scouts should wear full Field Uniform, be neat and the uniform must be as correct as possible, with the badges worn properly. The merit badge sash is not required for Tenderfoot, Second Class, or First Class Boards of Review, but is required for Star, Life, and Eagle.

Scouts will be introduced to the Board. Scouts might be asked to stand at attention and recite the Scout Law, Scout Oath, Scout Motto, Scout Slogan and/or Outdoor Code. Scouts should know them and understand their meaning.

The Board will then ask the Scout questions. The questions will offer the Scout an opportunity to talk about their opinions, experiences, activities, and accomplishments. The questions may not be restricted to Scouting topics; questions regarding home, church, school, work, athletics, etc. are all appropriate.

Sometimes difficulties at home, school or elsewhere make certain discussions unpleasant for a Scout. Scouts, their parents, guardians or others should inform either the Scoutmaster or the Advancement Chairperson of any such difficulties before the Board of Review so that they can avoid the topic.

The Board of Review is similar to many situations that adults deal with in their everyday

lives, such as job interviews or negotiations with individuals in authority. As Scouts progress through the ranks, they will participate in many Boards of Review and their confidence in their self and the review process will grow. Scouts are "selling" their self to the Board and want to present their best appearance. There are three steps to follow in order to for the Scout present their self at their best:

1. Review all work that has been done in order to qualify for the Board of Review.
2. Think about what the work really means and how it applies to the Scout's life now and in the future; how the Scout law, oath, motto, slogan, and outdoor code affect their life, about where they are going, etc...
3. Scout's should Interact with the Board with confidence. Stand or sit upright and in a dignified position. Make eye contact with the members of the board. Speak clearly and with enough volume that they sound confident - even if the answer is "I don't know."

When all members have had an opportunity to ask their questions, the Scout will be excused from the room. The Board will discuss the Scout's progress toward the next rank and decide whether they have met all the requirements. The Board will then invite the Scout back into the room and inform the Scout of their decision.

If there is some reason that the Board does not feel that the Scout was ready to advance to the next rank, the Board will tell the Scout what areas need to be worked on in order to successfully complete the Board of Review. The Scout and the board will determine a time for a subsequent Board of Review. If the Scout has passed the Board of Review the new rank is immediate. It may take a week to get the new rank patch.

COURT OF HONOR

A Court of Honor is a public ceremony to give formal recognition of advancement. It is also an opportune time to describe the importance of the program to family and friends. It is a critical part of Scouting and vital to the Troop's morale. The ceremony rewards the efforts of all Scouts who have advanced since the previous Court of Honor. This occasion is one of Scouting's most formal events, so wear all your awards, rank patches, hats, belts, Den Chief braids, etc. Invitations to attend should go to family, friends, and community leaders.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Doing service projects together is one way that Scouts keep their promise "To help other people at all times." While a Scout should do their best to help other people every day, a group service project is a bigger way to help people. While you're giving service, you're learning to work together with others to do something that's good for your community. Service projects may help the natural world, the community, or the chartered organization.

OUTDOOR PROGRAM (MOS3)

Troop 46 has a very active outdoor program that includes a monthly campout or activity. In addition, we have Troop day hikes or other outdoor activities throughout the year. The Troop participates in two competition Camporees throughout the year. Camporees provide the opportunity for Troops from around the District and Council to get together and demonstrate their proficiency in learned Scouting skills. Members of Troop 46 also have the opportunity to attend either a week long summer camp or a high adventure week. Most outings **WILL NOT** be cancelled due to rain or snow. Camping in rain or snow provides opportunities for Scouts to learn perseverance. Scouts will be educated in dealing with rain and snow as part of our ongoing program.

All outings and activities require a permission slip to be signed by a parent or legal guardian. A yearly medical form will also be kept on file with the Troop. Permission slips and money are due two weeks prior to the camping trip. No exceptions will be made on permission slip deadlines. If for any reason you are unable to attend a camping trip after payment is made, the Troop may refund whatever portion of the cost that has not been committed to site fees, food, registration, or transportation fees.

Parents are allowed to attend the outings, but must not interfere with camp operations. They should not enter the patrol camps unless discussed with the Scoutmaster or an emergency requiring immediate attention to deal with an injury. The parents will camp and eat with the Adult Scouters and must notify the Scoutmaster three weeks prior to the camp so they can be included in food arrangements. The parents will be responsible for their share of the food expense. Siblings are not normally allowed, but consideration will be determined on a case by case basis. Siblings will always be under the control and supervision of the parent and never the Scout on the campout.

TROOP CAMPOUT ROUTINE

Preparations for all campouts begin well in advance. Permission slips and money are due two weeks before the campout unless noted otherwise. Around the same time, Patrols will plan their Patrol Menu and Grocery List during the Troop meeting or Patrol meeting. Menus and shopping lists will be reviewed and signed off by the SPL and then the Scoutmaster. . After the menu is planned and approved, the Patrol may go shopping. Most patrols usually go shopping the week before the camping trip, however, all shopping must be done by the Thursday before the campout. The Patrols will decide if all members, or which members, will do the shopping. No personal shopping will be done when the Patrol shopping is being done. Patrols know to plan a menu based on an average of no more than \$4 per meal.

All Scouts will show up at least 30 minutes before departure time with:

- 1) Their personal gear and equipment
- 2) Their assessed gas contribution
- 3) Wearing their Activity Uniform

The Scoutmaster or SPL may call for a pack inspection. In a full pack inspection all personal gear and equipment will be emptied and laid out next to the Scout. Each Scout should have a personal ground cloth which is at least 4' x 6'.

Once everyone is accounted for and the inspection is over, Scouts will be assigned to a vehicle by the SPL. The SPL will also appoint a Scout as Loadmaster who will load all of the gear and equipment into the available vehicles. Every Scout will assist the Loadmaster in this task.

All Scouts should remember they are ambassadors of Troop 46 and the Boy Scouts of America while traveling to and from an outing. How you behave reflects what the general public thinks about the Scouting program. All Scouts are to be in seat belts at all times. No Scout will ride in the cargo bed of a truck. All Scouts are instructed to leave all vehicles cleaner than they found them. No food or drink is allowed inside the vehicle. Any disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. If any Scout behaves in such a way that is disruptive to the driver, he/she will be asked to be picked up by a parent when we arrive at the campsite. All Scouts will remain in the vehicle if any stops are needed along the way, unless otherwise directed.

Upon arrival at the campsite all Scouts will remain in the vehicle until the PLC and the Scoutmaster surveys the site. After the site survey, all personal, patrol gear and equipment will be unloaded and brought to the patrol campsite. The unloading will be supervised by the SPL appointed Loadmaster. A flag ceremony and safety briefing will take place after the gear is unloaded, but before any part of the camp site is set up.

The Patrol Leader is responsible for the general welfare of their patrol. He/She is to ensure the patrol site is set up properly and all tents and equipment are in functioning order and safe. If any patrol members are having problems setting up or settling in, the Patrol Leader will assign help. Each Patrol Leader is responsible to have the Campout Agenda and the menu posted. The campout agenda was prepared during the planning of the campout by the PLC. Each Patrol Leader should have reviewed the agenda with their patrol when it was developed.

No Scout should leave the camp site without checking out with the Patrol Leader. The Patrol should not leave the site without checking with the SPL/ASPL. The Buddy System will be used. No Scout will enter any other patrol site or the adult campsite, without permission from occupants of the site. Care must be taken not to cut through any campsite (Scout or not) while traveling to and from their own site.

A Troop flag ceremony and announcements will take place at dusk. All Scouts should be in their Field Uniform.

Lights out will be 10 pm unless noted otherwise in the Campout Agenda. All Scouts will be expected to be in their tent and quiet.

Reveille will be at 6:30 am unless noted otherwise in the Campout Agenda. This means that all Scouts will be awake, dressed, and out of their tent. Breakfast should be started shortly after reveille. Scouts should begin packing up and taking down their tent while breakfast is cooking. A flag ceremony and announcement will take place at 9 am. Scouts should be in Field Uniforms.

At a point noted in the Campout Agenda, the Loadmaster will start loading all gear. All Scouts should help. Upon completion of the loading, all Scouts will participate in policing the grounds. Each patrol will clean up their area and any area around their site. The site should be cleaner than at arrival. Once the SPL and ASPL have approved the cleanup, the Patrol should form for a flag ceremony. After the flag ceremony, Scouts will report to their assigned vehicle for the trip home.

All vehicles will return to the starting point. All gear will be unloaded and each Scout will stand with his patrol and gear until the Scoutmaster dismisses the Troop.

DRIVING POLICY

Our Scouts are transported by volunteer drivers. We ask our parents and other drivers to review these commitments and BSA policies once each year.

As a volunteer driver, I agree to do my best to abide by the following policies whenever I provide transportation for Troop 46:

- I will carry no more passengers than my vehicle's proper capacity.
- I will never carry passengers in the back of a truck, in a camper shell, or in a pickup bed (covered or uncovered)
- Before placing my vehicle in motion, I will make sure that each passenger is wearing a seat belt.
- I will maintain liability insurance coverage on my vehicle at least equal to state minimums. BSA recommends that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000 or \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle carrying 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000 or \$500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle.
- Under no circumstances will I be under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs while transporting Scouts.
- I will adhere to laws about texting and cell phone use while driving.

- Scouts under the age of 18 are not permitted to drive on an activity. This does not include driving to and from meetings, which the Troop cannot supervise and for which neither the Troop nor the BSA can assume responsibility. Any time a Scout transports another Scout to or from a meeting, it is presumed that parents of the driver and passenger have granted permission.
- When stopping for gas or restroom breaks, care should be taken to keep as many Scouts as possible in the vehicle. No Scout is permitted to go inside a store to make a purchase unless pre-approved by the Scoutmaster. The buddy system will be in effect during these breaks.

EQUIPMENT

Troop Furnished

The Troop will be furnishing patrol boxes with equipment noted below:

Tents
Cooking Gear Camp Stoves

Scout Furnished

This list, Appendix B- Personal Camping Gear, is for regular campouts where it is not expected to get below 25 degrees at night. Please be sure that the Scout's name is on all items. Feel free to discuss any questions or concerns with a Troop Leader before purchasing any equipment. Scouts will be furnished a copy of this checklist that they can write on.

Unacceptable Equipment

The following items are NOT allowed at any Scout function – this includes Adults

- Bow and arrow (except as provided by the Troop or Camp under supervision) x
Firearms, sheath knives or other weapons
- Glow sticks
- Smoking materials (Adults may smoke out of the view of Scouts)
- Alcoholic beverages
- Illegal drugs
- "Energy" Drinks (Monsters, Red Bull, etc..)



ELECTRONIC POLICY

Technology continues to evolve and become more embedded in every part of our lives. Rather than ban its use in scouting, we've chosen to find a way to make it available for Scouts. This can only work if everyone commits to following the guidelines. This is a good example of a Scout being "obedient" and "courteous" for the good of the group.

Scouts are not permitted to use cell phones or electronic devices during Scout meetings or while on activities in such a way that it interferes with the activity program. Use of cell phones or electronic devices is allowed as a privilege when devices do not interfere with scouting activities or with the safety or the rights of others.

The Scoutmasters and Senior Patrol Leader, will make all judgments on acceptable use of cell phones or electronic device use jointly. This policy is intended to reduce distractions during meetings and activities, to encourage the development of interpersonal skills, and to promote team-building consistent with the Scout Spirit. A Tech Chip violation will be addressed by the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader to determine an appropriate action.

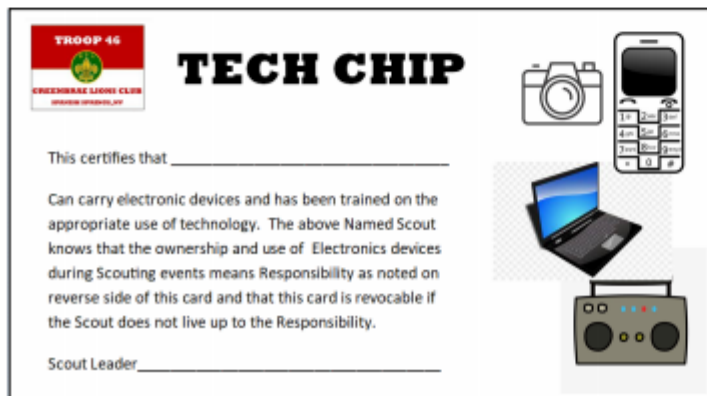
If parents or guardians need to contact their Scouts during a trip or event, they can call the cell phone of the adult leader in charge of the event. This number is listed on the event permission slip. If a Scout needs to call home while on a trip or event, they should first contact the Scoutmaster. Many times, the Scoutmaster can resolve the need to call home.

Troop 46 will conduct a special training class to discuss the Electronics Policy. By completing this course, Scouts will receive a "Tech Chip" card, similar to the Totin' Chip card used to carry a pocket knife. This Tech Chip allows a Scout to have and use electronic devices at scout events, such as meetings, campouts, hikes, or other Troop activities under the Tech Chip guidelines. Parents and Scouts must sign a copy of this Policy and the Tech Chip itself.

The guidelines are condensed to 4 points on the Tech Chip:

1. Electronic devices are not used after "Lights Out".
2. Electronic devices are used only when there are no other activities or responsibilities.
3. Electronic devices are used when it does not affect anyone else.
4. You are completely responsible for the device you bring and you respect the property of others.

The Troop 46 Tech Chip Card:



Front of Card

My Responsibility;

1. Recite and agree to the proper use of electronics devices;
 - A. Do not use during "lights out" time
 - B. Use only when it does not interfere with other activities or responsibilities
 - C. Use only when it does not affect others or my safety
2. I assume all liability for the devices I bring and will respect the property and privacy of others
3. I understand that if I do not live up to my responsibilities this privilege may be taken away

Scout signature _____

Parent signature _____

Back of Card

Troop 46 - Electronics Policy Notes and Discussion:

The Scout must have their Cyber Chip to obtain their Tech Chip. The Tech chip will be with the Scout when electronic devices are in use. There will be no loaning of electronic devices without express permission of the Scoutmaster.

What are some electronic devices you might consider having at a meeting or on an outing? - Laptop - Cell phone - iPod, tablet, MP3 music player - GPS, camera, video recorder, watch, flashlight

What are some good reasons to have electronic devices at Troop meetings? - To take notes or update Troop records (such as attendance) - Retrieve information or conduct research for an upcoming event. - To update the Troop website - communicate with home in the event of a family emergency

What are some good reasons to have electronic devices on campouts? - emergency help - communication with troop members and leaders at large events - communicate with home in the event of a family emergency - retrieve information (weather forecast, requirements, scout handbook online)

What are some examples of "bad" use of technology? – some behaviors we don't want: - texting a friend during any scout activity - listening to music out loud - staying up late using a device - using a device to access inappropriate music, lyrics or images - taking embarrassing or inappropriate photos of others - shining a flashlight in people's eyes - relying on technology for safety (just calling 911 instead of learning and preparing for an emergency). Electronic Devices will not be taken into any restroom, shower, or other place where others have an expectation of privacy.

What it means to be a "Good Courteous Technology Citizen"?

1. Use technology so it does not bother others.
2. Use headphones, silent/vibrate mode, low light setting –
3. Use technology only when it does not interfere with activities. Such as: Meetings, games, cooking, hikes, swimming, sleeping, campfire –
4. Use technology when it enhances the experience. Some examples: Taking videos or pictures of an event, Taking notes at a meeting to improve communication, Taking night hikes with flashlights, Being on-time for an event by using a watch or cell phone clock –
5. Use technology only when it is safe. When might it be unsafe? Headphones block out warnings of danger or when concentration is required

Who is Responsible? - If you bring a device to a meeting or event, you are responsible for it – period. - All scouts need to be respectful of the property of others - The troop is not liable in any way for personal electronic devices, ever.



FOOTWEAR POLICY

Scouting involves a variety of activities that inherently have risks. These activities include, but are not limited to, games at Troop Meetings, hiking and camping in a variety of terrains, and those creepy crawly things in the outdoors. Assessing risk in order to reduce or remove it is at the heart of safe Scouting. Risk assessment is about identifying sensible measures to minimize the risks in Scouting activities.

The Leadership of Troop 46 has determined the need to mitigate the risk of foot and ankle injuries to Scouts and Adults by requiring shoes that have a closed toe and closed heel at all Scouting activities. Soft sole, open toed shoes such as sandals, flip flops, and aqua socks are only permitted at the waterfront or in the shower house. However, you must travel to the waterfront or to the shower house with shoes that have a closed toe and closed heel. At no time should a Scout or Adult be barefooted unless in their tent, shower, or water activity where foot wear is not required.

Passed by the Parents Committee on _____ July 18, 2019 _____.

CODE OF CONDUCT (MOS 1)

Scouts are expected to use the Scout Oath and Law as their “**personal code of conduct**” when involved in any Troop activity. Those ideals should dictate all Scouts behavior. Any behavior that goes against the Scout Oath and Law brings dishonor to the Scout, their parents, the adult leaders, and the Troop. Proper Code of Conduct Rules are listed in Appendix A – Code of Conduct Rules.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS (MOS 1)

While we anticipate no problems with inappropriate behavior, it is still necessary to have a discipline policy, and more importantly, let all the Scouts and their parents know about such a policy.

If a Scout chooses to not follow Troop rules, or to be unruly during any activity, he/she will be removed and their parents will be called to take them home. This applies to campouts also. The Scout will be allowed to return to Troop activities after a conference with their parents, the Scoutmaster, and any leader which removed the Scout.

Fighting, bullying, and hazing ***will absolutely not be tolerated***. A first offense will bring a warning and possibly removal from the activity. A Scout guilty of a second offense will be suspended from the Troop for a period of time to be determined by the Troop’s uniformed leadership. The decision to allow a Scout to return to the Troop at a later date will be made on a case-by-case basis.

APPENDIX A- CODE OF CONDUCT RULES (MOS1)

General

1. I will in my Scouting and personal life live by Ideals of Scouting: These are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Motto and slogan.
2. I will present myself and behave with respect and dignity at all Troop, District *and* Council activities or events that I may attend.
3. I will maintain a positive attitude and behavior and be a role model to other *youth and Scouts*
4. I will respect all authority, adult and youth leaders alike. This includes following posted or verbal schedules or activities and assignments specified by the Troop Leadership, and paying attention during projects and / or activities. When someone is speaking, all others are quiet.
5. I will treat my fellow Scouts with respect and friendliness, regardless of differences. I will not behave in a manner that infringes on others' enjoyment of their Scouting experience.
6. I will be prepared for all Scouting events. This includes following the Troop uniform policy, having my Boy Scout Handbook and having the appropriate gear.
7. I will treat all property and equipment belonging to the Troop, a camp, or any other person or group with care.
8. I will at all times, comply with the Outdoor Code (Boy Scout Handbook) and follow the Leave No Trace (Boy Scout Handbook) guidelines of Scouting.
9. Not only will I not litter, but I will always leave places cleaner than I found them. x I will not use profanity or abusive language.
10. I will never bring anything expensive or irreplaceable to a Scout activity
11. I will wear shoes at all times and never open toed shoes, sandals or bare feet at any Scouting activity unless approved by the Scoutmaster.
12. I will not physically touch another Scout with the intentions of hurting, injuring, hazing, intimidating, scaring and/or teasing another person.
13. I will avoid physical contact with Scouts except as permitted as a part of a Troop or council approved activity.
14. I will not poke, push, strike, hit, tackle, trip, kick, or bump another person except as permitted as part of a Troop or council approved activity.
15. I will not throw anything at any other person, except a sporting goods product (i.e. Football, baseball, basketball, Frisbee) as approved by a leader.
16. I will not hit/strike another person with any handheld or foot propelled instrument (i.e. sticks, shoes, ropes, towels, balls, etc.).
17. I will not physically, mentally and or emotionally injure another person.

18. I understand that the acts of fighting, teasing, bullying, intimidating, coercing, hazing, harassing and discrimination are forbidden.
19. I will follow Totin' Chip rules and regulations for use of knives, axes and saws and Firem'n Chit rules and regulations for lighting fires and carrying lighters or matches.
20. I will follow the Buddy Rule at all outdoor events.
21. I understand that alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and illegal drugs are prohibited at all Scouting activities.
22. I understand that prohibited items include personal firearms, ammunition, archery equipment, other items with dangerous propulsion systems, fireworks, lighters, or other explosive materials. No sheath knives are permitted in camp.

Camping

1. I will follow Totin' Chip rules and regulations for use of knives, axes and saws and Firem'n Chit rules and regulations for lighting fires and carrying lighters or matches
2. I will follow the Buddy Rule at all camping events.
3. I will at all times, comply with the Outdoor Code (Boy Scout Handbook) and follow the Leave No Trace (Boy Scout Handbook) guidelines of Scouting.
4. While camping, I will have lights out, be in bed, and be quiet by 11:00 p.m. No visitors will be allowed in other Scouts tents from 11:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m. Sounds that can be heard outside a Scout's tent after lights out are disrespectful and disturbing to others
5. I will not run in camp.
6. I understand the rule regarding no bare feet in camp.
7. I will not have fires in or near tents ever. This includes, candles, matches, lighters, lanterns, and any other item that can cause a fire. Scouts will not play with the campfire.
8. I will not engage in any type of water sport without the permission of a registered adult Troop member.
9. I will not leave campsite without checking with the person in charge. I will tell the person in charge exactly where I am going and exactly when I will be back. The buddy system will be in practice at all times.
10. I will make sure cooking items will be cleaned, sanitized and stored correctly right after meals and prior to starting any other activity.
11. I will make sure wild animals will be left alone. They may be watched quietly from a distance, but never harassed or handled.
12. I will be in my Field Uniform at all Flag Ceremonies unless told by Troop Leaders that it is not required.
13. I understand that no one should enter anyone else's tent for any reason without permission.

14. There will be No Food in Tents as this encourages critters, **especially bears**, to enter the tent. Critters do not know how to use a zipper, but they can chew through your tent with ease.
15. I will not bring any Liquid Fuels (Coleman fuel, white gas, kerosene) to any campouts. I will bring only propane or solid fuels to campouts.

APENDIX B – PERSONAL CAMPING GEAR

REGULAR PACK LIST

General Items

Scout Uniform - worn to and from camp and for flag ceremonies
Backpack or Duffel Bag
Flash Light and extra batteries- a headlamp or small hand held
Sleeping Bag rated at 25F
Ground Pad
Pillow
Watch or Camera (optional) Unbreakable Whistle
Notebook (pocket size) and pen or pencil
Scout Handbook
Personal First Aid Kit - Scouts will be making one
Compass
Ground cloth at least 4' x 6'
1/4 " nylon rope 20'
Pocket knife (tot'n'chip required)

Dishes / Eating Items

Large Plastic Soup Bowl
Knife, fork, Spoon (do not purchase traditional mess kit)
Large Plastic Mug
1 liter Water Bottle
Chap stick

Personal Hygiene

Toothpaste and Brush
Biodegradable hand soap in old nylon sock
1/2 roll of toilet paper
Insect repellent, sun protection, sunglasses

Clothing

Poncho/ Rain Gear
Hiking Boots - These are a MUST. They should be boots, not shoes, at least ankle high and water proof
Slip on Shoes or slippers - no sandals, corks, or other open toed shoes
Broad Brim had
Knit ski cap for sleeping
Warm Glove
Extra Pair of Long Pants
Short pants (optional)
Jacket/ Sweater - fleece or wool are best. Otherwise polyester - NO Cotton
Fleece pajamas or other warm sleep ware such as non-nylon seats
Underwear - one pair for each day plus 1
Socks - one pair for each day plus 2
2 pair wool or wool blend hiking socks
Long Sleeve shirt or sweatshirt
Troop Class B T-Shirt if they have one or any other Class B Shirt

Sleeping Bag - A mummy style bag is best (but not required) for heat retention. It should have 3 or more pounds of polyester fill and be rated to +25 degrees F. or less. Temperature rating should be clearly established before the purchase is made. Down bags are not recommended as they lose their insulating value when damp. Polyester bags are also machine washable.

Sleeping Pad - Closed cell foam sleeping pad. This should be one-half inch thick and can be with or without cover. Pads of this type are necessary to insulate the sleeper from the cold ground. Air mattresses do not provide the necessary insulation. Pads should be 22-24 inches wide and 72 inches long.

10 Essentials

The 10 essentials should be in a day pack and brought to every Troop event unless told otherwise.

They're called "essentials" for a reason. Every packing list starts with these items. (SOME CALL IT THE 10 ESSENTIALS- BUT THERE ARE MORE THAN 10)

- Pocketknife
- First-aid kit
- Extra clothing
- Rain gear
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Trail food
- Matches and fire starter
- Sun protection and sunglasses
- Map and compass
- Toilet paper
- Whistle (UNBREAKABLE)
- Nylon cord 25' ¼ inch
- 2 tarps (at least 4' x 6") for emergency shelter

Suggested compass type

