

Boy Scouts Of America Troop 60



Parent and Scout Guidebook

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PARENT AND SCOUT GUIDELINES

INTRODUCTION

This is a handbook for scouts and their parents. It explains the things you should know about Boy Scout Troop 60 of Spreckels, California. It includes policies on uniforms, attendance, conduct and discipline. Parents should review this guidebook with their scout. A "Participation Contract" is provided at the end of this guidebook that must be signed by each scout certifying that he has read this booklet and agrees to abide by the rules contained herein. There is also a place for all parents or guardians to sign. There are several forms that need to be completed by each scout and parents. It is very important that each form be filled in completely and returned to a Scoutmaster as soon as possible.

In order for a scout troop to achieve the high level of programs, outings, advancement and service that Troop 60 provides, we require the support of many families and friends. No single person can do it all. Therefore, it is expected that each family in Troop 60 will support the activities of the troop in some way during each year.

It is the spirit and dedication of involved adults that help scouting to be the great organization it is today. Troop 60 relies upon the support of troop families and friends to achieve its goals. We hope this spirit from troop families continues and each scout grows in knowledge, skills and attitudes. We, the Committee Members and Scoutmasters of Troop 60, commit our efforts to exercise the positive methods, aims and traditions of scouting for our boys.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA MISSION OR VISION

The mission or vision of the Boy Scouts of America is to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law. We hope to enable boys to develop into capable and confident young men with strong positive character.

There are three central Aims or Purposes of Scouting:

- (1) to build Character
- (2) to foster Citizenship
- (3) to develop fitness.

So, how do we plan to achieve this mission and these aims? There are eight methods or strategies used:

- Adherence to Scouting Ideals (Motto, Slogan, Oath, Law and Outdoor Code).
- Use of the Patrol Method.
- Development of Outdoor skills which build character and self-confidence.
- Rank advancement and awards.
- Encouraging Personal Growth.
- Involvement of Quality Adult Leaders.
- Leadership development.
- Wearing the uniform is an outward sign that a scout believes in certain values and is willing to stand up for them. He takes pride in his accomplishments. He is part of a larger team upholding the same values.

TROOP ORGANIZATION:

TROOP HISTORY:

(Troop 60's history prior to its being re-chartered in 1997 is not known).

In the closing months of 1996 the genesis of Troop 60's re-chartering blossomed. Parents of scouts who were in Troop 93 began the process of forming Troop 60. They began the structure of who would fill what positions and what it would take to form a new Troop. After many meetings the core leadership structure was formed and questions of what to do next were slowly being answered.

The Spreckels Volunteer Fire Department was contacted, the school authorities permission was obtained to use facilities, the Council was contacted, and the parents were made aware of what would transpire. These were just some of the early duties undertaken by the new adult leaders.

During the month of February 1997 meetings were held to get input from parents on how each would support the new troop and what the troop needed as far as basic equipment. Items covered on February 20th 1997 included the tentative re-charter date of March 24, 1997, Troop training, Troop organization, Troop meeting structure, financial issues, equipment needs, camp schedules, where and when to have troop meetings, and the agenda for the next several months. It was a busy and exciting time where hard work and the spirit of volunteering was about to produce a new Boy Scout Troop.

On March 24, 1997 there was a re-charter ceremony with Troop 93, Monterey Bay Area Council representatives, the Scouts and their parents. There was a BBQ afterwards. Troop 60 was now official!

Three years have passed since the re-charter. Troop 60 has progressed because of the devotion of many individuals over those years. Scouting only happens because of the time devoted by every volunteer. Without that help a troop would not survive. We thank all those volunteers in Troop 60's past, present, and future. We continue to grow and should continue to do so, as those volunteers created a strong foundation for success!

The responsibility for Troop policies and organization lies with the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee meets monthly and is comprised of parents and adults who have agreed to serve in committee positions as registered with the Boy Scouts of America, and the Charter Organization Representative. Scoutmasters will attend the Troop Committee meetings. The Scoutmasters are responsible to the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee is responsible to the Charter Organization, The Spreckels Volunteer Fire Department, and to adhere to BSA guidelines.

The Troop Committee welcomes suggestions and comments from the "Troop Family". While we work very hard on making our Troop the best possible, there is always more that can be done and ways to improve. All scouting activities are open to parental visitation. There are no "secret" activities or organizations within the Boy Scouts of America. We need and expect parental involvement and support as an ongoing benefit of membership in Troop 60.

B.S.A. FINANCING POLICY:

Boy Scout Policy, Article XI Section 1(b), states that "All money raised by or received for the benefit of a unit or local council and all property acquired by a unit or local council shall be deemed to be received or acquired solely for the benefit of scouting as interpreted and promoted by the Boy Scouts of America".

DUES:

Dues will be \$5.00 per month or \$60.00 per year, which can be paid in advance. Dues are the responsibility of each scout to pay whether he is in attendance or not. All dues must be paid up to date in order for a boy to be allowed to participate in Troop activities. Boys whose dues are past due will be required to bring their account up to date or they will not be allowed to participate in further meetings and/or activities. The dues, along with funds derived from fundraising activities are used for registration, badges, awards, special outings, troop equipment, supplies, and operating expenses for the year.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES:

Fundraiser ideas and/or suggestions are to be brought before the Troop Committee for approval. If the fundraiser is approved, it will be up to the Troop Committee to decide how the money raised from it will be distributed.

SCOUT ACCOUNTS:

Each boy has an individual Scout Account for the money earned during the Troop fundraisers. This money can be used to pay for summer camp, White Stag, camping supplies and/or equipment, or any of the Troop's functions and/or outings. This helps teach the Boy Scout responsibility and helps him earn his way in scouting. If a boy decides to drop out of Boy Scouts, any money in the boys scout account will be diverted into the Troop General Fund Account. Any boy transferring to another Troop has 90 days to have their money forwarded to their new Troop upon written request.

TROOP FINANCES:

The recording, disbursing, and budgeting of troop funds, along with unit money-earning project assistance, is the responsibility of the troop committee and its treasurer. Records and procedures will be maintained as described in the Troop Committee Guidebook. Expenditures should have prior approval from the committee. A check request form must be completed and signed by the committee chair, then submitted to the treasurer for reimbursement.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP AND THE PATROL METHOD:

Every Boy Scout Troop is made up of patrols, groupings of six to eight boys who work together as a team. Each patrol has its own leader. The "Patrol Leaders", with the "Senior Patrol Leader" as their head, and the scouts in other advanced leadership positions form the "Patrol Leaders Council". It is this council's job to plan and run the troop program. Each patrol leader represents his patrol on the council and interprets to his patrol the plans and decisions the council makes. Patrols also have their own meetings, elect other officers, and carry out their own patrol activities. Scouts are expected to be responsive to directions given by Patrol Leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader.

FIRST YEAR SCOUT PATROLS:

Scouting has determined that if a boy reaches the First Class rank within the first 12 months after he has joined the Troop, he will likely stay in scouting longer. The scout will also benefit and enjoy his scouting experience more if this objective is attained. Therefore, we believe it is beneficial to place first year scouts into their own patrols under the leadership of older scouts known as "Troop Guides", whose responsibility is to introduce the boys to Boy Scouting and encourage them to reach the goal of First Class within the first year. An Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned to oversee the development and progress of the scouts.

EXPERIENCED PATROL:

Once a scout has mastered his basic skills and earned his First Class Rank, he is graduated into an experienced patrol where there is an increased level of training with increasing challenges and activities. Many times these scouts hold troop youth leadership positions. They function within their own patrol guided by their own patrol leader whom they elect. An Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned to help develop and train the scouts to become more skilled and talented in outdoor skills.

VENTURE PATROL:

The Venture Patrol is for those scouts who are 14 years old and generally have achieved the rank of Star Scout. Venture Scouts plan and implement their own high adventure activities such as 50-mile backpack trips and canoe trips while participating in most troop activities and helping the troop through instruction and example. There is an Assistant Scoutmaster assigned to help them with their activities and plans.

AFFILIATED AND OTHER PROGRAMS:

Troop 60 also encourages participation in many programs by various organizations. Examples include the BSA Lifeguard program, Leadership Training Events and Order of the Arrow. Scouts who are interested in any of these programs should talk to an adult leader about them.

CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

Scouts should strive to uphold the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is realized that scouting should be a learning experience. Scouts should, as much as possible, be given the opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

Troop policy is not to insist on a rigid code of conduct, but to ensure a measure of orderliness and control that is necessary for safety to troop members and others, assuring troop meeting goals are achieved, and creating both a fun and learning experience for all participants. One-on-one activities between youth members and adults are not permitted; personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

Scouts are expected to be responsive to directions given by Patrol Leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders and other boys in leadership positions, and backed up by the Scoutmasters and Committee Members. In general, failure to join in on planned activities and/or obstructive behavior will be addressed by asking the boy's parents to take him home. Dangerous activity will not be tolerated, and will be stopped by the Scoutmasters or other adults using any prudent, legal and scout like means necessary to avoid hazards. A conference will be set up between the boy, his parents, and the Scoutmaster to discuss unacceptable behavior. Ultimately, discipline is the parent's responsibility. Parents and leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.

Certain actions will be cause for a boy's immediate removal from a troop activity: willful law violation; actions immediately harmful to himself or others; threats to cause damage to the environment, or equipment and threats or mistreatment of other scouts. Parents will be notified and expected to remove the boy from the scouting event and take him home. All additional costs of sending a boy home will be at the parents' expense. Prepaid fees and expenses will not be refunded. Continued un-scout like behavior can result in a scout being asked to not attend a meeting or outing. All such events must be reported in writing to the Troop Committee with a copy to the parents. A scout may be suspended or removed from the troop ONLY with a Scoutmaster recommendation and concurrence from the Troop Committee.

UNIFORM

We strongly suggest that all articles of clothing be labeled with a scout's name and Troop 60.

B.S.A. TROOP 60 UNIFORM

Refer to Scout Handbook, or insignia guide for details and placement of patches.

CLASS A

- Official Boy Scout Shirt
- Boy Scout Belt
- Boy Scout Socks
- Boy Scout Pants or Shorts
- Merit Badge Sash (required for scouts First Class or above who have earned MB's)
- Neckerchief issued when first joined. (A Scout First Class Rank and above may wear achievement neckerchiefs earned through scouting activities.)
- Boy Scout Neckerchief slide (either made or purchased)
- Boy Scout hat as agreed upon by the troop (**optional**).

CLASS B

- Shirt or sweatshirt with the Troop Logo imprinted on it.
- Only Boy Scout pants/shorts or Blue jeans.
- Boy Scout hat as agreed upon by the troop (**optional**).

UNIFORM POLICY

OUTINGS:

Scouts must wear class B uniforms at all outings, however, at council, national, and scout camps, the basic class A uniform may be required.

TROOP MEETINGS:

Scouts must wear the class A shirt, style of pants/shorts are optional for weekly troop meetings. Scouts who are repeatedly without the necessary uniform will be asked to return home and will not participate in that troop meeting. Class B uniforms are allowed during game time.

BASIC CLASS A UNIFORM (W/O SASH):

- Scouts should wear this uniform at the following activities:
- Fundraisers (when allowed)
- Scout-O-Rama
- Jamboree/Camporee
- Scout Camp
- Color Guard in a Flag Ceremony
- Other activities as specified by a Scoutmaster

FULL CLASS A UNIFORM (INCLUDING SASH):

- Scouts must be in this uniform at the following activities:
- Boards of Review
- Courts of Honor
- Other activities as specified by the Scoutmasters
- Honor Guard Activities
- While hats are not required, the only hat scouts are permitted to wear is a hat authorized by Troop 60.

The Troop will accept uniforms (i.e.: shirt, pants, shorts, class B shirts) that are outgrown so that others might be able to use it. If you have any uniforms that you would like to donate, please give them to a Scoutmaster or Committee Member.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Troop 60 attendance policy has evolved around certain objectives of scouting. First, and most important, scouting should be fun with a purpose. Second, scouting uses the patrol method and focuses its activities around outdoor challenges. A patrol is as important and requires as much loyalty as any other team. Finally, scouting is unique in offering young men the opportunity to learn and practice leadership in this challenging outdoor environment. Our ultimate objective is for the scouts to run the troop. We would like nothing better than to have the scouts plan their outings, meetings and youth leader councils with only the slightest direction from the Scoutmasters. Scouts should be able to discipline themselves, create a fun filled healthy environment, and become good citizens by being good leaders and followers. Attendance will be taken at each troop meeting. For a scout to attend a camping trip/function he must attend the previous meeting. Exceptions will be granted with a written or verbal excuse from a parent or guardian for illnesses or other activities. Examples of other activities are school or homework requirements, sports obligations, church activities, etc. We encourage participating in troop activities because that is the method through which the scout can advance in rank, skills and abilities. It is important to pick up scouts from the activities at the scheduled time after meetings and outings. Scouts cannot be left alone, or with only one adult. This would violate the B.S.A. Youth Protection Guidelines. Let's make it easy and all arrive on time.

LEAVING MEETINGS /OUTINGS EARLY:

We would like to avoid difficulties with Scouts leaving meetings and outings early. While it is best for scouts to attend the whole meeting or outing, on occasion it may be necessary for a scout

to leave early to complete a homework assignment, etc. In such cases, the parent needs to call the Scoutmaster prior to the meeting, and the scout must check out with a Scoutmaster before leaving.

ADVANCEMENT

Advancement through the ranks is one of the most important parts of scouting. The extent to which a boy participates in the advancement program largely governs the benefit he gains from membership and the length of time he stays in scouting. Boys join the troop and complete the scout rank as soon as possible, then advance through the ranks in the following order: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and then Eagle.

PARENTS NOTE!

Please note that advancement should not become the only reason a parent keeps a scout in scouting. Parents should encourage their son to make advancement in scouting his own personal goal rather than his parents' goal. Scouts, not parents, should make the routine telephone calls to Troop Leaders and Merit Badge Counselors concerning advancement, appointments and attendance. Part of the scouting experience is for the scouts to learn how to deal with adults.

TARGET: FIRST CLASS

New scouts are placed into a new scout patrol where it is our goal that the scouts gain the basic scout skills contained within the requirements leading to the First Class Rank.

Scouts work on any of the requirements through First Class at any time; however, the scout must progress and earn the previous badge before receiving the next higher rank.

There are six areas of concentration that each scout will work on towards his First Class Rank:

- Outdoor Skills
- Physical Fitness
- Citizenship
- Emergency Preparedness
- Patrol/Troop Participation
- Personal Development

Other requirements for advancement include a conference with a Scoutmaster and a Board of Review. Young scouts are frequently frightened at the prospect of these last two steps and need some support from home as well as the troop leadership. Generally, after their first exposure to these requirements, they take subsequent conferences and boards in stride. During the first year, most scouts will achieve the rank of First Class if they actively participate in monthly Troop activities. One of the major helps toward advancement to First Class is participation in the "Skills Patrol" at summer camp.

It is important that your scout bring his Boy Scout Handbook and paper and pencils to every meeting until he has reached First Class.

TARGET: EAGLE

After the rank of First Class, the scouts work on merit badges in order to advance. Merit badges can be earned at any time after completing the scout rank requirements although they should not be the scout's focus until he has learned the basic skills needed for First Class. Other requirements include tenure in rank, leadership experience, service time, Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews. Scouts should plan and chart their progress in the Boy Scout Handbook.

PARENTS, YOU CAN HELP YOUR SON KEEP ON TRACK BY:

Help by encouraging your son's advancement and following his progress in his Boy Scout Handbook. Sit down and review the requirements for his next rank and help him learn them. **Remember, only a registered leader or scouts with the rank of first class or above in the troop may sign off requirements.**

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR YOUTH LEADERS:

For the ranks of Star through Eagle, there is a leadership requirement which is, in part, to “serve actively for a period” of four or six months in one or more of a defined list of leadership positions. Leaders are required to set an attendance requirement as a personal goal.

- Encourage your son to go on as many campouts and other troop activities as possible. Hiking, camping and cooking are important skills to be learned. Encourage him to cook at home.
- Your son will need to acquire some camping equipment. He will need a warm sleeping bag almost immediately. Other clothing and equipment can be obtained over time. The Scoutmasters are willing to help you choose proper equipment.
- Plan your summer family time around the week the troop attends summer camp. Summer Camp is a great opportunity for your son to advance in both skills and Merit Badges.
- Do not use scouting as a disciplinary measure or as a reward. Scouting is as much an educational program as school is. If you feel you must restrict your son’s participation, please discuss it with a Scoutmaster. The troop is a team effort, and if one of the key players is going to be missing, the troop leaders need some advance warning.
- Establish a little momentum early on. If your son advances through the First Class Rank during the first year, he will generally gather momentum to carry him through Star and beyond. The sense of personal accomplishment tends to cultivate a desire for more. It is also difficult to rekindle interest in advancement after a long period of inactivity.

MERIT BADGES

Troop 60 maintains a library of Merit Badge pamphlets and a list of qualified Merit Badge Counselors for the Monterey Bay Area Council. Families are encouraged to donate merit badge pamphlets to the troop library when no longer needed. You may find it helpful to purchase the "Boy Scouts Requirements Book" at the Council shop at 55 E. San Joaquin St. in Spreckels. It contains a listing of all rank advancement requirements as well as the requirements for every Merit Badge in Boy Scouting. The Merit Badge booklets not only list the requirements, but they provide information needed to complete the badge. When a scout has decided to pursue a merit badge, he must first obtain a “Blue Merit Badge Card” from a Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster needs to sign it and check up on your selected counselor to be certain the counselor is qualified. The scout should personally contact the merit badge counselor to review the requirements and establish an approach and schedule for that specific merit badge. **It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that no scouts meet alone with a counselor. Another scout or adult must be present at all times.** The scout should follow the schedule agreed upon and meet with the counselor as appropriate. Once the counselor signs for the completion of the merit badge, the scout must return the blue card to a Scoutmaster for signature.

LEADERSHIP PROJECTS

Leadership projects are an alternative to a leadership position for scouts earning the Star and Life ranks. (The Eagle rank cannot substitute experience in a leadership position with a leadership project.) The project must be assigned and evaluated by a Scoutmaster.

The purpose of this alternative is to provide an opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills for a scout who is active at troop meetings and outings but is unable to hold a standard leadership position in the troop because all the positions are filled. The project must be meaningful and be the equivalent in time, energy, planning, organization and leading of scouts to that required in the standard leadership roles.

All leadership projects require the prior assignment/recommendation of a Scoutmaster. Projects also require approval from the Troop Committee to ensure the above standards are met before the commitment is made to the scout. A scout may use this method only for one rank advancement, either Star or Life, but not both.

SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCES

The Scoutmaster conference is the place where it is determined whether the scout has adequately completed the requirements for rank advancement. Each scout will be required to bring his Boy Scout Handbook, with the requirements signed off, and be in his Class A Uniform. The scout must request an appointment with the Scoutmaster in advance for this review. The Scoutmasters will use this time to test skill, knowledge, attitude and attendance. They will also set goals toward the next rank advancement and encourage the scout’s participation and growth. Over a period of time, these conferences should develop an increasing level of understanding and trust between scout and Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will go through a process that guides the scout to solve his own problems and helps the scout set his own goals rather than simply acting on the advice of others.

BOARDS OF REVIEW

This is a review of the scout's progress and the effectiveness of the scouting program toward reaching the aims and ideals of scouting. The members of the Board of Review are to:

- (1) make sure the scout has done what he was supposed to do for the rank, not skills, just completion of requirements
- (2) see how good an experience the scout is having in the unit; and
- (3) encourage the scout to progress further determine whether a scout is demonstrating the ideals of scouting in his life.

The review is NOT an examination; the board does not re-test the candidate's skills. This was done at the Scoutmaster Conference. **The board should assess how well the scout is meeting scouting ideals and that those ideals are evident in the scout's character.**

The Board will be made up of 3-6 parents and or higher-level scouts. None of the parents may be related to the scout or be a Scoutmaster. Parents' help here is important. The Troop Committee Advancement Chairperson coordinates board participation.

It is the job of the review team to make the scout feel at ease and to lead the scout through the questions so that the scout can succeed. The review should take about 15 minutes for the ranks of Tenderfoot through First Class. Reviews for Star and Life should take approximately 30 minutes. Council Advancement Committee Members hold Eagle Scout Boards of Review at the Council office. At the end of the review, the scout is asked to leave the room and a decision is made through discussion whether the scout is qualified to advance. If the scout is qualified, he is invited back into the room and congratulated. If the scout is not qualified, the board must state why and write a contract with the scout to rectify any deficiency. This will be communicated back to the Troop Committee and the Scoutmasters. The chairman must fill out the advancement record and have two other participating members sign. They must then initial the Boy Scout Handbook.

SAFETY

YOUTH PROTECTION AND CHILD ABUSE

Troop 60 abides by and actively supports The Boy Scout Policies on youth protection and child abuse. There must be two adults at every meeting and outing. Meetings are open to parent participation at all times. There are no secret organizations in the Boy Scouts.

In addition and in conformance with guidelines established by the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 60 annually views a special program on youth protection and child abuse. Prior to this program, parents will be notified and an opportunity to preview the videotape, "A Time To Tell", is given. A parent always has the option of exempting their son from viewing the videotape by providing a written note to a Scoutmaster. Otherwise, all scouts will participate in the program.

All adult leaders will annually participate in viewing a special videotape program and discussion providing additional training beyond the basic presentation.

SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

Troop 60 activities are designed to provide new experiences and challenges to scouts. While safety is always a prime objective, our activities by their very nature involve a certain element of risk. The Scoutmasters to Troop 60 have many years of experience in scouting activities and the outdoors. Most important, the Scoutmasters know what standards and Boy Scout Policies apply and are appropriate for scouting events. When parents attend troop outings, they should "take the lead" from the Scoutmasters as to whether a proposed activity is safe and within the guidelines of scouting. A Scoutmaster's respect and authority is undermined if a parent or adult participates in practices not consistent with safe scouting. Scouts are very quick to do as adults do, not as they say. When in doubt, please ask. All scouting activities will comply with the current laws of the state. Water activities will comply with the Safe Swim Defense Plan of the Boy Scouts of America. No open fires are permitted in or close to any tent. Chemical stoves are standard equipment on camping outings. Proper operation must be used and only a scout tested in that particular stove's function will be permitted to use the equipment. All non-public controlled sources of drinking water will be filtered by use of an appropriate filtration device. Troop 60 follows the principles of low impact camping and backpacking. It is part of the Boy Scout Outdoor Code to be considerate in the out of doors and to be careful with fire. When our troop passes through camps or trails, anyone who follows us should not see any indication other than natural wilderness scenery.

GUIDELINES FOR OUTINGS

- Adults and scouts are expected to sign up before every outing at the troop meetings in the Outings book.
- First year patrols will have at least one adult per patrol, if possible, to provide additional supervision.
- **Payment for outings and events is expected prior to departure unless previous arrangements are made.**
- Scouts will depart from and be returned to the Buena Vista school parking lot unless otherwise notified.
- **Parents, please drop off/pick up your scout at the designated time.**
- Scouts and adults must wear seat belts when traveling in autos.
- Scouts are not authorized to drive other scouts to or from outings.
- The troop will practice low impact camping.
- All tents will be marked "No Open Flames".
- Campsites are to be left better than we found them.
- No campfires will be started without supervision.
- Campfires will never be left unattended.
- All fires will be drowned with water, stirred and cold to the touch before leaving unattended.
- Verbal and behavioral obscenity by scouts or adults is prohibited.
- The participants on the outing will offset costs of transportation.
- Participation on outings by non-scouts is not permitted without prior approval from a Scoutmaster.
- Liability Insurance coverage by the Boy Scouts of America does not cover non-registered adults attending scouting events.

SCOUTS

- Patrols are expected to cook nutritious meals. They are to prepare, cook and cleanup as a team.
- Scouts are expected to conduct themselves as responsible young people whose behavior reflects well on scouting.
- Each outing will include a campfire and each patrol is to be prepared to contribute.
- No radios, electronic games or similar devices are permitted on campouts.

ADULTS

- Remember, scouting is for boys, let them do the work.
- Alcohol consumption is prohibited on all scouting events.
- Vehicle insurance information must be on file for any vehicle transporting scouts.
- Drivers must have in their possession the medical release forms for all scouts on the event
- Adults may not share a tent with a scout unless the scout is with his parent.
- Adults are not permitted to participate in a one-on-one setting with scouts, two-deep leadership is required.
- Adults are encouraged to camp apart from the patrols while close enough to supervise.
- Please let the youth leadership do their job. Use the patrol method.
- Step in only when unsafe conditions exist and not noticed by scouts.
- Ensure that scouting activities maintain a safe environment including freedom from inappropriate or unacceptable behavior.
- Adults shall use the buddy system just as Scouts do.
- Boy Scout Adult Leader Training is highly recommended for adults who go on outings.

PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

TROOP 60

(Scout Copy)

Troop 60 of the Boy Scouts of America provides a high quality, active program of scouting adventure. In order to accomplish the Troop's programs and goals in the best scouting tradition, it is important that all scouts understand and acknowledge certain troop standards as an ongoing obligation.

****By signing below, each scout and his parent or guardian, authorizes release to use names, addresses, phone numbers and photos for scouting purposes as required and acknowledges and agrees to the following:**

- That he has read and understands the Troop 60 parent and scout guidebook.**
- That he will abide by the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code.**
- That he will support the program and leadership from his peers.**
- That he will do his best to comply with the uniform policies.**
- That he will not use equipment, which he is untrained to use without adult supervision.**
- That he will not carry or use knives, axes or saws until he has earned his Totim'Chit card or has attained the rank of First Class.**
- That he will actively support and participate in patrol and troop activities.**
- That he will support the Patrol Method of leadership.**
- Once elected to leadership, he will set the example in wearing the BSA uniform, demonstrating quality behavior and attending troop activities.**

****NOTE:** INFORMATION WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING.

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Scout

Signed: _____ Parent or Guardian

Please sign and keep in personal file.

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- That he will abide by the Scout Oath, Law and Outdoor Code.**
- That he will support the program and leadership from his peers.**
- That he will do his best to comply with the uniform policies.**
- That he will not use equipment, which he is untrained to use without adult supervision.**
- That he will not carry or use knives, axes or saws until he has earned his Totin'Chit card or has attained the rank of First Class.**
- That he will actively support and participate in patrol and troop activities.**
- That he will support the Patrol Method of leadership.**
- Once elected to leadership, he will set the example in wearing the BSA uniform, demonstrating quality behavior and attending troop activities.**

****NOTE:** INFORMATION WILL NOT BE RELEASED TO ANYONE OUTSIDE OF SCOUTING

Date: _____ Signed: _____ Scout

Signed: _____ Parent or Guardian

Please sign and return this agreement to a Scoutmaster.

