

Troop 27 White Hills
Guidelines and Policies
Information for Scouts and Parents of Troop 27
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Welcome to Troop 27, Housatonic Council, BSA

This guidebook is designed for both Scouts and their families to help you gain the most from your Scouting experience. Please read everything carefully and if you ever have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask your Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, or members of Troop 27's Committee.

JOINING

Becoming a Boy Scout is easy. Living up to Scouting's ideals is a lot harder. To be a good Scout, you need determination, self-discipline, and a sense of humor. Scouting is like a game and like most games, Scouting has rules. The rules in Scouting are our **Scout Law**, the **Scout Oath or Promise**, the **Scout Motto** and the **Scout Slogan**.

Before you sign the Boy Scout application, you need to read and understand the **Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law**. By signing the application, you agree to live by these principles. You also commit to being an active and involved member of the troop.

The joining requirements for Boy Scouts are:

- a) Complete the fifth grade and be at least 10 ½ years old or be at least 11 years old but not yet have reached your 18th birthday.
- b) Understand and intend to live by the **Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law**. You also need to understand the **Scout Motto, Scout Slogan and the Outdoor Code**.
- c) Know the **Scout sign, the Scout Salute** and the **Scout handclasp** and know when to use them.
- d) Understand the significance of the Scout emblem.

Troop 27 is chartered by St. Paul's Episcopal Society. We have been chartered as a Scout Troop since 1999. A chartered organization is a local community group that has the best interests of your youth in mind and is willing to work with the Boy Scouts of America in providing a program to better youth. The chartering organization provides a place for the troop to meet and makes sure that adults of the highest caliber are selected to head the program. A boy doesn't need to belong to a chartering organization in order to participate with the related Boy Scout program.

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 MOTTO

Be prepared

SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous,
Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent

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-minded

Parental/Legal Guardian Involvement

A boy's scouting experience demands teamwork between a child and his parents or legal guardian. When your son joins Boy Scouting, you as his parents or legal guardians embark on this adventure with him.

Scouting teaches boys to be responsible for their actions, to work effectively with others, to be self sufficient and knowledgeable and to become good citizens of our State and Country. As parents or legal guardians, the kind of support you give and the example you set is vital to the success of teaching Scouting's values to your scout.

We rely on parents or legal guardians to encourage their scout in his responsibility to be an active member of the troop. We ask that you also help your son in the advancement program of the Boy Scouts of America. Teaching Scout skills to the boys and testing them on what they know is the responsibility of the troop leadership. Parents or legal guardians can work with their scout on his advancement and help to inspire and motivate their scout to do his best in all that he does.

We also ask parents or legal guardians to help provide the necessary resources to be an active Scout. Each Scout should be encouraged to help in the purchase of his uniform, camping equipment and fees for camping trips and dues. Parents or legal guardians should help him when possible. Parents or legal guardians should see that the boy has the opportunity and travel arrangements to attend meeting and outings. Removing a youth from Scouting as a punishment only seeks to hinder the boy's progress. Please do not use this as a form of discipline. The more Support from home that a boy receives, the better his Scouting experience will ultimately be. Think of your scouts' involvement in Scouting as an extension and enrichment of his everyday education.

The scout should keep his parents informed about the troop's activities. Additionally parents will be notified by way of newsletter and through communication by the Scoutmasters regarding troop program. Each parent has the responsibility of keeping themselves informed about the troop program.

Parents or legal guardians may elect to help the troop at large by registering with the Boy Scouts of America as a Merit Badge Counselor, Instructor, Assistant Scoutmaster or member of the Troop Committee. Scouts need the guidance of involved parents not only to learn the required skills for rank advancement but also to learn real-life skills from positive adult role models.

UNIFORM POLICY

Uniforming is one of the methods used by the Boy Scouts of America to teach the values of citizenship, character and fitness. As a minimum, **our troop requests that each Scout come to each meeting wearing a Scout uniform shirt (long or short sleeved) with appropriate insignia, troop neckerchief (provided by the troop), neckerchief slide, and belt. Scout trousers or shorts, with either the calf length or knee length socks.**

Uniforms remind our troop that even though we may come from different backgrounds, cultures, religious faiths and financial situations, we are all bound by the same Oath and Law and are brothers to each other. The uniform also gives a boy a sense of pride, as it is the proper place to Display badges of rank and office. The uniform, through patriotic ceremonies, also helps to inspire a love of country and the rendering of service thereof. The BSA however, is not a paramilitary organization and while Scouts are expected to maintain a mature dignity, no form of drilling or hazing is condoned.

The Scout, when possible, should attempt to earn the cost of his uniform. Parental or guardian assistance should be rendered so that each Scout in the troop has as a minimum a shirt, neckerchief, slide and belt. The troop tries to recycle uniforms so that they may be loaned to scouts who need them. If you are in need of a uniform, check with the Scoutmaster to see what may be available. If you have outgrown a uniform, please consider donating it to the troop so that other Scouts may be helped.

Uniforms are available for purchase through the National Supply Division mail-order catalog, through the Housatonic Council Office store, or at selected clothing stores in the area. The Scoutmaster will have a list of stores that sell uniforms, as well as a BSA catalog and can help you choose the necessary uniform pieces.

Though not worn, the **Boy Scout Handbook is also required for each Scout**, as a personal advancement record and textbook for Scout skills. The handbook should be brought to every troop meeting and should accompany a Scout as he goes on camping and hiking trips.

MEETINGS

Troop #27 meets every Friday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM, at the Shelton Recreation Center, on East Village Road, Shelton, CT. Scouts should arrive promptly at 7:00 PM and be prepared to participate actively for the entire meeting.

Scout meetings have various segments to them. The opening of the meeting is usually a dignified patriotic ceremony. There is time in the meeting for skills instruction, skills testing, personal advancement work, games and fun, and planning for upcoming events. The meetings are planned and led by the youth leaders of the troop. The meeting ends with a closing, which serves to rededicate youth to the points of the **Scout Oath and Law**, and how you live these points in your daily lives. Troop meetings are organized around a monthly theme and focus on a monthly activity, usually a camping trip, hike or other outing.

The *Patrol Leader's Council*, the “board of directors” of the troop is comprised of the youth leaders of the troop. They meet monthly, to plan upcoming troop meetings as well as the monthly outing. The PLC also is a continual training experience designed to help troop youth leadership grow into capable leaders. Scouts on the PLC should be active in attending these meeting as well.

The *Scoutmaster Corps*, of the Scoutmaster and all Assistant Scoutmasters, meets on an as needed basis. They will usually caucus before and after each troop meeting. Special meeting are called as necessary to discuss plans or provide special services.

The *Troop Committee* is the support system for the troop. Having membership from both the parents of Scouts in the troop as well as representatives of the chartered organization, the Troop Committee meets monthly to provide resources for the troop. The committee selects adult troop leadership, organizes fund-raisers and supply purchases and handles record keeping and organization matters.

Quarterly the troop holds a **Court of Honor** / Parents Night. A Court of Honor is the formal time where Scouts are recognized for their accomplishments. Courts of Honor are festive occasions and often include a party or social afterwards. Families, parents, legal guardians and friends are especially invited to Courts of Honor. Scouts who earn merit badges or Scout ranks from Tenderfoot through Life Scout are recognized at the Quarterly Courts of Honor. Those Scouts who earn the rank of Eagle Scout, the highest award in the Boy Scouts of America, have their own special Court of Honor designed to especially recognize this distinguished and singular achievement.

Most meetings are held at the White Hills Recreation Center.

ADVANCEMENTS

The advancement program of the BSA continues to help young men develop the ideals of citizenship, character and fitness. *The advancement process is: the boy learns the skill; the boy practices the skill; the boy is tested on the skill; the boy is recognized for his accomplishment.*

Rank advancement is divided into one joining rank and six skill ranks. When a Scout first joins a troop and completes the joining requirements he is given his first emblem when he is invested into the troop. The **first three Scout ranks, Tenderfoot Scout, Second Class Scout and First Class Scout** are based upon outdoors skills in camping, nature and personal skill. These tests are measured and tested by youth leaders or Scoutmasters in the troop. After a Scout has completed all of the requirements, he goes to his Scoutmaster for a *Scoutmaster Conference*. This affords the Scoutmaster to assess how the Scout is doing in the troop, as well as gives the Scout a chance to have input to the troop program in a very personal way. After the conference, the Scout goes before a *Board of Review*. Comprised of three members of the troop committee, the Scout is asked to review some of the skills he has learned and how he applies the Scouting skill to his every day life. Upon successful completion of the Board of Review, the Scout is recognized for his achievements at a Court of Honor.

The **last three Scouts ranks, Star Scout, Life Scout and Eagle Scout** are a progressively harder combination of merit badges, troop leadership service and community service. There are *over 120 merit badges* in a variety of hobby and occupational subjects; 12 of these are considered to be *“required”*. For each of these ranks, a Scout must earn a combination of free choice and required badges, serve for a specified time as a leader in the troop and give a minimum of hours on a service project. The requirements become harder and lengthier for each ascending rank. For Eagle Scout, a Scout has to earn a minimum of 21 merit badges (12 required), have served as a major leader in the troop and planned and given leadership to a service project of considerable size and effort.

Merit badges are completed with certified merit badge counselors. Leadership and service projects are reviewed by the Scoutmaster. Again the candidate for rank goes through a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review. For the Rank of Eagle Scout, a special Board of Review is held, which will include at least one member of the Council Advancement Committee, as well as an extensive application process through the National Office.

YOUTH LEADERSHIP

The youth of today will be the leaders of tomorrow. Today, many people successful in their chosen careers can attribute their success to ideals and skills they developed as youth leaders in Scouting. At the very least, Scouting can teach a boy to be self-sufficient and self-reliant – at the very best Scouting teaches young men to lead others towards successful and worthy endeavors.

The Boy Scouts of America relies on the principles of youth leadership to carry out the local program. Each troop is planned and organized by democratically elected youth leaders under the age of eighteen. Adults in the program provide resources, guidance and experience but the day to day life in the troop is the responsibility of the youth leaders. All Scouts will at various times fulfill leadership roles in their patrol or troop.

Boys are organized into units called patrols. It consists of a group of 6-8 boys of about the same age. The patrol is the basic unit of Scouting, and the patrol method is the main way of teaching Scouting's background. With eight boys in a patrol work is divided fairly so that no one is overburdened. All the boys have to take an active role in planning and executing programs. Each patrol elects a Patrol Leader who presides over the patrol's meeting and activities. He will choose an assistant patrol leader and will also delegate jobs to each member of the patrol – such as a quartermaster (takes care of the equipment), a scribe, a menu-planner and so forth. Each boy has an active part in making sure his patrol works and plays to the best of their abilities. Patrols have a name and totem, usually after an animal, around which they build spirit and teamwork.

A number of patrols make up the troop. As a whole, the troop elects a youth usually a senior scout called the Senior Patrol Leader. The SPL oversees the entire troop. He is responsible for planning and running troop meetings, chairs the Patrol Leader's Council and works closely with the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee to plan the troops yearly program. He appoints a number of senior scouts to troop-wide positions such as Assistant Patrol Leader, Quartermaster, Scribe, Librarian, Historian or Instructor. Additional senior boy positions include Troop Guide, an older scout who works with a patrol of new Scouts to offer guidance and training. A Chaplains Aid or Aides, to help Scouts fulfill their religious requirements while attending Boy Scout events. Or a Den Chief, who works with younger youth in the Cub Scout program for boys younger than eleven years old. Scouts who are over the age of sixteen and who exhibit exceptional leadership and maturity, can be selected to be Junior Assistant Scoutmasters by the Scoutmaster, who while not yet eighteen fulfill the job that a regular Assistant Scoutmaster might do.

Leadership training for youth is offered on the troop, council and national levels.

ADULT LEADERSHIP

While the program is youth-directed and youth-led, it is meant to be mostly a learning experience for youth. Capable adults are selected to help guide the youth in Scouting as they learn and help provide resources for the troop through ways that are best handled by adults. Every parent or legal guardian should do his or her best to support their own son, and some may wish to offer assistance on a greater scale.

The main people who work directly with the boys are the Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters. Each troop is required by the BSA to have a Scoutmaster, who is an adult approved by the chartering organization over 21 years of age, who is the primary adult responsible for the troop. Additional adults age eighteen or older can be appointed as Assistant Scoutmasters. It is a policy of the BSA to have two adults for every Boy Scout function, one 21 or older, the second 18 or older and one of them must be a registered Boy Scout leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee) -- the second can be a parent or older brother or sister. The Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters are the primary adult leadership for the troop. They work with the youth leaders to plan and carry out the troop's program. They offer skill instruction for boys wishing to learn or advance. They conduct conferences when a youth is ready to advance in rank. They also provide guidance and supervision for activities and meetings.

In order to make their job easier and make them better at their job, leadership training is offered for adults through a number of progressive programs. All leaders should view what is known as Fast Start Training. This is a videotape and workbook appropriate to your role or position. After that comes Scout Leaders Basic Training. This is designed to help adults fully understand the aims and methods of Scouting through a number of simulated meetings that culminate with a camping experience. Boy Scout Leader Wood Badge is the final course for troop leaders and consists of a weeklong course that simulates a troop program. Organized into patrols, adults learn not only adult leadership skills but most of the Scout skills learned by boys for their rank advancement. Troop leaders can attend monthly meetings sponsored by the Council called **Roundtables**. They offer additional opportunities for training, instruction and idea exchanges. The troop leaders are also supported by the unit commissioner, volunteer Scouter on the district level that offers support and help when needed and the district executive, a professional Scouter who also support the troop in the district.

All of these adults in Scouting are there to help the young men in the local troop develop leadership and achieve the aims of the BSA – citizenship, character, and fitness.

TROOP COMMITTEE

A second set of adults also support the troop program, though in a different way than the Scoutmaster and his assistants do. Parents or legal guardians of Scouts as well as representatives from the chartering organization serve on the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee does not usually work directly with the boys but helps to provide the resources for an active involved troop program that helps to achieve the aims of scouting.

The troop committee is responsible for much of the paperwork and administration of the troop. They coordinate dues collection, finances, budgets, advancement records, the troop rechartering process and other organizational affairs. They are responsible for seeing that the troop has adequate trained leadership. They procure supplies and resources for troop meetings, activities and outings. They act as the Board of Review for Scouts wishing to advance in rank. They also clear and coordinate the various service projects required for the higher ranks. Lastly, they also provide support in manpower and resources for the Scoutmaster and his Assistants.

An adult is appointed by the chartered organization to serve as the Troop Committee Chairperson. Additional adults are selected to be the treasurer, secretary, advancement chairperson, equipment specialist and any other added roles a troop may need. The Troop Committee usually handles the troop finances. They keep a budget and checking account for purchases and expenditures. They plan and execute fund raising efforts when needed. They inventory and inspect troop gear and with the recommendations from the Scoutmaster and Patrol Leaders Council make purchases for new camping and program equipment.

Perhaps one of the most important jobs of the troop committee is to act as the Board of Review for advancing in Scouting ranks. No less than three adults compose a Board of Review, which a Scout must come before prior to being awarded the next rank. The Board of Review doesn't retest a Scout on the requirements which he has already passed rather they help a Scout gauge his progress this far and make plans for future advancement. For the higher ranks where a service project is required and especially for the Eagle Scout Award, a Scout has to make a service project proposal before the Troop Committee to secure permission and funding if necessary.

Troop Committee members also use their skills and professional contacts to benefit the troop in various ways. Each member of the committee is committed to the development of youth and is also encouraged to take the appropriate training for their role as a leader in the troop program.

EQUIPMENT

In order to truly get the most out of Scouting; a Scout needs the proper program equipment, the “tools” of the program. The bulk of these tools are camping gear and equipment. The equipment a Scout uses falls into two categories: gear he himself owns and gear the troop owns that Scouts use in their program.

The bulk of a Scout’s personal gear will probably relate to camping. We have already discussed the importance of having a correct uniform and bringing and using the Scout Handbook. Scouts should also start a binder or scrapbook for scouting items. Not only is it a good way to remember the years a boy spends in Scouting, it will help him plan and organize as he gets older. Not much else, besides camping supplies is needed for the day to day troop activity besides a uniform, handbook, pencil and notebook.

Procuring the various items of camping gear may at first seem like a daunting task and an expensive one. Troop leaders will know what gear is essential to get first. A one-time equipment fee of **\$35.00** is collected when your son joins the troop. It is refundable within 30 days should he decide not to stay a member. This fee goes towards the purchase of new equipment as the troop grows. This method of monetary support ensures that your son is receiving the best and most up to date equipment available on the market today. The following list of equipment is supplied by the Troop in quantities to support each patrol.

Tents	Patrol Box
Cookware	Cooking Utensils
First Aid Kits	Fire Safety Equipment
Lanterns	Fuel
Cooking Grill	Camp Axe
Camp Saw	150’ Patrol Rope
Wash Tubs	Liquid Fuel
Stoves	Dining Fly

Individual patrols may choose to collect dues for their son scheduled events or replacement of lost equipment. Each patrol is responsible for their assigned equipment. The troop owns, besides personal gear, all of the camping gear described above. This equipment is expensive and is crucial to the troop’s outdoor program. It is the duty of each Scout to learn how to properly use and maintain troop equipment so that it will be there for all Scouts to use and enjoy. Care should be taken while camping to take care of the gear and it should be properly cleaned and stored after use. All gear is stored at the troop’s meeting place and no one should ever take gear without permission of the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee. The Quartermaster, a youth Scout leader appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for all troop gear and its care.

There will be some essential items a Scout will need before he goes camping. Most items can be found around the home. Older Scouts who upgrade their gear often give older items to a younger Scout, or donate it to the troop for general use. Camping discount stores and secondhand stores can also be checked for bargains. Talk to your Scoutmaster or patrol leader to find out about gear. Before each outing, a pack shake down is held. This is a learning experience designed to help the scout learn about gear, how to pack it and how to care for.

FINANCES

The many benefits of Scouting come with a small cost. The Troop Committee sets up a budget and fundraising plan to help finance the troop's activities. However a portion of scouting costs must be borne by each Scout.

Troop 27 charges \$75.00 for yearly dues plus the one time equipment use fee of \$35.00 described earlier. This fee includes the national registration fee, the cost of awards and advancements, maintaining and replacing troop equipment, personal accident insurance for Scouting meetings and activities, and adult leadership training. If more than one boy in a family is a Scout, a discount of \$10.00 is given for each boy after the first. Troop dues must be paid in full or arrangements made through the Scoutmaster, before a boy can participate in any outings or complete advancements.

The troop Committee also sponsors a number of fund-raising activities throughout the year. Each scout is strongly encouraged to participate in these fund-raisers. The money from these activities goes to finance service projects, special events, new equipment purchases and special Camping trips. Scouts who participate in fund-raisers will earn money directly for their use in troop activities.

Additionally, there is a nominal fee for camping trips and camporees. Costs of food, site usage fees and registration costs may apply and vary from outing to outing. Summer camp, a weeklong experience in midsummer, also incurs additional costs. Camperships are available for Scouts who want to go to camp but who may not be able to afford the entire cost. Camperships are limited and will be awarded based upon need. The troop committee will approve all camperships.

Scouts are expected to help their parents in paying for their dues, uniform and equipment costs and outing fees. Each Scout should take appropriate responsibility to "earn his own way" in the Scouting program.

Scouting is not denied to any boy due to financial means or lack thereof. If a situation exists, the parents or legal guardians should talk to the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will work with the Troop Committee to make sure that every boy has an active and positive Scouting experience.

SERVICE PROJECTS

In Scouting, there are two types of Service Projects: those required to fulfill a rank advancement requirement and those given because Scouts in living up to their Oath or Promise and Law desire to be genuinely and unselfishly helpful for their home, school, church and community.

The rank advancements for Second Class, Star, Life and Eagle all require service projects of varying time and depth to be completed.

A Scout who wishes to complete the service requirement for rank advancement should talk about potential projects with the Scoutmaster during the conference for the previous rank (e.g., Scouts completing his Tenderfoot rank should discuss the Second Class service requirement with his Scoutmaster at the Tenderfoot Scoutmaster Conference). The Scout may suggest a service project he thinks should be done. Or he can ask a leader for suggestions. Once the Scout selects the service project, he presents his plan to the Scoutmaster for approval. Only then may he proceed with the project. When the project is completed, the Scoutmaster or his assistant will review the work and complete the requirement. For Second Class or Star, the time given for a service project may be as part of a Life or Eagle Scout candidate's project. For Life and Eagle project, the project must be of one's own planning and execution. If a project requires funding, the Scout should make an appointment to present the plan before the troop committee to discuss funding and fund-raising opportunities. A Life Scout working on his Eagle Scout service project should work extremely closely with the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee in terms of approval, planning, funding and execution. Projects for Life and Eagle are usually extensive in nature and require additional manpower. Scouts in the troop are encouraged to assist Life and Eagle candidates in their projects.

In addition to the individual service projects required for rank advancement, the troop will sponsor or participate in various service projects throughout the year. These troop projects, designed to benefit the chartering organization or town, will not count for individual service time. All scouts are strongly encouraged to participate in these troop community service projects. Scouts who do not show interest and activity in service projects may be denied the completion of the "Demonstrate Scout Spirit by Living the Scout Oath and Law" requirement for ranks. Since to do your duty to God and your country, to live the Scout Law and to help others at all times are parts of the Scout Oath.

TROOP POLICIES

Troop policies are adopted by the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee in order to provide additional guidelines in helping them run a safe and successful Scouting program. In addition to the national guidelines and policies expressed in the current BSA literature and taught at recent training courses, Troop 27 considers the following policies to currently be binding.

- 1) Discipline of Scouts will be the responsibility of the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will conduct all counseling and disciplinary situations according to the Youth Protection Guidelines. The Scoutmaster may call the committee to discuss and handle issues, as he feels is necessary.
- 2) Outing leadership will consist of two-deep leadership at all times, two adults over the age of 21. One of whom is a registered and trained Scouting leader, will accompany all outings. Two vehicles will remain with the troop at all times for emergency purposes. A ratio one adult leader for every ten Scouts will be enforced. An outing may be postponed or canceled if leadership requirements are not met.
- 3) The Troop Committee will sponsor Fast Start Training (required) and Boy Scout Leader Basic Training for all Scout leaders. Troop leaders are also encouraged to complete Wood Badge courses and will be assisted with the cost by troop funds.
- 4) Medical forms and permission slips will be required of all Scouts prior to any outing.
- 5) Troop 27 will conduct all meetings and outings in accordance with the latest edition of the Guide to Safe Scouting and the BSA liquid fuel policy. Special care will be taken to provide a safe and hygienic atmosphere at all meetings and outings. Scouts will be instructed in appropriate latrine and waste disposal methods, food storage and handwashing procedures.
- 6) The Scoutmaster should follow up with any boy who quits the troop and conduct an exit interview with the Scout and his parents or legal guardians. This information will be reported back to the Committee.

TROOP 27 SCOUT PROGRAM GUIDELINE

1. The Outdoor Program

- One excursion per month
- One week at summer camp
- One major excursion/project every two years

2. The Indoor Program

- Meetings Friday nights at the White Hills Rec Center
- Published agenda (campout prep and advancement)
- Training for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class
- Outdoor training (in preparation for outdoor program/activities)
- Offer three merit badges a year

3. Advancement Goals

- Three Courts of Honor per year
- A boy will advance through First Class in one year

4. Community Service

- Scouting for Food
- Earth Day participation
- Memorial Day Parade
- Clothing Drives

5. Social Events

- Christmas Party
- End of the year party
- Family Camping Event

6. Troop Fundraising

- Pancake Breakfast / Plant Sale on Palm Sunday
- Election Day Coffee and Bake Sale
- Council Popcorn Sales

7. Leader Training

- Provide junior leader training
- Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members will be MinuteMan trained
- Safe swim afloat, BSA life guards
- All Adults will be "Youth Protection Trained"
- CPR Certified

8. Troop Committee Meetings

- Adopts and executes a reasonable budget
- Provides troop publicity (school handouts, local newspapers, news letter)
- Provides troop equipment and excursion support

9. Membership

- Make every scout and parent or legal guardian welcome at any scout function
- Invite new boys to the troop (activities, scout night, Webelos night, Webelos campout)
- Encourage Cub Scouts to graduate into Boy Scouts (supply Den Chiefs to packs)

TROOP 27 CAMPING POLICY

Troop 27 will go on a camping trip once a month if possible. The Troop will camp under its own registered leadership, always using the “two deep” adult leadership policy of the BSA.

Troop 27 will always use tents designed for two boys; larger tents cannot be backpacked. This will allow us to go on “high adventure” camping trips. All camping trips will be planned as if backpacking trips.

Scouts will cook by patrol on all camping trips unless given other instructions by the SPL and Scoutmaster. Cooking by patrol helps strengthen the patrol and teaches teamwork. Scouts carry their packs to the campsite instead of riding because physical fitness and self-reliance are two of our objectives. Scouts learn not only how to do things for themselves but also how much they can do. Troop 27’s camping emphasis is on adventure rather than convenience.

Scout camping demands skill and know-how. Use of gas stoves and lanterns are restricted to adults and to scouts who have individually demonstrated their ability to use them and have special permission from the Scoutmaster. **NO FLAMES IN TENTS!!!** We will leave nothing behind anywhere. We will bury no garbage or trash. Combustible material may be burned if local regulations permit, otherwise carry it back home along with cans, bottles and foil or deposit trash in receptacles if available.

Parents and legal guardians are welcome on Troop 27 camping trips as long as they agree to abide by the same rules as the boys and have first consulted with the Scoutmaster. Parents and legal guardians will prepare meals and camp where assigned by the Senior Patrol Leader. You are along as an observer and if asked a helper.

Misconduct on a Troop camping trip will not be tolerated and may result in cancellation of the rest of the camping trip. This applies to ALL that are participating on a Troop camping trip. **The Scoutmaster has final say in all matters concerning Troop camping policy** while on a camping trip. Each Scout, in order to participate in a specific trip **MUST** have a permission slip for that activity signed by a parent or guardian and turned in at the regular Scout meeting preceding that activity. On campouts, the troop furnishes two man tents. No cots are allowed because they damage the floors of the tents. Patrol boxes containing cooking gear are also provided. Each scout will accept responsibility for care of troop equipment and is expected to repair or replace damaged troop equipment.

The Troop #27 Campout Routine Is As Follows:

1. Always use the patrol method.
2. Always assume that the campout will take place as scheduled, even in inclement weather.
3. Always follow the Quartermaster's directions. He is responsible for loading the truck or trailer and assuring the proper troop gear is brought on the campout.
4. Always follow the **Outdoor Code** on a camping trip.
5. Always wash personal gear first and save the patrol gear for last.
6. Always scrub out the wash tubs after each use.
7. Always pack meat that will bleed and other things such as fresh fruit and vegetables in a clean plastic bag. Keep the ice in the cooler clean so that it may be used for drinks.
8. Always have a troop and patrol duty roster before leaving on the campout.
9. Always plan to cook (as opposed to heat) Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.
10. Always have patrol menus approved by the Senior Patrol Leader.
11. Always buy groceries on Thursday evening and have an adult accompanying you. Food should not be more than \$10.00 per boy on each campout.
12. Always buy butter, mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise in squeeze bottles.
13. Always make sure the patrol has brillo pads, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, bleach, aluminum foil, toilet paper, trash bags and salt and pepper in their patrol box.
14. Always get the adult leader's permission before leaving the camping area.
15. Always leave the camping area with a buddy and stay with him at all times.
16. Never fold up a tent until it has been inspected by the Quartermaster.

Never bring the following:

Sheath knife (not allowed by the Boy Scout regulations and not needed).
Electronic entertainment (Cell phone, MP3 Player, Handheld electronic games etc.).
Sling shots, bows, arrows, firearms (including BB guns), fireworks or ammunition.
Never use an ax, saw, or knife without your Totin' Chip in your pocket. Never use matches without your Fireman Chit in your pocket.

Chain of Command:

Scoutmaster
Assistant Scoutmaster
Senior Patrol Leader
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
Patrol Leader
Assistant Patrol Leader
Patrol Members

*Never ask the Scoutmaster first, ask your Patrol Leader.
Always follow the chain of command.*

CODE OF CONDUCT

The guiding principles of the Troop 27 rules of conduct are contained in the **Scout Oath** and the **Scout Law**. It is expected that every Scout will strive to follow these guidelines at all times.

All Scouts and adults will comply with the Boy Scouts of America rules and regulations as set forth in **The Guide To Safe Scouting** as well as in other publications. Most of all, all Scouts are expected to exercise good judgement and common sense.

Each Scout is expected to behave in a manner such that he will help advance the programs of Troop 27. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Scouts are entitled to a program, which is free of such behavior.

The Patrol Leader's Council and the Scoutmasters will enforce the general rules of conduct. At their discretion, each infraction will be handled in an appropriate manner, which may include sending the Scout home from any scouting activity, including campouts. The Scouts parents or legal guardians will be responsible for picking the Scout up at the Activity.

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