

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 237
Frankfort Square, Illinois

Troop Policy

I. Mission of Boy Scouts

a. The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

II. Registration

a. The registration fee for the boys entering our Troop is determined by the current cost of registration for one (1) full year. This includes the cost of National dues, Boys Life, insurance and program supplies. For the succeeding years, the fee will include the National dues, insurance, and Boys Life. However, no boy will be refused registration because of the fee. Arrangements will be made.

b. The adult registration fee for each adult volunteer is \$10.00 to be paid by troop funds annually. The Troop Committee consists of all registered adult volunteers. However, we will ask for parental direction at times regarding the running of the Troop. The Troop Committee, having agreed to abide by the rules of the Boy Scouts of America, will make the final decision regarding the Troop.

c. Any unregistered adult is welcomed and encouraged to attend troop committee meetings and troop meetings.

III. Responsibilities of the parent

a. It is the **Parents Responsibility** to get their boy to and from the Troop meetings.

When your son cannot attend a Troop Meeting, please let the Patrol Leader or Troop Guide know in advance if possible. Troop meetings are held every week, please check the Troop calendar for dates. A calendar is handed out once a year with all dates of events and is also available on the web site.

b. You must attend the Court of Honor meetings with your boy. Parents or guardians are required to stay the length of the Court of Honor (unless an emergency arises to make it impossible to attend).

c. A parent must be present when your boy is to receive Awards or Rank advancement at the Court of Honor meeting. Any scout who is unable to attend a scheduled Court of Honor who has earned a rank advancement or merit badge will receive his advancements in a small ceremony at a regularly schedule troop meeting.

d. Parents are encouraged to participate in Troop activities. Your Adult Leader will coordinate any assistance. BSA Policy requires two (2) deep adult leadership. This does not mean just leaders, it also involves parents. This includes one parent and one adult leader, or one adult leader and one person as legal guardian.

e. The parents may be asked to help on a committee or outings to fill leadership for supervision of the boys.

f. It is the responsibility of each parent to inform an adult leader of any medical problems or difficulties that your son has. If medication is needed on outings, the medication (in original packaging) and a proper medical consent form must be completed and both given to the Scoutmaster or adult leader in charge.

IV. Parent talent survey

a. Each parent is asked to fill out a Parent Talent Survey at the time of registration. We know there are many talents among you that will help the operation of our Troop. Although your help may not be full-time, any contribution is greatly appreciated.

V. Dues

a. Dues are paid annually. Dues are \$36.00 a year. Dues go toward the Scouts re-

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chartering in December and is payable on January 31st of each year.

VI. Uniforms

Class A Uniform

CAP: Official Green/Red BSA Cap

NECKERCHIEF: Troop neckerchief with slide. Slides may be the official BSA or handmade.

Handmade slides must be kept to accepted standards of crafts. Excessively large or offensive slides are unacceptable.

SHIRTS: Official tan dress shirt, long or short sleeves, with proper insignias and current rank.

INSIGNIA: Troop 237 numerals, Patrol patch, Rainbow Council patch, U.S. Flag, appropriate rank and year pins. Temporary patches as appropriate.

BELT: A belt must be worn. Official BSA belt is preferred.

PANTS: Dark or neutral solid color pants. If possible, official scout pants or pants similar in style.

PANTS OF ANY OTHER STYLE ARE NOT ACCEPTABLE, NOR ARE PANTS WITH RIPS OR TEARS.

CAMOFLAUGE CLOTHING IS NOT ACCEPTABLE.

SHOES: Neat and clean shoes of any style.

Class B Uniform

CAP: BSA camp hats or the official scout cap

SHIRTS: Any shirt or sweatshirt with the BSA emblem or camp shirt that has BSA printed somewhere on it.

PANTS: Same as with Class A. For the summer, shorts may be worn only if they are dark or neutral solid color and hemmed. There will be no multi-colored shorts, pants, or cut-offs of any kind allowed.

Free Time at Camp

At this time, the Scouts will wear Class B uniforms.

Class A uniform will be worn as follows:

All troop meetings (September through May)

When the scouts are traveling to and from any scout outing.

The morning of each day of camp (going to the dining hall or opening ceremonies).

For dinner of each day of camp (going to the dining hall or evening meetings).

The above guide may be altered by the Adult Leader in charge.

Class B uniform will be worn as follows:

To troop meetings in the summer months (June, July, August).

While at camp or during the day for lunch and merit badge sessions.

The about guide may be altered by the Adult Leader in charge.

Scouts are required to follow the above guidelines concerning dress. Scouting is fun and is also a place for you to show unity as a Troop. Scouts are required to wear their Class A whenever they are on an outing. Before leaving, the scouts will be inspected for proper dress. Please take a little time and make sure your scout is in proper dress for the outings and weather conditions.

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- a. Official Troop 237 uniform for Adult Leaders is as follows:

NECKERCHIEF: Troop neckerchief with slide. Bolo ties are optional. Slides may be the official BSA or handmade. Handmade slides must be kept to accepted standards of crafts. Excessively large or offensive slides are unacceptable.

SHIRT: Official tan dress shirt, long or short sleeves, with proper insignias.

INSIGNIA: Rainbow Council patch, Troop 237 numerals, U.S. Flag, appropriate year pins and rank patch. Temporary patches as appropriate.

PANTS: Dark or neutral solid color pants. If possible, official scout pants or similar in style.

- b. Uniforms will be worn for all Troop meetings, official outings, trips, etc.

- c. The troop will have at least one uniform inspection per month.

- i. The inspection will be done to insure that your scout has the proper uniform and patches in the right locations.

VII. Responsibilities of Scouts to the Troop

- a. Each scout must show up on time for each Boy Scout function. The group cannot be expected to wait for late arrivals.

- b. When the scout holds an office or position of responsibility, he is expected to fulfill his obligation to his fellow scouts. If he cannot meet his obligations, he will be asked to step down and will not receive credit.

- c. All scouts are required to attend at least two (2) Troop meetings per month in order to be able to attend the next Troop function, i.e., camping, hike, etc. unless there is an excused absence (school activity, church function, organized sports or illness).

- d. As a patrol, you are required to carry out any function that is assigned to you during meetings or camping.

- e. Each patrol is to design and make a Patrol Flag and display it at all Troop meetings and at all camping trips.

- f. Each patrol is to make up a Patrol Yell.

- g. Each patrol must submit a completed menu to an adult leader for approval no later than one week prior to camping trip and must participate in the purchase of the supplies.

- h. Each scout is to take care when using any equipment belonging to Troop 237 or any other person.

- i. Each new scout is given his first neckerchief. If he loses it or if he wishes a second one, he must purchase it through Troop 237. The neckerchiefs are special order and only available through the Troop.

- j. A scout must participate in at least 3 overnight campouts to be eligible for long term summer camping within our chartered year.

- k. Parents are responsible for the transportation of their scouts to all Order of the Arrow meetings (per council).

VIII. Responsibilities of Leaders and Committee Members to the Troop

- a. To observe the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.

- b. Any valid complaints should be brought to the attention of the Scoutmaster or any member of the Committee.

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IX. Meetings

- a. Troop meetings are held every week at the Frankfort Square Park District Building on Mondays from 7:30 p.m. sharp until 9:00 p.m. If the time or place is changed, you will be notified.
- b. Committee meetings are held monthly, usually the second Thursday at the Frankfort Square Park District Building. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend any time you wish.
- c. Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meetings will be held the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the troop meeting location.
- d. Once a year, in August, the Troop has a planning meeting to plan the coming years activities. The scouts are required to attend. Parents are welcomed to attend also.
- e. Board of Reviews will be held as needed before all Courts of Honor. The first one will be for Star, Life, Eagle Ranks, and Palms. All rank and badge work must be turned in the week of the Scouts Board of Review in order to have him receive credit for the coming Court of Honor. The scouts will be immediately recognized at the troop meetings for rank advancements and merit badges with formal presentation at the next Court of Honor.
- f. Courts of Honor are held three to four times per year. At the Red and Green Banquet and up to three more times during the year.
- g. For Eagle Ceremonies the troop will pay for up to \$125 in expenses (with receipts).

X. Outings

At least monthly, your scout will participate in a tour, short trip, or camping outing. These are an integral part of the scouting experience and are planned as an enrichment of the program. These outings give the scout opportunities to complete their rank advancement requirements.

- a. All Troop and Patrol outings will require a signed permission slip, even though his parent or guardian accompanies the scout. The accepted Troop 237 permission slip must be used and will be provided by the Troop.
- b. If the scout requires medication to be administered, a medical form will be required.
- c. The permission slips must be carried by the Scout Leader in Charge during the outing since they also contain authorization to provide emergency medical services should the need arise.
- d. If there arises an emergency that you need to get in contact with your son, there is an emergency contact person listed on all permission forms.
- e. Any vehicle that carries scouts must be properly insured, licensed, and driven by a properly licensed adult 21 years or older. Each scout must use a separate seat belt. Troop 237 reserves the right to verify car insurance with the insurance company.
- f. You are asked to pay in advance any cost of the outings. These costs are to be paid when the permission slip is turned in. All financial arrangements must be covered prior to the outing, as leaders have no time to handle this on the day of the outing. No scout however, will be denied participation because of financial reasons. Arrangements can and will be made to help your son attend the outing.
- g. All permission slips and money due are to be turned into the adult leader in charge no less than one week before the event. All money is non-refundable except in event of a family emergency or illness.
- h. Transportation expense for vehicles driving scouts are reimbursed at .10 cents per mile on any round trip over 100 miles. No last minute drivers can be reimbursed after fees have been

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charged. The vehicle pulling the Troop Trailer will be reimbursed for the actual cost of gas (with receipts) rather than the .10 cents per mile.

XI. Fundraisers

a. Troop 237 will conduct two major fundraisers per year. The purpose of these fundraisers are to pay for new equipment, awards, troop outings, summer camps, etc.

b. Each scout is required to participate in our fundraisers and to do his best to help finance his troop. Parents are expected to encourage their scout to do his best and to help him as necessary.

c. Funds earned by youth for certain troop fundraisers (as defined by the troop committee) will be placed in the youths individual account to be used for scouting activities only. Proceeds from certain fundraisers (i.e. Candlelight Bowl) to for Troop equipment and others (i.e. Popcorn sales) to the youths account.

XII. Individual Accounts

a. Each scout will have an individual account for troop activities. In the event that a boy or adult leaves the Troop as a transfer, the account funds will be sent to the new Troop.

b. If a boy or adult quits scouting altogether, the funds are to be used to purchase scouting items from the BSA catalog/store. The committee will purchase the selected items for the scout.

c. If the scout or adult chooses to leave scouting and not purchase anything through the committee, the funds will be transferred to the Troops general fund. No cash will be returned to the scout or adult.

d. The troop treasurer will provide the scout and adult with quarterly statements.

XIII. Discipline

a. All scouts will respect and obey patrol and adult leaders

b. If a problem develops, the leaders will follow the listed steps as far as needed to resolve the problem.

i. The first time the Scout will receive a warning.

ii. The second time the scout will be sent home.

iii. The third time a parent will be asked to assist in making sure the scout adheres to Troop 237s bylaws.

c. Malicious damage to any property will result in suspension and/or expulsion from Troop 237. Parents are responsible for any damage to property and will be required to make full restitution.

d. Behavior inappropriate to scouting will be subject to disciplinary action at the discretion of Patrol Leaders, Scoutmaster, and the Troop Committee.

e. Scouts are subject to Troop discipline any time they are in uniform, at a scout function, or in transit to and from a scout function.