

Troop 157 Electronic Media Acceptable Use and Privacy Policy

To promote communication among Scouts, parents, guardians, leaders, prospective Scouts, and the community-at-large regarding the Troop events, activities, outings, and Troop information; Troop 157 Committee is authorizing the following electronic media policy.

Purpose of the Policy

The purpose of this document is to define the acceptable practices and usage pertaining to the hosting, use, privacy, and management of the Troop 157 Electronic Media to include: Website, Text Messaging, Face Book, and other messaging by electronic means. The policy of Troop 157 is binding. National BSA policy, when published *and more stringent* will take precedence.

Committee Control

Troop 157 Committee reserves the right to withhold troop sponsored electronic media access to any person for any reason at any time. Troop 157 Committee reserves the right to change this Policy at any time. Changes will be effective immediately.

Administrators

Administrators of Troop 157 electronic media must be currently registered BSA/Troop 157 members in good standing and approved by the Troop 157 Committee.

Disclaimer/Hold Harmless

By using any of the features of Troop 157 electronic media the User (and Parent/guardian) acknowledges that the Administrator will address inappropriate content. Every attempt will be made to preserve the integrity of the content; however, there is no guarantee that preventative or reactive measures will be effective. By using electronic media, the User understands the inherent risk of electronic media. All concerned acknowledge and agree the Troop 157 Committee cannot completely control electronic media. Any inappropriate content or issues not addressed by the Administrator should be immediately reported to the Troop 157 Committee for resolution. Use of the Troop 157 electronic media implies the User will Hold Troop 157 Harmless for content or damages.

Privacy

In accordance with policies and standards for the protection of minors and personal identifiable information, Troop 157 will follow:

- (1) BSA Unit Website Guidelines (<http://www.Scouting.org/Scoutsource/Marketing/Resources/UnitWeb.aspx>)
- (2) Children's Online Privacy Act (COPPA) recommendations (<http://www.coppa.org/comply.htm>), and
- (3) BSA Youth Protection Guidelines (<http://www.Scouting.org/YouthProtection.aspx>).

Troop 157 Committee guidelines to Administrator and User on electronic media:

- Photographs of the Scout, leaders, Troop Committee members, may be posted or printed for publication in accordance to the signed BSA Annual Health Form, Part B, Talent Release Agreement, (http://www.Scouting.org/filestore/pdf/34605_Letter.pdf).
- Only first names will be used for youth. Last names shall NOT be used of Scouts, leaders, adult volunteers, Charter Organization Representatives or any other person, unless otherwise agreed upon.
- Personal identifiable information such as age, birth date, address, phone number, email addresses, or school affiliation SHALL NOT be used.
- Photographs will have no personal identifiable written comments, captions, or annotations.
- The Photo Gallery will have password protection. Scouts, Parents/Guardians will be given access the Photo Gallery.
- No User may share, distribute, nor publish passwords.
- The Administrator and Scoutmaster will have access to the electronic media Administration/Hosting.
- The Troop Committee may grant access to any other adult or Scout as needed. They will be held responsible as an Administrator.
- Mailing lists, email addresses, phone numbers and other lists must be restricted and protected. Such data is not for public release.
- The Scoutmaster may choose to allow only his or her name or email or other information posted for contact. This is at the sole discretion of the active Scoutmaster. The Administrator will have an unnamed "Administrator" contact posted.
- Dates, locations, and other general event information may be posted.
- Electronic Media will be restricted to broadcast to members only where possible.
- Email, direct contact, and other person-to-person secure electronic media are not covered by this policy.
- The site will not collect User information as in forms, surveys, or other User entered methods.
- Use of domain specific email may only be approved by the Troop Committee and used by adult leadership, if needed. Domain specific email will not be provided, nor accessed by Scouts.
- The Troop's electronic media shall not be used to post, upload, download, promote, defame, or transmit copyrighted, patented, confidential, private, proprietary, trademarked information.
- Users must not access nor use Troop resources to post, view, exchange, or retrieve any obscene material, discriminatory, harassing, or any engage in other unauthorized activities.

Website User Privacy

Troop 157 will respect the privacy and personal information of its Users. The Website does not acquire or retain information from Users, other than basic usage reporting and possible cookie placement. The Website is hosted at www.Webstarts.com. Please see the host specific privacy policy for more details.

External Links

The Website may contain links to other Scout related websites, PDFs, or other electronic sources. Troop 157 Policy does not apply to external websites as the Troop has no control of the contents of such sites. Users acknowledge and agree that in using external links, they are subject to the content on the external website and their usage and privacy rule