

BSA TROOP 29 CAMPOUT POLICY

Document Purpose: Clearly communicate the Troop 29 campout policy, reinforce BSA Scouting principles, and ensure Scout and Adult safety. Each year new Scouts and Adults join the troop. A clear policy is needed to more easily assimilate new personnel.

This policy document cannot cover every possible campout detail. It provides a core basis and spirit for all campout attendees to follow. Thank you for your support. Contact the Scoutmaster with any questions you have regarding this document.

Policy:

Violations of this policy may result in a Scout or Adult having some or all camping privileges revoked by the Scoutmaster. Scoutmaster may reinstate privileges except when all privileges have been revoked, in which case approval of the Troop Committee will be required for reinstatement.

The Scoutmaster or his designee is in charge of the campout and has the final word on all decisions. ALL decisions are to be made in accordance with BSA guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting.

Permission slips and fees are due on the designated date prior to the campout. The permission slip is the Scout's and parent's agreement to abide by the Troop 29 Campout Policy. Permission slip and fee deadlines need to be enforced so the driver / rider roster can be built, the appropriate trip permits can be filed with the council office, and patrols may purchase their campout supplies.

Adults attending the campout are there in an advisory role and will not do the work for the Scouts. This theme is followed throughout the campout and with all camp activities such as camp setup, cooking, cleaning, policing grounds, camp breakdown, etc. Unless otherwise planned, Adults will eat as a separate patrol.

Scouts and Adults must not utilize electronic communication and entertainment devices on campouts, except for purposes of conducting the campouts or other Troop business. Adult drivers must bring cell phones for appropriate use while enroute to/from campouts. Consult the Scoutmaster with any questions.

Campouts begin at the date/time/place of departure as designated on the permission slips. At this time, Scoutmaster's authority begins. As Scouts arrive, they must check in with the Scoutmaster or his designee. Attendance will be taken before departure. Unless specifically agreed to by the Scoutmaster, the Troop will travel to the campsite together.

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NO ONE shall leave the campout early without prior permission from the Scoutmaster. Attendees leaving early must check out with the Scoutmaster when leaving and check in when returning. Efforts should be made to plan for these occurrences in advance of the campout.

The Troop will vacate the campsite on the date specified on the permission slip at a time determined by the Scoutmaster. All Troop and Patrol gear must be cleaned and prepared for storage before leaving the campsite. Attendance will be taken before departure. Unless specifically agreed to by the Scoutmaster, the Troop will travel home together.

The Troop will attend Mass together, at the place and time planned for the specific campout. Although Mass will normally be attended at CTK, the Troop may plan to attend Mass in the vicinity of the campsite instead. This reinforces the Scout Oath and Law and acknowledges the Troop's chartering organization, CTK.

Upon arrival at CTK, all Scouts are expected to assist in unloading Troop and Patrol gear and for stowing it in the Troop shed or in vehicles for taking home.

Campouts end only after Mass has been attended and the Troop is formally dismissed by the SPL in accordance with the date/time/place specified on the permission slips. At this time, parents/guardians may pick up their Scouts. Scoutmaster authority remains in effect and two-deep leadership is required until all Scouts are picked up by their parent/guardians.

Related Procedures:

In order to ensure all Scouts are accounted for before departing from any location, the following procedure is to be followed:

- When all gear is loaded, SPL will call for Troop to assemble and attendance will be taken.
- Scoutmaster will designate the "All Clear" vehicle which will be staged so all drivers can see it.
- Driver/passenger assignments will be communicated.
- Driving directions will be provided.
- Interim rendezvous points will be communicated. Troop will not rely on caravanning.
- SPL will direct Scouts to board vehicles.
- Scoutmaster will count Scouts sitting in vehicles and confirm total against attendance list.
- Scoutmaster will release the "All Clear" vehicle.
- When the "All Clear" vehicle rolls out, other vehicles may as well.

Upon arrival at campsites, the SPL is expected to direct unloading of gear and set up of Troop gear. All Scouts are expected to assist. After Troop gear is set up, Scouts are expected to set up Patrol sites.