

# Troop 457 Policies

## I Scout Spirit

A Scout is expected to be committed to the involvement of regular troop meetings, outdoor activities, fund raising activities and Eagle Scout ceremonies

- A. Scouts are expected to be in attendance at all Eagle Scout ceremonies in full uniform.
- B. A Scout is expected to participate in the outdoor programs as part of their Scout Spirit requirement - this is what Scouting is all about!
- C. A Scout is expected to follow, to the best of his ability, the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

## II Uniform

It is mandatory that the Scout uniform be worn to all Scout meetings and other Scout functions unless instructed otherwise.

## III Advancement

Advancement through Scout ranks will follow the national guidelines set by the Boy Scouts of America. In order for a Scout to advance through the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle, a boy must hold a leadership position for the required number of months needed to obtain the specific rank. A Scoutmaster-assigned leadership position may be created at the discretion of the Scoutmaster.

## IV Food Purchasing

The patrol assigns a Scout of Tenderfoot class rank or higher to buy food for outings. The Scout will purchase the food by the Thursday before the weekend trip.

- A. If a Scout cannot attend the outing, then he must inform the Scout who is purchasing the food by the Wednesday before the trip, or he will be responsible for the costs.
- B. The Scout responsible for purchasing outing food will receive funds that he is allowed to spend after his shopping list has been approved by an Assistant Scoutmaster or Outdoor Chair. Boys are expected to stay within approved budget and list when shopping. Any unused funds must be returned to the treasurer at the next troop meeting and they will be credited to the Patrol account. The Patrol can use its account for restocking the Patrol supplies and Scoutmaster pre-approved purchases.

## V Scout Accounts

As a service to the boys and to aid their participation in the Scouting program, Troop 457 maintains accounts in each boy's name. The boys may earn money for these accounts by participating in approved troop and BSA Council fund-raising activities.

- A. The money in these accounts may be used to pay for Scout summer camps, troop campouts, annual Scout dues, Scout uniforms and, with prior Scoutmaster approval, camping equipment.
- B. If a boy transfers to another troop, the current balance in his account will be transferred, upon his request, to his new troop in his name.
- C. If a boy fails to re-register at re-chartering time and has any money remaining in his account after the re-charter date, the money in his account will revert back to the troop.

## VI Reimbursement of Funds and Petty Cash

- A. For amounts under \$5.00: If receipt for troop expenses is approved and initialed by either the Scoutmaster, the Committee Chairperson, or the Treasurer, present it to the Treasurer for reimbursement. (4/93)
- B. For amounts of \$5.00 to \$10.00: Prior approval from the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairperson or Treasurer is required in order for the expense to be reimbursed. After receiving approval, purchase item and have the receipt initialed as above, and present receipt to the Treasurer for reimbursement. (4/93)
- C. For amounts exceeding \$10.00: The Committee meets the first Tuesday of each month so plan ahead, or we thank you for your donation! (4/93)
- D. The Trailer Custodian may spend up to \$25.00 for trailer repair or consumable items without prior approval from the Committee. (10/94)
- E. For gas reimbursement: For any troop trip over 100 miles one-way, all drivers will receive full or partial reimbursement for their expenses. In order to receive reimbursement, drivers must present their receipts for gas, park fees, parking and tolls to the Troop Treasurer within 3 weeks of the completed trip. Full reimbursement will be given to the adult that hauls the troop trailer. (10/96 & 9/97)
- F. For outing food purchases: See Section IV.B above

## VII Emergency Funds

An emergency fund of at least \$3,000 will be maintained in the troop's savings account. (4/93) Funds may be spent in an emergency situation on a campout, without prior approval from the Committee, and reimbursement will be made if there is a consensus amount the adult leaders present that the spending is needed. (10/94)

## VIII Equipment

General use and storage instructions are located in the Handbook; troop-specific instructions are distributed with patrol

boxes, or see the Quartermaster for current information.

- A. The occupants of a tent are responsible for damages and repair costs. If a tent is damaged beyond repair, then it is to be replaced with a tent of the same model.
- B. All costs for repair or replacement of patrol equipment will be shared by the entire patrol in attendance in an event when the equipment is damaged.
- C. Roster-listed adult leaders (Scouters) must contact the Scoutmaster before borrowing troop equipment for Scout-related use. Such use cannot interfere with regular troop-related activities. Borrowed equipment must be returned immediately after use. The Scouter will be responsible for repairing or replacing damaged or lost borrowed equipment. Loaning of troop equipment to other community organizations will be considered on a case-by-case basis. Requests must be made at a Troop Committee meeting prior to the loan and approved by the Committee and Scoutmaster.

## **IX Training Funds**

It is a policy that Troop 457 maintain a strong and positive outlook to training experiences offered to Scouts through district, council, and national sponsored programs. (5/93)

- A. Once a year when the budget is written, Troop 457 will establish a scholarship fund that will be used to assist Scouts with training expenses. The budget amount will vary from year to year upon available funds.
- B. The primary emphasis of the budgeted funds will be allocated to youth training programs as incentive for boys to advance in their leadership skills and knowledge. These funds may be allocated on a full or partial scholarship, a loan or any other type of agreement that is made between the Committee and the person receiving training.
- C. These guidelines are written to provide flexibility in the decisions that are made by the Committee regarding the training needs of the Scouts of Troop 457. The goal of these guidelines is to provide a positive commitment that allows those interested, the incentive and financial assistance to attend the training that will help meet the objectives of the Boy Scouts of America.