

Troop Camping

Procedure as listed in BSA Troop 331 Guidelines

Outdoor camping is an integral part of Scouting, and as such Troop 331 plans monthly campouts approximately ten (10) times per year, including summer camp. Troop 331 provides tents, Patrol cooking dishes, dining fly, cooking stoves, and lanterns. Each Scout is expected to provide himself with the rest of his camping gear. Discussion with the Scoutmaster, or any adult leader, is advised prior to the purchase of any Scout's camping item (backpack, sleeping bag, etc.). Troop campouts or functions **MUST** have a minimum of two (2) adults in attendance.

Campout Fees: To simplify the monthly campout fees process, the Troop will collect a flat fee of \$25.00 per scout, for each campout to cover the cost of camp fees and food. Extraordinary activity fees (e.g. caving, canoeing, etc.) will be assessed where appropriate, as determined by the Outdoor Activities Coordinator. Adults will not be charged ordinary camp fees, but will be responsible for food cost of \$15.00 (normally arranged and shared by the adults attending the event). The Scoutmaster will not be charged a camping fee.

General Campout Departure/Arrival Information:

- 1) Two weeks prior to campout. Campout will be discussed during meetings. Scouts can sign up to attend that month's campout at Scout Meeting one to two weeks prior to campout. Signup Sheet is usually located at the front table between the flags.
- 2) At Monday's Scout Meeting prior to camp out. Scout will pay Treasurer a camping fee of \$25 (unless otherwise indicated). Checks made payable to Troop 331. Adults attending the camp out should also pay the Treasurer \$15 to cover their food cost for the weekend.
- 3) During the week prior to the campout, parents will receive an e-mail listing the scouts & adults who will be attending and information regarding the time to meet at the church for departure. This e-mail will also include a link for directions to the campsite for parents who will be driving.
- 4) It is recommended, Scouts use Camping Checklist to pack for event.
- 5) Before leaving home, Scouts needs to eat supper
- 6) Scouts are to wear Class A shirt (without neckerchief) while traveling to and from troop camping events. Shirt may be worn with other camping clothes.
- 7) Departure for campouts routinely takes place from the back parking lot of the church (by Troop trailer) meeting at 5:30 p.m. and departing at 6:00 p.m.
- 8) Upon arrival for departure, scouts will need to choose a vehicle in which to ride and place all their personal camping gear in that vehicle. Scout also will need to find a tent mate. *Scouts are responsible for keeping up with their own gear the entire weekend.*
- 9) At the parking lot, a short meeting will be conducted by the Senior Patrol Leader where attendance will be taken and necessary information regarding the campout will be reported to the scouts and parents.

- 10) Cell phones and electronic devices may be used on journey to and from campsite but must remain in vehicle while Scouts are at campsite. These devices are **not permitted** at campsite.
- 11) Upon arrival at campsite, Scouts will unload Troop Trailer and setup equipment. Scouts will unload their own personal gear from vehicle.
- 12) Returning from campout. Parents will meet scouts in back parking lot of the Church at designated time. (Routinely around Noon).