



Scouts BSA Troop 19, Marshallton, PA
Horseshoe Trail District, Chester County Council, Pennsylvania

TROOP HANDBOOK

WELCOME TO SCOUTING

Congratulations! You have just joined the largest youth organization in the world!

The most important aspect of scouting from a youth's point of view is that it is fun. We want to have a good time and enjoy ourselves, but scouting is more than just fun. Scouting offers you an opportunity to build strong character, develop leadership abilities, and grow up to be healthy; physically, mentally, and morally. The Scouts BSA program is designed to offer you opportunities in these and in many more areas. What is important to remember is that you will get just as much out of scouting as you are willing to put into it.

Welcome to Scouts BSA Troop 19, Marshallton

We are glad that you have chosen Troop 19 as your troop. This booklet will help you to get acquainted with us. If you have any questions or would just like to talk to one of the adult scout leaders about scouting, please feel free to email or call. The names and contact information of the adult leaders and troop committee members are listed in the appendix.

In 2019, the BSA welcomed girls into its iconic program now called Scouts BSA. Troop 52 in Marshallton, PA had been eager to be an early adopter of the program, with interested girls and trained leaders ready to go. To get a head start, we formed an all-female BSA Explorer Club in June 2018 that focused on camping and outdoor skills. Once the Scouts BSA program went live in February 2019, we converted the group from an Explorer Club to a Troop and hit the ground running.

Troop 19 is in the Horseshoe Trail District of the Chester County Council which is composed of more than 9,000 scouts and scouters and is divided into three districts: Horseshoe Trail, Diamond Rock, and Octoraro. In addition to troop activities, scouting events are also scheduled by both the District and Council.

Troop 19 is proud to have been one of the first female Scouts BSA units. We meet weekly at the Marshallton United Methodist Church, try to camp at least one weekend a month during the school year, and keep ourselves busy over the summer with summer camp and other activities.

Welcome to Troop 19! Come get involved and be one of the groundbreaking girls to help pioneer this exciting, historic program!

TROOP ORGANIZATION

A troop is chartered by a local organization. Our troop's Chartered Organization is the Marshallton United Methodist Church (MUMC) who also sponsors Troop 52, Pack 152, and Pack 215.

Committee

The troop has a committee whose primary responsibility is supporting troop leaders in delivering a safe and exciting scout experience, as well as handling troop administration. The troop committee is responsible for conducting the business of the troop, setting policy, and helping the Scoutmaster and scouts with the outdoor program and other planned activities. The committee also has the responsibility to provide adults for the Boards of Review. This is an important responsibility where help is always needed. The committee consists of adult volunteers who fulfill various roles. All registered adults are considered part of the committee. You do not need to have a specific role to be on the committee or attend meetings.

Troop 19 welcomes the Troop 19 parents to join. We've included a list of committee members you may need to contact in the Appendix. The Committee Chairman or the Chartered Organization Rep should be your first stop if you have any concerns about the troop's operation that the Scoutmaster cannot satisfy. The committee meets on the 3rd Monday of most months at the 8:00 pm in the church library.

Volunteers are always needed, and your participation is welcome.

Youth Leadership

Youth leadership is a core of scouting. Below are the youth leadership positions in a troop:

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| ❖ Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) | ❖ Troop Guide | ❖ Bugler |
| ❖ Asst. Senior Patrol Leader | ❖ Instructor | ❖ Outdoor Ethics Guide |
| ❖ Scribe | ❖ Historian | ❖ Patrol Leader (PL) |
| ❖ Treasurer | ❖ Librarian | ❖ Asst. Patrol Leader |
| ❖ Quartermaster | ❖ Webmaster | ❖ Den Chief |
| ❖ Grubmaster | ❖ Chaplain's Aide | ❖ Junior Asst. Scoutmaster |

You can learn more about the responsibilities of each role in the Scout Handbook or online.

Patrol Method

Scouting was built on the patrol method. A troop is made up of patrols and each patrol usually contains 5 to 10 scouts. A patrol includes a Patrol Leader (PL) and an Assistant Patrol Leader (APL). Scouts will be assigned to a patrol when they enter the troop. Each patrol participates in activities as a unit at the troop meetings and on outings. As a patrol, you will plan what you will eat on a camping trip, purchase your food within a budget, and then cook it yourselves. In addition, your Patrol Leader will represent you at the monthly Green Bar meetings where they plan the troop meetings. You can learn more about what patrols do in the Scout Handbook.

Patrol Leader Council (PLC) or Senior Patrol

Scouts BSA is "Youth-Led." The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC), not the adult leadership, is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities. The Scoutmaster and ASMs provide direction, coaching, and training that empowers girls with the skills they will need to lead their troop. The Troop Committee provides resources to help the PLC.

The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) is made up of:

- Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) - Elected by scouts, SPL runs the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) meetings.

- All Patrol Leaders - Elected by her patrol, the PL represents her patrol at PLC meetings. Reports PLC decisions to her patrol.
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) - Serves as a member of the PLC and fills in for the SPL as needed.
- Troop Guide - Attends PLC meetings and advises council on requirement needs of the troop.
- Scribe - Attends and keeps a log of PLC meetings.

The PLC plans the yearly troop program at the annual planning meeting and also meets monthly to develop plans for upcoming meetings and activities.

Being a youth-led troop, the Senior Patrol Leader generally chooses her staff however her selections are subject to the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster.

Green Bar

PLC meetings have been called "Green Bar" meetings because of the green bars on the youth leadership patches.

At its monthly meetings, the PLC organizes and assigns activity responsibilities for the weekly troop meetings.

The troop committee interacts with the Patrol Leaders' Council through the Scoutmaster.

Some troops' PLC includes others who may be assigned tasks and may be voting or non-voting members.

Troop 19 uses the PLC Meeting or Green Bar to plan campouts, activities, and general themes of the meeting. If necessary, they meet again to plan more specific details and prepare for the things they have planned.

Fostering a Youth-Led Troop

Adults and leaders work hard to encourage the scouts to take responsibility of how the troop is run. Part of that is standing back and letting them do things themselves – stepping in to train them to be leaders and stopping them only if there is danger. Here are ten ways that adults and parents can help keep the troop youth-led:

1. PROMOTE OWNERSHIP.

If youth leadership is actually going to be responsible for the running the program, (meetings, outings, etc.), they must have sense of ownership. Without ownership they will not have a sense of responsibility.

2. PRAISE PUBLICLY, CRITICIZE PRIVATELY.

Critique and advice are tempered by a sense of care and support and quietly offered. Praise is frequent, always overheard, and shared with others.

3. SUPPLY DIRECTION AND BOUNDARIES.

Focus on what scouting promises scouts without making demands or issuing orders. Describe boundaries and point out the vast possibilities.

4. BE POLITE, ASK PERMISSION.

Can I say something? Do you need any adult support for that? What can I do to help you with this?

5. ALWAYS ENCOURAGE.

There will always be problems – challenge is good. Youth leaders are not there to prevent problems but to lead their fellow scouts through them.

6. SET THE PROPER TONE FOR LEADERSHIP.

Scouts are not soldiers, you are not the captain, youth leadership is not our drill sergeants. You are the coach, youth leadership are our team captains, scouts are players.

7. CONSIDER YOUR AUTHORITY PROVISIONAL.

When circumstances demand, step in quietly (with permission if possible) and ask questions that will lead to a course correction. Don't grab the wheel unless the wreck is imminent.

8. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE.

Let the scouts live their own lives, go fold a tent, have a cup of coffee or watch quietly.

9. GUARD THE PLAYING FIELD.

When other adults interfere quietly redirect their attention to something else. One direct, clear statement about the role of adults is usually all that is needed.

10. GIVE FEEDBACK.

Measure your interactions, don't talk things to death, plenty is often two minutes at a time!

Parental Participation

Scouts should encourage their parents to play an active role in the troop as a Committee Member or Assistant Scoutmaster. Assistant Scoutmasters attend troop meetings and monthly campouts. While there is no mandatory minimum number of campouts, completion of BSA's Youth Protection Training and attendance at 3 or more campouts or activities per year represents a significant commitment to your daughter and the Troop as a whole. If many parents volunteer for a few weekends each, the Troop benefits greatly.

The Troop Committee makes decisions that keep the troop funded and operating throughout the year and these decisions affect you and your scout. The Troop Committee provides support and back-up for all troop activities. If you don't feel you can make the commitment required of an ASM, perhaps you have skills that would benefit the committee. Whether or not you join the committee, all parents are welcome to attend our monthly meetings.

It is important that scouts and scout parents recognize when you register with Troop 19, both you and your parents are committed to an active job in the troop fundraising activities. Scouts should also encourage their families to attend the court of honor and other family functions on the schedule.

Your parent(s) are welcome on outings and should plan to attend at least one outing each year. However siblings should only attend the Family Adventure trips. Consult the troop calendar with your parent and try to come up with a date that works for you.

All that said, Scouts BSA is different from Cub Scouts. Here we try to instill a sense of responsibility in each scout. As a parent, make an effort to step back and let your child do things on their own; from packing their own gear to going away for a week at summer camp.

Adult Leadership

Though Scouts is a time to let your child fly on their own, it also takes a good deal of time and effort to run a troop. We rely on volunteers to make the troop thrive as best it can. There are many roles to play and jobs that need to be done within the troop. There is something for everyone! Look at our Committee list in the Appendix to see which positions we currently need a volunteer for or come to a Committee meeting and see what's going on behind the scenes.

If you like to camp, consider signing up to be an Assistant Scoutmaster. This requires additional training but allows you to be more helpful on weekend camping trips and at weekly meetings. Or if you plan on being at most meetings and want to help then, let us know so we can get you involved.

All adults accompanying a Scouting unit who are present at an activity for 72 total hours or more must be registered. The 72 hours need not be consecutive.

Registration includes:

- ❖ Completion of application including criminal background checks and mandatory Youth Protection Training

Current Youth Protection Training (YPT) is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal. However, we encourage all adults to take Youth Protection Training for the safety of our scouts.

See the Chester County Council website (cccbsa.org) for training programs available to adults in our council.

Adult Volunteer Positions

Committee Chair (CC)

Description: TBD

Requirements: TBD

Activities Coordinator

Description: TBD

Requirements: TBD

Activities Signup & Assistant

Description: Help with campout and event signups.

Requirements: Sit at the signup table each week at the troop meetings so that scouts and parents can sign up for, sign permissions slips for, and pay for campouts and other troop activities.

Adult Training/YPT

Description: Manage adult training opportunities and documentation.

Requirements: Announce and put new training opportunities on our calendar. Use Scoutbook reports to keep track of training requirements still incomplete for adults in roles that require training. Work towards a 100% trained troop. Request the patches for trained adults. Create opportunities for ALL adults (not just registered ones) to complete YPT training.

Advancement Chair

Description: Track/complete all advancement paperwork/documentation.

Requirements: Enters advancement progress for Scouts into Scoutbook, helps prepare for Courts of Honor by creating PO's, purchasing advancement badges, creating reports.

Assistant Scoutmaster (ASM)

Description: Assist the Scoutmaster and scouts at meetings and campouts.

Requirements: Assist the Scoutmaster in developing and maintaining the scouting program.

Awards/Recognition

Description: Promote award opportunities and recognition for youth, adults, and troop.

Requirements: Familiarize yourself with the variety of BSA award opportunities and their requirements. Suggest to SPL/SM when there is an award within reach or opportunities to work towards an award. Complete paperwork and order awards as needed.

Board of Review Coordinator

Description: TBD

Requirements: TBD

Ceremonies/Events

Description: Help organize family/social events like the Court of Honor and Holiday Potluck.

Requirements: Create and post Signup Geniuses, help setup and cleanup, coordinate details for events about 3-5 times/year.

Charter Organization Rep (COR)

Description: Liaison between the Chartered Organization and the Units it charters.

Requirements: Communicates information from the church to the Troop and the Troop to the church. Approves adult leader applications.

Communication/Webmaster/Scribe

Description: Advise youth in these roles to ensure information is being disseminated to families.

Requirements: Check the website about once a month to see if it needs any updates or revisions and notify the youth Webmaster if so. Keep an eye on communications from the Scribe to ensure they contain all necessary info. In rare cases, you may need to send adult-to-adult communications or overstep the youth if they are unavailable in a timely situation.

Community Service

Description: Oversee our community service work.

Requirements: Keep list of contacts and opportunities. Field requests from organizations. Help youth looking to fulfill a service requirement. Use Scoutbook to manage attendance/hours at service events. Announce opportunities and place on calendar if youth choose to participate. Coordinate details with beneficiary if necessary.

Details/Meeting Planning

Description: Help PLC, Instructors, and Troop Guide think through the details of the meeting plans and campouts to help ensure they are prepared.

Requirements: Meet with PLC+ once a month for about an hour and touch base once or twice between meetings.

Donations

Description: TBD

Requirements: TBD

Eagle Advisor

Description: Help Life Scouts on their path to Eagle.

Requirements: Keep list of possible projects and distribute opportunities as necessary. Be an advisor to scouts throughout the process, in particular with their Eagle project.

First Aid Chair

Description: Keep our first aid kits stocked.

Requirements: Create an inventory list then check boxes every 3 months or so and replenish as needed.

Fundraising Chair & Assistance

Description: Oversee and/or manage the Troop's fundraising efforts.

Requirements: TBD

Grubmaster

Description: Oversee role of youth Grubmaster(s).

Requirements: Attend monthly grocery trip for campouts with the youth. Keep track of food allergies. Guide scouts as needed with menu planning, shopping, and cooking skills.

Medical & Safety Officer

Description: Oversee Troop's medical and safety needs.

Requirements: Collect and keep track of medical forms, allergies, and prescription arrangements on outings.

Membership/Recruitment

Description: Support potential scouts and their families.

Requirements: Distribute blank applications and collect and check completed ones from both new scouts and adults who wish to officially join the troop. Follow up with potential scouts, making sure they are invited to meetings. Possibly support recruiting efforts if/when we have them (this may need to be a job for a second individual).

New Scouts/Parent Liaison

Description: Support new scouts and their families.

Requirements: Ensure new families get all initial info the need and that they feel welcome. Answer questions (or find someone who can) from new families.

Quartermaster

Description: Oversee role of youth Quartermaster and oversee the purchase, maintenance and storage of Troop equipment.

Requirements: Supervise and help the troop procure equipment, work with the youth Troop Quartermaster on inventory and proper storage and maintenance of all troop equipment, make periodic safety checks on all troop equipment and encourage troops in the safe use of all equipment, report to the troop committee at each meeting, and maintain Troop inventory in coordination with the Troop Quartermaster.

Scoutbook Admin

Description: Help keep Scoutbook organized and up to date.

Requirements: Connect with parents to get all youth and adults signed up and using Scoutbook. Coordinate with Scribe, SM and Advancement Chair to help update events, service hours, camping days, attendance, etc.

Scoutmaster (SM)

Description: Oversee the daily/weekly activities of the troop and ensure the Patrol Leader Council is providing an appropriate program for the troop.

Requirements: Training and guiding youth leaders to run their troop, work with and through the Assistant Scoutmasters to bring the scouting program to the troop, help the scouts to develop by challenging them and encouraging them to learn new things, guide the scouts in planning the troop program, help the troop committee to recruit new assistant scoutmasters, conduct scoutmaster conferences.

Secretary

Description: Take notes at the committee meeting, reports on previous month's notes, and distributes notes among the committee and/or parents.

Requirements: Attends monthly committee meetings, handles publicity, manage the Troop Resource Survey annually, and send thank you notes.

Summer Camp Coordinator

Description: Coordinate efforts for attending summer camp(s).

Requirements: Gather and disseminate information about summer camp, promote signups and payment schedules.

Transportation Coordinator

Description: Oversee travel plans for trips.

Requirements: Make sure we have enough drivers for any trip. Make sure we have someone to pull the trailer. Distribute directions to drivers if necessary. Make the announcement when the group is heading home.

Treasurer

Description: Manage and document troop funds.

Requirements: Track expenses and income, manage scout accounts, write checks, manage the bank account.

Troop Chaplain/Religious Emblems Coordinator

Description: Oversee youth Chaplain's Aide and manage religious events and achievements.

Requirements: Help Chaplain's Aide with duties, help with Scout Sunday, coordinate religious emblems program.

Troop Guide

Description: Advise youth Troop Guide in helping new scouts reach 1st class.

Requirements: Help run reports in Scoutbook for the youth Troop Guide and advise them in their duties.

Troop OA Rep Advisor

Description: Act as the adult liaison between the Troop and Octoraro Lodge 22.

Requirements: Attend Lodge LEC meetings and share communications with Troop's OA Brothers. Encourage participation in OA activities.

Uniform Coordinator

Description: Help scouts and families secure uniforms.

Requirements: Collect and redistribute outgrown uniforms and manage/order our supply of neckerchiefs and class B shirts.

SCOUT SAFETY

Youth Protection Training

True youth protection can be achieved only through the focused commitment of everyone in Scouting. It is the mission of Troop 19 and the Boy Scouts of America to maintain a culture of Youth Protection awareness and safety at the national, regional, area, council, district, and unit levels.

You do not have to be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America to take Youth Protection Training.

To take Youth Protection Training go to My.Scouting.org and create an account. You'll receive an email notification with your account information, including a member ID/reference number.

From the My.Scouting.org portal, click Menu then My Dashboard from the menu list. The My Training page displays to take Youth Protection training. Upon completion, you may print a training certificate to submit with a volunteer application. Your training will automatically be updated in our system and associated with the member ID/reference number issued when you created the account.

When your volunteer application is approved, you will receive a BSA membership card that includes your member ID number.

The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for our youth members. To maintain such an environment, the BSA developed numerous procedural and leadership selection policies and provides parents and leaders with resources for the Cub Scout, Boy Scout, and Venturing programs.

Scouting's Barriers to Abuse

The BSA has adopted the following policies for the safety and well-being of its members. These policies primarily protect youth members; however, they also serve to protect adult leaders. All parents and caregivers should understand that our leaders are to abide by these safeguards. Parents and youth are strongly encouraged to use these safeguards outside the Scouting program. Registered leaders must follow these guidelines with all Scouting youth outside of Scouting activities.

The chartered organization representative, or in their absence the executive officer of the chartered organization, must approve the registration of the unit's adult leaders.

Registration includes:

- ❖ Completion of application including criminal background check and mandatory Youth Protection Training
- ❖ Volunteer Screening Database check

Current Youth Protection Training is required for leaders when renewing their registration or at unit charter renewal.

ADULT SUPERVISION

Two registered adult leaders 21 years of age or over are required at all Scouting activities, including meetings. There must be a registered female adult leader over 21 in every unit serving females. **A registered female adult leader over 21 must be present for any activity involving female youth.** Notwithstanding the minimum leader requirements, age- and program-appropriate supervision must always be provided.

One-on-one contact between adult leaders and youth members is prohibited both inside and outside of Scouting.

- ❖ In situations requiring a personal conference, the meeting is to be conducted with the knowledge and in view of other adults and/or youth.
- ❖ Private online communications (texting, phone calls, chat, IM, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.
- ❖ Communication by way of social media (Facebook, Snapchat, etc.) must include another registered leader or parent.

Discipline must be constructive.

- ❖ Discipline must reflect Scouting's values.
- ❖ Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- ❖ Disciplinary activities involving isolation, humiliation, or ridicule are also prohibited.

RESPONSIBILITY

Leaders must ensure that all participating in Scouting activities abide by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

Adult leaders and youth members share the responsibility for the safety of all participants in the program, including adherence to Youth Protection and health and safety policies.

Adult leaders are responsible for monitoring behavior and intervening when necessary.

Physical violence, sexual activity, emotional abuse, spiritual abuse, unauthorized weapons, hazing, discrimination, harassment, initiation rites, bullying, cyberbullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs, alcohol, and pornography have no place in the Scouting program and may result in revocation of membership.

All leaders are required to adhere to the [Scouter Code of Conduct](#).

ACCOMMODATIONS

Separate accommodations for adult males, adult females, youth males, and youth females are required.

Tenting

- ❖ Separate tenting arrangements must be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth.
- ❖ Youth sharing tents must be no more than two years apart in age.
- ❖ In Cub Scouting, parents and guardians may share a tent with their family, but in all other programs, youth and adults tent separately.
- ❖ Spouses may share tents.

Lodging/Cabin Accommodations

- ❖ Whenever possible, separate cabins or lodging should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. Where separate accommodations cannot be provided due to group size or limited availability, modifications may be made. Where completely separate accommodations are not available, additional supervision is required.
- ❖ If adults and youth of the same gender occupy single-room accommodations, there must be a minimum of two adults and four youth, with all adults being Youth Protection trained.
- ❖ Physical separation by other means, including temporary barriers or space, should be used only when no other arrangements are possible.
- ❖ These modifications are limited to single-gender accommodations.

Restrooms

- ❖ Separate shower and latrine facilities should be provided for male and female adults as well as for male and female youth. If separate facilities are not available, separate times should be scheduled and posted.
- ❖ Privacy of youth is respected.

- ❖ Adults and youth must respect each other’s privacy, especially in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- ❖ Adult leaders should closely monitor these areas but only enter as needed for youth protection or health and safety reasons.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ The buddy system should be used.
- ❖ The use of smartphones, cameras, mirrors, drones, etc., in places or situations where privacy is expected is prohibited.
- ❖ All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- ❖ The BSA does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program.
- ❖ Hazing and initiations are prohibited and have no part during any Scouting activity.
- ❖ All forms of bullying and harassment including verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited.
- ❖ Inappropriate public displays of affection are prohibited.
- ❖ Sexual activity is prohibited.
- ❖ Appropriate attire is required for all activities.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Adult leaders and youth members have a responsibility to recognize, respond to, and report Youth Protection violations and abuse.

Scouts First Helpline

As part of its “Scouts First” approach to the protection and safety of youth, the BSA has established a dedicated 24-hour helpline to receive reports of known or suspected abuse or behavior that might put a youth at risk.

1-844-SCOUTS1 (1-844-726-8871)

When to use it:

- ❖ Anytime you believe a youth has been harmed or their safety and wellbeing is at risk, and you cannot immediately reach your Scout executive or local council.
- ❖ If a Scout is bullied because of race, color, national origin, religion, sexual orientation, or disability, and local help is unable to resolve the problem.

If someone is at immediate risk of harm, always call 911.

ACTIVITIES

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are held every Thursday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Meetings are generally held at Marshallton United Methodist Church (MUMC) but may be relocated based on the planned activities. Meeting details will be communicated via the Troop calendar and by email (both managed in Scoutbook). Meetings are where scouting happens, so we expect that you will make every effort to attend regularly. Scouts should arrive promptly, in full Class A uniform (unless otherwise instructed in the email), with their Scout Handbook. Scouts should be picked up promptly at 8:30 pm. The adult leaders are volunteers who give up their evening and many other days and nights to help your daughter. They cannot leave until every scout has been picked up. Please don't keep them waiting.

At the beginning of the troop meeting, adult volunteers are available for activity sign-up, completion of parent permission slips and activity payment. It is best to stop by from 6:45 to 7:15 pm to sign-up for upcoming activities. Generally, activity sign-up is available from one month out from the date of the event. If you wish to use your Scout's Scout Account to pay for an activity, please be certain that enough funds are available in the account prior to registering.

Announcements of upcoming activities including specific dates and times are made at the end of the meeting (during circle up time). If you want to know specifics of upcoming events arrive for pick up about 15 minutes early and come in to hear upcoming opportunities and news. **Everyone is welcome to join the circle at the end!**

Parents are not required to stay through the whole meeting, but at the very least, it is good to use the drop-off and pick-up times to hear announcements and make sure you are signed up for activities. If you are able to stay and want to help out, there is always somewhere that help is needed. As we grow into a troop, there will be more opportunities for involvement. Talk to us if you are interested.

Weekend Camping Trips

Our troop plans a weekend camping trip once a month throughout the school year. Possible campgrounds include but are not limited to scout reservations in Pennsylvania and surrounding states, National and State Parks, commercial campgrounds, and rustic land (farms and fields). Planned activities can be as varied as the girls in the troop.

The troop provides tents and cooking gear to each patrol. Scouts are responsible for their personal camping and mess gear for these trips. Consult your patrol leader and the Scout Handbook for a list of what you will need on camping trips.

Scouts who attend trips will be responsible for taking home troop/patrol equipment for cleaning. Troop/Patrol equipment must be returned to the Troop Quartermaster at the next troop meeting. Scouts must show the Troop Quartermaster that the returned equipment has been properly cleaned and that it is not damaged. Equipment that is not properly cleaned will be returned to the scout for proper cleaning.

Troop 52 currently shares some camping gear with Troop 19. It is imperative that equipment is returned promptly so that Troop 52 can have it available to use during their monthly outings.

Lost or damaged equipment (damaged through neglect) must be replaced at the Scout's expense, so take good care of all equipment.

Day Trips

Day trips are also scheduled throughout the year. They may be to take advantage of outside planned events, to work on merit badges, to go hiking, or simply for fun. Some trips may also be planned by a Patrol.

Summer Camp

During our week at summer camp, scouts may enjoy swimming, boating, nature study, crafts and have the opportunity to earn merit badges and advance in rank. The camping week usually goes from Sunday to Saturday during the third week in June but is subject to change.

The summer camp fee is very reasonable (about \$450) and is paid in installments. The first payment date is mid-December, the second payment date is mid-February, the third mid-April and the final balance payment date is mid-May. The exact fees and due dates can be found on the Troop calendar.

Summer camp fees can be drawn from the individual's scout account provided sufficient funds are available.

The Scoutmaster and summer camp coordinator will provide the information on summer camp as it becomes available.

Family Adventures

Our Family Adventure Camping trips are campouts where all the scout families are invited along if they wish: fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers — even the dog! For scouts whose families cannot come, they attend and bunk with other scouts. This is a great opportunity for families to get to know each other, to get to know other scouts and leaders, to see what the scouts do, and to join in the fun!

Annual Events

Other annual events include things like: Klondike Derby, Merit Badge College, First Aid Meet, Brandywine River Cleanup, NYLT, Cub Day, and the Courts of Honor. Troop 19 patrols will be encouraged to brainstorm and plan other activities and day trips which may become an annual tradition.

Community Service

A scout is helpful. As scouts, we have a duty to our community. It starts with the Marshallton United Methodist Church. They support our troop in many ways and we give back by lending a hand when they need it.

Rules About Outings

The following rules apply to scouts who wish to go on any of the troop outings:

- Scouts **MUST** provide a medical form and copy of insurance card.
- Scouts **MUST** provide a permission slip signed by parents.
- Scouts **MUST** be active in the troop.
- Scouts **MUST** wear their uniform while in transit.
- Scouts **MUST** complete trip registration by deadlines announced.
- Scouts **MUST** have no outstanding debts with the troop, district, or council.

Outing Sign-up

Scouts must register for a troop-sponsored event by the deadline provided by the troop. Deadlines are imposed to provide ample time for shopping and planning activities. Late registrations may be accepted at the discretion of the Scoutmaster based upon the availability of transportation and supplies.

Cancellation

TROOP SPONSORED OUTINGS

Generally, there will be no refund provided if a scout or her family does not attend an event unless the scout or parent has notified the Scoutmaster prior to the trip's fees and provisions being purchased. Generally, notification 7 days prior to the departure date is sufficient but is not guaranteed if non-refundable reservations and/or tickets were acquired in the scout's name. If the event's cost was not pre-paid, the scout's Scout Account may be charged.

DISTRICT, COUNCIL, NATIONAL ORGANIZATION EVENTS

The cancellation policy for summer camps, high adventure camps, and other events hosted by District, Council, or National Scouting bodies are set by the body sponsoring the event and are beyond the control of the troop leadership.

Shopping for Events

Scouts do the shopping for food for our campouts. The shopping trip is arranged by the Troop Grubmaster and may include the Troop Grubmaster, the Patrol Grubmasters, and/or scouts who need to shop to fulfill rank requirements. The Adult Grubmaster will accompany the youth on all shopping trips which usually occur in the days just prior to the departure date (Wednesday night). Menus must be planned, approved and printed prior to shopping, as well as recipes and a grocery list that includes quantities. A thorough review of contents of the shed MUST be completed and compared against the proposed menu. It is important to have a calculator to tally up costs to ensure budget of \$10/person is not exceeded. Each shopper is expected to exercise proper judgment and spend as judiciously as possible (A Scout is THRIFTY), purchasing ONLY the items on the approved menu. If the budget fails to cover the costs, the menu will be re-evaluated for savings opportunities. Once all items on the menu have been obtained, the adult Grubmaster will pay for the items at checkout using an appropriate payment method. The Patrol Grubmaster will be responsible for taking home all food stuff and ensuring proper storage. It is suggested that the Grubmaster ensure that totes and coolers are available for food storage upon completion of shopping. On departure day, Grubmaster will be responsible for delivering the food for the trip.

ADVANCEMENT

Steady advancement for each Scout is an integral part of the scouting program. Soon after joining the Troop, you will begin working on skill requirements, merit badges and badges of rank. The goal of the Troop is to provide a program in which every opportunity exists for new scouts to reach the rank of First Class. This can be achieved in one to two years. Generally, the more active the Scout, the quicker she will progress through the ranks. Attendance at summer camp and the first-year program there helps with quick advancement.

The Troop has assembled a network of resources to enable the Scout to work through the higher ranks in scouting. The leadership provides encouragement; however, it is up to the scout to pursue the higher ranks. The higher ranks require a leadership position and it will be up to the adult leadership to determine if the Scout has fulfilled that requirement.

Merit Badges

There are more than 100 different merit badges, each related to a career, hobby or scouting skills. You can learn about sports, crafts, science, STEM, outdoor skills, trades and business as you earn merit badges. Merit badges have led some scouts into adult careers. Any Scout may earn any merit badge at any time. You don't need to have had rank advancement to be eligible but earning merit badges is part of the rank requirements.

The current requirements for Eagle Scout, the highest rank in Scouting, involve earning 21 merit badges including 13 from this list:

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| ❖ Camping | ❖ Environmental Science or Sustainability |
| ❖ Citizenship in the Community | ❖ Family Life |
| ❖ Citizenship in the Nation | ❖ First Aid |
| ❖ Citizenship in the World | ❖ Personal Fitness |
| ❖ Communication | ❖ Personal Management |
| ❖ Cooking | ❖ Swimming, Hiking, or Cycling |
| ❖ Lifesaving or Emergency Preparedness | |

Summer camp is a great place to earn merit badges, particularly for those that require the special facilities that Scout Reservations can offer. Adult merit badge counselors, however, are available year-round for nearly all merit badges subjects so there is no need to wait for summer camp to earn merit badges. A list of counselors is available for scouts to review. Scouts must request a Blue Card (physical or digital) from the Scoutmaster, who will also provide the merit badge counselor list.

Badges of Rank

You get out of scouting just what you put into it. You are under no obligation to advance in rank. It's up to you. But you can have more fun in scouting if you take advantage of the advancement program. You'll also learn a lot along the way. The Scouts BSA ranks are:

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| ❖ Scout | ❖ Star |
| ❖ Tenderfoot | ❖ Life |
| ❖ Second Class | ❖ Eagle |
| ❖ First Class | |

To advance to any rank, you must meet the requirements described in the Scout Handbook. You will notice that two requirements are common to every rank:

- A Scout must be ACTIVE in the Troop or patrol and,
- A Scout must show SCOUT SPIRIT.

A Scout can meet all other requirements, but if these two are not met, no advancement will take place.

The Scoutmaster conference is a meeting between the Scoutmaster and the Scout and is a requirement for each rank. The Scoutmaster reviews the Scout's progress and ensures all requirements have been met. The Scout is expected to show how she has grown in her understanding of the Scouting ideals, including the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and how she has applied those ideals. The Scoutmaster will also discuss the next steps in advancement and encourages the Scout to advance.

Board of Review

Once the Scout has completed her Scoutmaster Conference, she must complete a Board of Review. The Scout requests Board of Reviews through the Troop's Board of Review Chair.

The purpose of a Board of Review is to assess the youth's readiness for the next rank. This is accomplished by interviewing the Scout on topics related to leadership and the Scout's application of the Scout Oath and Scout Law in an age appropriate manner. The Board of Review for Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life is conducted by three or more members of the troop committee. The Eagle Scout preliminary review will be conducted by all available members of the troop committee.

The prospective Eagle Scout will also participate in a Chester County Council Board of Review. The scout requests this Board of Review through the Council's Advancement Chairman.

Scouts must present themselves in full uniform with their Scout Handbook for all Boards of Review.

FUNDRAISING

Why do we need fundraisers? Without them, we would either have to severely curtail our activities or we would have to charge a very high annual fee. Annual fundraisers help fund troop activities and provide funds necessary to maintain and purchase new equipment. There are usually several fundraisers offered every year. Some may be opportunities with Troop 52 such as the Chester County Balloon Festival. Some we may start on our own.

Fundraising can also be arranged for prospective Eagle Scout Projects. The Eagle Scout candidate needs to coordinate with the Troop's Fundraising Chair.

As Troop 19 develops their fundraising plans, information will be added to this handbook.

Troop Scout Accounts

A Scout is thrifty. Scout accounts allow Scouts the opportunity to better demonstrate this point of the Scout Law by taking advantage of Troop-sponsored fundraising activities to save for Scouting activities. While the goal of a scout account is to expose the Scout to financial management and budgeting skills, the Scout's parent has ultimate control over and responsibility for the proper management of the account.

A Scout may fund her scout account through participation in Troop-sponsored fundraisers or by deposits to the account. Parents may have the reimbursement for troop expenses credited to their daughter's scout account also.

Scouts and their parents may use money from their scout account to reduce or totally pay for the scouting activities including but not necessarily limited to monthly outings, summer camp, High Adventure trips, or any other Troop expenses she may incur.

Parents are responsible for the use of a minor Scout's scout account and therefore, subject to the exception described below, the use of scout account funds requires the approval of her parent or guardian.

If a Scout is delinquent on a dues or summer camp payment, the Troop may with the consent of the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and Chartered Organization Representative deduct the amount due from the scout account. The Committee Chairman will provide written notice of the deduction to the Scout's parent.

When a Scout reaches 18 years old, all funds will remain in the account for her to use in her role as a Scouter.

When a Scout separates herself from the Troop, funds will remain in her account for a period of at least one year. During that time, she or her parents may request a refund of the balance in her scout account through a written request to the Scoutmaster. After that time the remaining funds may be absorbed by the troop.

The Troop cannot afford to finance Scouts over the long term, so Scouts and their parents must know the balance of their scout account and realize that the accounts are not credit accounts or loans. The Scout Account Chair can provide a balance via email. A report of all scout accounts is also provided at Committee Meetings. There are situations where a scout account may show a shortfall, but these events should be an exception.

Scout accounts should have a positive or neutral balance after payments for summer camps are finalized. The Scout Account Chairman will work with the parents of scouts whose scout account is not managed appropriately. The Scout Account Chairman, Committee Chairman, Chartered Organization Representative, or the Scoutmaster may at their sole discretion and upon notice to the parent suspend a Scout's ability to use her scout account.

In extreme cases, The Scout Account Chairman, Committee Chairman, Chartered Organization Representative, and Scoutmaster may collectively decide to not re-charter a Scout unless a shortfall is resolved.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Roster

Troop 19 maintains a roster containing the contact information (name, address, telephone numbers & email addresses) of all Scouts and their parents. This roster may be shared among all members of the troop to facilitate communication.

Communications

The Troop has started a web page that is currently at: bsatroop19.com as well as a private Troop 19 Facebook group. We also use Scoutbook.

You can find pertinent and current information on these sites including the blank permission slips, troop calendar, links to other BSA sites, pictures and general information concerning the troop/activities. These sites are generally well maintained and should have the most up to date information available. Scoutbook and Facebook are password protected for your privacy.

Uniforms

The Class A uniform is an important part of scouting. The Class A uniform includes a scout shirt, slide and neckerchief, scout pants/shorts, scout socks, an appropriate belt, and hiking boots or shoes. Scout shirts must have properly placed insignias. Consult the Scout Handbook for the location of all insignias.

Scouts of Troop 19 have a neckerchief that is unique to our troop. The troop neckerchief will be presented to you at your Cub Scout Crossover or upon registering with the troop. In addition to your neckerchief, you will receive your Scout Handbook. The troop neckerchief is worn whenever you wear your Class A (trips, scout summer camp, Scoutmaster Conferences, and Courts of Honor) with the exception of Order of the Arrow events should you become an OA member.

Scout uniforms can be purchased online or in a local council store.

Class B refers to a more relaxed uniform of a Class B t-shirt, scout pants/shorts, scout socks, an appropriate belt, and hiking boots or shoes. The scouts redesign and vote for these shirts every few years and all registered members are given one complimentary shirt with the option to buying additional shirt – or even sweatshirts.

A scout is thrifty – please reach out to our Uniform Coordinator if you have outgrown uniforms or gear that you would like to pass along, or if you are interested in checking to see if someone else has passed along something you need!

If you lose any of the items mentioned above that were given to you by the troop, you will be responsible for replacing them.

Scout Handbooks

The Scout Handbook is essential. Every scout should have one to learn the skills necessary to advance and to track their progress. It is recommended to keep your book covered and well-protected as it is going to spend a lot of time out in the elements. Make sure the Advancement Chair gets your book after you've had a number of requirements signed off so they can enter that information into Scoutbook.

Health & Medical Forms

All scouts need to complete these:

https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/healthsafety/pdf/680-001_abc.pdf

Parts A & B only (no physical exam required) for weekend camping. But once scouts go on a trip for more than three days, like summer camp, they will also need part C.

Adults who camp should also fill out one of these forms so we have it on file in case of emergency.

Include a photocopy of an insurance card with the medical forms.

Please report all allergies to the Scoutmaster ahead of time and make sure they are documented on the health form. Food allergies should also be reported to both the Youth and Adult Grubmasters.

Medications should be in original containers with dosage instructions and given to a responsible adult before trip departure for safe storage. Some campsites will require medications be left at their health lodge for the duration of the trip.

Transportation

Transportation must be provided by parents and leaders on a volunteer basis. If you can help out, please let us know. Without transportation, we can't have our trips. The Transportation Chair coordinates transportation for troop outings. We would request that each family sign up for at least of one trip every year. The Transportation Chair will need some pertinent information from you such as license plate number, insurance coverage, etc. Fill out a transportation sheet in the beginning of the year.

Troop Registration/Dues

To register as a scout in Troop 19 you must complete the BSA application, which you can obtain from the Scoutmaster. Annual dues are set by the Troop Committee. Dues pay for registration in the National BSA, general liability insurance, the Council Program Fee, and for crossover supplies and badges.

To register as an adult leader in Troop 19, you must complete a BSA application and undergo background checks mandated by the State of PA. Dues for adult members are set by the Troop Committee and may vary from the youth fee. This amount is intended to cover the cost of national registration and Council Program Fee. Adult members of the troop must complete the BSA's online Youth Protection Training (YPT) and complete the required background checks (FBI Fingerprinting, PA Criminal History, & PA Child Abuse) before they can participate in scout outings more than 72 hours in duration and, per the policy of the Chester County Council, they must renew YPT training annually.

Camping Gear

Individually, the girls will not need a lot to start: a sleeping bag, a flashlight or headlamp, some decent hiking shoes or boots. If they need a mess kit (to eat), let the Scoutmaster know as there are spares in the shed. A bag to put their things in that isn't a trash bag is preferable. Optional things that are nice to have are a camp chair, a sleeping pad, a rain poncho, a mug for hot cocoa. Some scouts enjoy hammock camping. Those who do purchase their own hammock and accessories.

One thing we may need help with is hauling the trailer and transporting gear. Those of you with trucks be warned we may ask 😊

BEHAVIOR

We recognize that for our scouts to grow into responsible adults, they need to be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, any Scout who intentionally participates in an activity that has the potential to cause harm to herself or to other Troop members or behaves in a manner that reflects negatively upon Troop 19 or Scouts BSA, or intentionally participates in any activity that may cause damage to public or private property, will be disciplined. Behavior which is cause for disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Insubordination: not following Scoutmaster's or other adult or youth leader's instructions.
2. Significantly unsafe actions.
3. Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of another person.
4. Leaving designated areas without the Scoutmaster's permission, including:
 - a. Not telling the Scoutmaster or other adult leader of their whereabouts at all times;
 - b. Going to another area without permission;
 - c. Entering property marked "No Trespassing."
 - d. Exploring physical hazards without permission and supervision (creeks, cliffs, etc.)
5. Scouts should not curse, use foul language, or offensive or indecent gestures.
6. Excessively rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior.
7. Scouts do not fight or tease each other; all Scouts should respect one another.
8. Scouts should not touch another's Scout's belongings without permission.
9. Smoking or use of any controlled or illegal substance.
10. Behavior in opposition to the stated aims of the Scout Oath or Law, and the Outdoor Code.

Scouts should:

- ❖ Practice the Scout Oath & Law, and the Outdoor Code at ALL times.
(You are always a Scout, even when not in uniform.)
- ❖ Obey adult and youth leaders—without arguments and with respect.
(Remember, to get respect, show it!)
- ❖ Work as a team.

We expect that with the policy clearly stated, Scouts will know where they stand better understand their behavior and the role of good citizenship in the Troop, and in all social interactions.

BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The following consequences will occur if the basic rules of conduct stated above are not followed:

- ❖ SPL will give a verbal warning.
- ❖ Three warnings during a single activity (meeting, campout) of disruptive behavior will result in a conference with an adult leader who will, at that time, discuss the infraction with the Scout, reminding her of the Behavior and Discipline policy. The Troop Committee Chair and parents will be notified.
- ❖ Scoutmaster Review - The offending scout will first have a parent or guardian notified by the Scoutmaster that the scout is not welcome back to a meeting unless the parent or guardian stays at the meeting the entire time with the girl. Then if unacceptable behavior continues to persist, and a scout is barred from attending a second meeting during a single Scouting year (September-June), the scout will receive continued disciplinary action, such as additional required attendance of a parent/guardian at scout meetings and suspension from selected activities. It is vital to recognize that our adult Scout Leaders are unpaid volunteers, and parents and guardians are expected to support our Scouting program if they wish their daughter/s to participate.

SERIOUS INFRACTIONS

A Scout who is involved in serious misbehavior that endangers herself or others, or flagrantly and knowingly violates the principles stated above, whether on a campout or at another Troop function, will be subject to having

her parents called to come get her from the activity. In such a case, the Scoutmaster or adult in charge will notify the Troop Committee Chair as soon as possible for review.

Depending on the nature of the infraction, the Scoutmaster or adult in charge may suspend the Scout from attending any future Troop activities until a Board of Review has met with the scout and her parents. In addition to the adult present at the time of the infraction, this meeting should consist of the Scoutmaster, and other Committee members as appropriate, to discuss the event. The purpose of this meeting would be for the scout to explain her behavior. The circumstances should be clearly and honestly stated. This is not a court of law, but a fair and honest review of what occurred. Appropriate discipline will be assigned at this meeting. Possible actions include: temporary suspension from future activities, requiring the Scout's parent to attend the next activity, or expulsion from the Troop.

Please remember, these are working guidelines. We are not trying to establish a police state; by the same token, Troop 19 is not a baby-sitting service. We hope never to have to take the most extreme steps stated above, but unless there is a clear understanding of expectations and consequences on all sides, confusion and bad feelings can result in disgruntled families and a poor Scouting experience for everyone. Our desire is to make this Troop a great one, and for our girls to have a rewarding, positive time as members of Scouts BSA.

Bullying and Hazing

The idea that a Scout should treat others as he or she wants to be treated—a Scout is kind—is woven throughout the programs and literature of the BSA. When a Scout follows the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, bullying and hazing situations should never occur. BSA's Youth Protection Policy states that "Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any scouting activity" and that "Verbal, physical, and cyberbullying are prohibited in scouting".

Troop 19 will take all possible steps to preempt and prevent bullying in all forms at any scouting activity. No hazing or initiations are allowed in Troop 19. Scouts should remember that they represent scouting at all times and should never take part in bullying or hazing at any time or any in situation.

Electronics Policy

Smartphones, tablets, and similar electronics, collectively "Electronic Devices", can be both useful tools and aggravating intrusions. Troop 19's policy is to emphasize the former aspect while preventing the later. With her parent's approval, a Scout may bring on outings an electronic device for use as a tool such as a camera, a navigational aide, an information source, or a communication device that would be HELPFUL to maximizing the enjoyment of both herself and the troop as a whole. The Scout will be expected and required to use that tool only in ways consistent with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and abide by Scouting's Youth Protection Policy which states that "although most Scouts and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it is easy to intentionally or inadvertently invade the privacy of other individuals with those devices. The use of any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in or near shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected is inappropriate."

Before a Scout is allowed to bring an Electronic Device on outings, the Scout and his parent must accept and acknowledge the Troop's rules governing the appropriate use of Electronic Devices. These rules provide the Scout with more specific requirements as well as examples of usage that is and is not consistent with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. If you wish your Scout to take an electronic device on outings, please review the Electronic Device Usage Agreement with her, and have her return a signed copy to the Scoutmaster.

Electronic Devices can be quite expensive, and many scouting experiences involve environmental factors unfriendly to their continued operation. Troop 19 will not be liable for the loss or destruction of an Electronic Device brought on a scout outing. Before a Scout can bring Electronic Devices on outings the Scout and her parent must acknowledge the risks and waive Troop 19's liability for the Electronic Device.

CODE OF CONDUCT CONTRACT

I, _____,

understand that Troop 19 follows the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and that my behavior should reflect that.

I understand that the following are prohibited during all scouting activities:

1. Insubordination: not following Scoutmaster's or other adult or youth leader's instructions.
2. Significantly unsafe actions.
3. Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of another person.
4. Leaving designated areas without the Scoutmaster's permission, including:
 - ❖ Not telling the Scoutmaster or other adult leader of their whereabouts at all times;
 - ❖ Going to another area without permission;
 - ❖ Entering property marked "No Trespassing."
 - ❖ Exploring physical hazards without permission and supervision (creeks, cliffs, etc.)
5. Scouts should not curse, use foul language, or offensive or indecent gestures.
6. Excessively rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior.
7. Scouts do not fight or tease each other; all Scouts should respect one another.
8. Scouts should not touch another's Scout's belongings without permission.
9. Smoking or use of any controlled or illegal substance.
10. Behavior in opposition to the stated aims of the Scout Oath or Law, and the Outdoor Code.

I understand these consequences will occur if the rules of conduct stated above are not followed:

- ❖ SPL will give a verbal warning.
- ❖ Three warnings during a single activity (meeting, campout) of disruptive behavior will result in a conference with an adult leader who will, at that time, discuss the infraction with the Scout, reminding her of the Behavior and Discipline policy. The Troop Committee Chair and parents will be notified.
- ❖ Scoutmaster Review - The offending Scout will first have a parent or guardian notified by the Scoutmaster that the Scout is not welcome back to a meeting unless the parent or guardian stays at the meeting with their Scout. Then if unacceptable behavior continues, the Scout will receive continued disciplinary action, such as additional required attendance of a parent/guardian at scout meetings and suspension from selected activities.

Serious Infractions

A Scout who is involved in serious misbehavior, will be subject to having her parents called to come get her from that Troop activity. The Scoutmaster or adult in charge will notify the Committee Chair.

Depending on the nature of the infraction, the Scoutmaster or adult in charge may suspend the Scout from attending any future Troop activities until a Board of Review has met with the Scout and her parents. In addition to the adult present at the time of the infraction, this meeting should consist of the Scoutmaster, and other Committee Members as appropriate, to discuss the event. The purpose of this meeting would be for the Scout to explain her behavior. The circumstances should be clearly and honestly stated. This is not a court of law, but a fair and honest review of what occurred. Appropriate discipline will be assigned at this meeting. Possible actions include: temporary suspension from future activities, requiring the Scout's parent to attend the next activity, or expulsion from the Troop.

ELECTRONIC DEVICE USAGE AGREEMENT

By their signatures below Scout and parent, in exchange for the Scout being granted authority to bring a smartphone, tablet or similar “Device” on scout outings, acknowledge and accept the risk of loss or destruction of the Device, and agree to use the Device strictly in accordance with the rules laid out below and the Scout Oath and the Scout Law as described on the reverse of this agreement. Troop 19 allows Scouts to use Devices to:

- ❖ build and maintain healthy relationships with the troop, find useful information, communicate and share excitement about scouting.
- ❖ update social sites using appropriate, (non-embarrassing), photos or clips that demonstrate excitement about scouting.
- ❖ serve as an information resource by accessing or storing printed materials relevant to the outing as well as recreational reading materials.

A Scout may not allow the Device to insulate him from the troop or detract from the outdoor experience, the program experience, or the scouting experience for herself, the patrol, or the troop. For this reason, Troop 19 does not allow Scouts to:

- ❖ Use audible alerts, all Devices must be silenced during an outing.
- ❖ Use Headphones, conduct idle websurfing, shop, watch videos, or play games on a Device.
- ❖ Make calls or send text messages home to “check-in”. Parents should refrain from placing calls or sending text messages to Scouts. If there is an urgent situation a Scout should first inform a leader and obtain permission to contact home. Parents should direct any urgent communications to leaders as well.

Scout and parent acknowledge that Scouters will enforce compliance with these rules and that any violation may result in the confiscation of the device for the duration of an outing. Repeated violations will result the revocation of the Scout’s authorization to bring an electronic device on outings.

Cyberbullying, the creation, possession, and or sharing of pornographic or otherwise offensive materials are contrary to scouting and will not be tolerated by Troop 19.

SCOUT:

PARENT:

SCOUT LEADER:

DATE:

APPENDIX

SCOUT OATH

On my honor, I will do my best

To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

Trustworthy,

Loyal,

Helpful,

Friendly,

Courteous,

Kind,

Obedient,

Cheerful,

Thrifty,

Brave,

Clean,

and Reverent.

OUTDOOR CODE

As an American, I will do my best to:

Be clean in my outdoor manners

Be careful with fire

Be considerate in the outdoors, and

Be conservation minded.

SCOUT MOTTO

Be Prepared!

SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a Good Turn Daily!

Troop Committee

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:

Michael

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ACTIVITY COORDINATOR:

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2nd position open

ADULT TRAINING/YPT:

position open

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Mike Rohner, Jr., mike.rohner@gmail.com

positions open

AWARDS/RECOGNITION:

position open

BOARD OF REVIEW COORDINATOR:

position open

CEREMONIES/EVENTS:

position open

CHARTERED ORGANIZATION REP:

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COMMUNICATIONS/WEBMASTER/SCRIBE:

position open

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DETAILS/MEETING PLANNING:

position open

DONATIONS:

position open

EAGLE ADVISOR:

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FIRST AID CHAIR:

position open

FUNDRAISING CHAIR & ASSISTANTS:

John Bonella, kerrparkdirector@gmail.com

positions open

GRUBMASTER/NUTRITIONIST:

position open

MEDICAL FORMS:

position open

MEMBERSHIP/RECRUITMENT:

position open

NEW SCOUTS & PARENT LIAISON:

position open

QUARTERMASTER:

position open

SCOUTBOOK ADMIN:

position open

SCOUTMASTER:

Melissa Pendill, melissa.pendill@scouting.org

SECRETARY:

position open

SUMMER CAMP COORDINATORS:

position open

TRANSPORTATION:

position open

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Julie Sterner, juline1279@icloud.com

Packing List

CLOTHING

- Socks!
- Underwear
- Long pants (as needed)
- Shorts (as needed)
- Long sleeve shirt
- Short sleeve shirt
- Pajamas
- Sweatshirt
- Hiking shoes or boots or sneakers
- Extra shoes
- Cabin slippers or water shoes (as needed)
- Rain gear (as needed)
- Bathing suit (as needed)
- Coat or jacket (as needed)
- Hat and gloves (as needed)

TOILETRIES

- Soap, towel and washcloth
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Comb or brush
- Hair band
- Bandana

CAMPING GEAR

- Flashlight/headlamp & extra batteries
- Water bottle (very important!)
- Mess kit and eating utensils
- Thermos/mug for hot cocoa (optional)
- Camp chair (optional)

BEDDING

- Sleeping pad
- Sleeping bag
- Pillow and case
- Flat twin sheet (optional)

OTHER ITEMS

- Backpack
- Pocketknife
- Notebook and pencils
- Walking stick and compass (optional)
- Camera (optional)
- Bug repellent
- Sunscreen
- Work gloves (as needed)
- Cards or game (optional)
- Medical prescriptions (as needed)

Other Resources

Coming soon...