



Boy Scout Troop 59 Manasquan, NJ

Troop Policies 2015-2016

Introduction: The Scouting program is rich in opportunity for both enjoyment and the development of the members of Troop 59. To make full use of this program requires the active participation of Scouts (youth) and Scouters (adults) alike. The following statement of the policies of our Troop is intended to clarify some of the major requirements for its successful operation.

Program: Troop 59 is more than just camping activities and meetings. It is expected that all of our Scouts will do their best to:

1. Live up to the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code.
2. Participate in the Scouting program offered by the Troop.

Parental Involvement: While the nature of the Boy Scout program relies on leadership by the Scouts, adult supervision and guidance is essential. In addition, there is a variety of behind-the-scene jobs that can only be preformed by adults. It is expected that all parents will participate in some manner. Regular attendance at courts of honor and provision of transportation to and from Troop outings and participation at paper drives is expected from all parents.

The Paper Drive is a Troop 59 Tradition that goes back over 50 years. It helps cover the cost of the Cabin and helps to defray the cost of many of our activities but it has a much more important role.

We feel it teaches Scouts:

1. Responsibility
2. Group Cooperation
3. The need and purpose for community involvement

(Participation in the paper drive is a **requirement** for advancement and participation in Troop activities.)

A **minimum** of 51% attendance over a given period is required to be considered for rank advancement. (Alternate times may be used to fulfill this requirement if you cannot make the 11AM Sunday standard time). Patrol shed duties will also be outlined to the Scouts which they will also need to perform.

Paper Drives are held on the second and last Sunday of every month.

Attendance: Scouts are expected to attend Troop meetings on a regular basis. It is understood that Scouts will be involved in other outside activities. Please inform the Scoutmaster of conflicts. A Scout's eligibility for participation in some programs and events will be determined by the Scout's attendance and participation in the Troop's overall program.

Uniform: The proper use of the Class A Scout Uniform is an important part of the Troop. All Scouts should have a complete Class A Uniform as soon as possible after joining the Troop and should make a strong effort to keep the uniform neat and have the correct placement of badges and insignia.

Class A Uniforms are to be worn at all Troop meetings, Boards of Review, Courts of Honor and Council sponsored events. Class A Uniforms are described in the Scout Handbook.

Class B Uniforms may be worn at some activities at the instruction of the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters. (Current Class B is the Green Troop 59 Scout T-Shirt)

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The Scout Handbook and a pen are an important meeting requirement. The Scout should bring the handbook to every meeting. It contains invaluable information necessary for his participation in the program as well as his personal record of progress.

Cell Phones are not permitted on Troop 59 sponsored activities. Adult leaders will have cell phones to use in the event they are needed.

Merit Badges: Merit Badges are described in the Scout Handbook and can be earned through instruction from Monmouth Council registered Merit Badge Councilors. A list of registered councilors can be obtained from the Scoutmaster. There may be some merit badges that can be earned with instruction from a family member. In that case, the request must be made to the Scoutmaster and forwarded to the Troop 59 Committee for approval. All Merit Badge applicants must acquire a Blue Card signed by the Scoutmaster prior to starting a Merit Badge Program.

Advancement: The responsibility for advancement within the Boy Scout program rests primarily with each individual Scout. The requirements for advancement are clearly defined in the Boy Scout Handbook. Assistance in the completion of these requirements is available from the Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters. There will be periodic reviews of progress with the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.

Prior to completion of the requirements for rank advancements, a Scoutmaster Conference and a Board of Review by the Troop Committee are Mandatory.

Scouts are required to participate in 51% of Troop activities in order to be eligible for advancement (this does not include paperdrives).

Activities: Those Scouts attending a Troop outing who are not accompanied by a parent or guardian are required to have a permission from completed and signed. Fees and permission forms will be collected two meetings prior to the outing to facilitate planning and menu preparation.

Transportation to and from outings is a shared responsibility of all parents.

Medical Forms: Medical forms must be kept current for each Scout participating in activities. A current medical form is good for one year. Any special medical situations must be brought to the attention of the Scoutmaster or Assistant prior to the activity and noted on the permission form.

Behavior: Any disciplinary problem will result in:

1. A verbal warning to the Scout from a leader for the first offense.
2. A reprimand from the Scoutmaster for the Second offense.
3. Referral to the Troop Committee to determine the consequences of the third offense.

If a behavior problem during a Troop Activity is considered severe by the Adult Leader in Charge of the event, the parents or guardian may be called to remove the Scout from the activity.

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2013-14 Troop Policies**

Scout's Name _____
(Please Print)

We have read and understand the two page attached Troop policies and agree to abide by them.

_____ **Scout**

_____ **Parent or Guardian**

_____ **Date**

(Please return this page to the Scoutmaster)