

Boy Scout Troop 263

Policy Concerning Medicine Taken During Troop Activities

- A. For purposes of this policy, **medicine** means any controlled substance prescribed by a medical doctor or psychiatrist; or any over-the-counter product used regularly under the supervision of a scout's parent(s) or guardian(s), such as aspirin, or cough, cold or allergy remedies.
- B. The Scoutmaster (or a trained adult leader designated by the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee) is to be notified in writing any time a scout who is required to take medicine will be participating in a troop activity other than regularly scheduled meetings. At a minimum, this notification shall include:
 - 1. The name of the medicine.
 - 2. Dose and timing at which the medicine is to be taken (e.g., one capsule, four times a day).
 - 3. Any special instructions for taking the medicine (e.g., take with food, do not chew, etc.).
 - 4. Common side effects of the medicine, especially any side effects the scout is known to have had (e.g., nausea, drowsiness, sleeplessness, dizziness, etc.).
- C. The scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall provide the Scoutmaster (or designated, trained adult leader) an adequate supply of the medicine for the duration of the troop activity. A few extra doses should be included to allow for unexpected delays in travel, etc.
- D. All medicines and copies of notifications are to be held and secured by the Scoutmaster (or designated, trained adult leader) during troop activities. The Scoutmaster, Troop Committee, and any designated adult leader involved in control of medicine will take reasonable steps to hold the name of the medicine and the purpose for which it is prescribed in confidence.
- E. All medicine will be taken under the supervision of the Scoutmaster (or designated, trained adult leader) and a second adult. The scout is responsible for administering the medicine himself. The Scoutmaster and second adult are not responsible for administering the medicine, but are to observe and document the scout taking the proper dose at the proper times.
- F. Under no circumstances is a scout to take medicine during troop activities without the supervision of the Scoutmaster (or designated, trained adult leader) and a second adult.
- G. Should a scout refuse to take his medicine, or otherwise violate this policy during a troop activity, he will be dismissed from the activity, and his parents will be called to take him home.
- H. The Scoutmaster (or designated, trained adult leader) will return all unused medicine to the scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) at the conclusion of the troop activity.