

Boy Scout Troop 407 Bylaws and Policies

National Capital Area Council

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Introduction:

Troop 407 is in the National Capital Area Council (NCAC). Our Chartering Organization is the Celtic Society of Southern Maryland, Inc. The meeting place is at Waters Memorial United Methodist Church; 5400 Mackall Road, St. Leonard, MD. 20685. Troop meetings are Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM. Committee/parents meeting are normally held on the first Tuesday of every month from 7:00-8:30 PM.

This handbook describes the way Scouting works for Troop 407; however, the higher authority is the current edition of the official BSA publications, including:

Publication 33229: The Boy Scout Handbook
Publication 33218: Boy Scout Requirements
Publication 34505: The Troop Committee Guidebook.
Publication 33002: The Scoutmaster Handbook
Publication 33500: The Junior Leader handbook
Publication 34251: Woods Wisdom
Publication 33200: Fieldbook – Boy Scouts of America

These publications and others are available from:

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Directions:

Take Route 4 north to I-495 North towards Baltimore. Take Exit 34, Route 355 (Wisconsin Ave.) Merge right and then immediately left to turn left onto south Wisconsin Ave. The Scout Shop is approximately 1 Mile down on the right hand side. The Shop is in the Merriotte Scout Center on the corner of Cedar and Wisconsin Avenues.

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The Scouting Creeds:

A scout is:

Trustworthy: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

Loyal: A Scout is true to his family, Scout Leaders, friends, school and nation.

Helpful: A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

Friendly: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

Courteous: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

Kind: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others, as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

Obedient: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and the troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

Cheerful: A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

Thrifty: A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

Brave: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

Clean: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

Reverent: A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

The Scout Oath:

On my honor, I will do my best;
To do my duty to God and my country;
To obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake,
and morally straight.

Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan:

Do a Good Turn daily

The Outdoor Code:

As an American, I will do my best to:

Be clean in my outdoor manners:

I will treat the outdoors as a heritage to be improved for our greater enjoyment. I will keep my trash and garbage out of America's waters, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire:

I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fire in a safe place and be sure it is out before I leave.

Be considerate in the outdoors:

I will treat public and private property with respect. I will remember that use of the outdoors is a privilege I can lose by abuse.

Be conservation minded:

I will learn how to practice good conservation of soil, waters, forests, minerals, grasslands and wildlife; and I will urge others to do the same. I will use sportsmanlike methods in all my outdoor activities.

The Patrol Leader Code:

As the leader of my patrol I will do my best to:

Learn all I can about my job in order to be a good leader;

Plan and lead good patrol meetings and activities,

Give every member a definite job so each will have a part in patrol activities,

Keep ahead on advancement so I am prepared at all times to teach patrol members,

Be thoughtful of my fellow Scouts and a friend to all of them,

Live the Scout Oath and Law and coach my patrol members to do the same,

Wear my uniform correctly and neatly so my Scouts will too.

As a leader in my troop, I will do my best to:

Take an active part in the patrol leader's council,

See that my patrol is prepared to take an active part in all troop activities,

Work with my Scoutmaster and other troop leaders to make the troop run well.

A Movement, not an Organization:

The Boy Scout Movement was founded in England in 1908 by Lt. Gen. Sir Robert S. Baden-Powell, a hero of the Siege of Mafeking during the Boer Wars in South Africa. It is an international effort to supplement the youth programs of existing organizations. Its aim is to promote the ability in boys to do things for themselves and others.

The Aims of Scouting:

1. To Build Character
2. To Foster Citizenship
3. To Develop Fitness

The Methods of Scouting:

1. Ideals (expressed in the Oath and Law)
2. Patrols
3. Outdoors
4. Advancement
5. Personal Growth
6. Adult Association
7. Leadership Development
8. The Uniform

The Leadership Skills:

1. Communicating
2. Knowing and Using the Resources of the Group
3. Understanding the Needs & Characteristics of the Group
4. Representing the Group
5. Setting the Example
6. Planning
7. Controlling Group Performance
8. Evaluating
9. Effective Teaching
10. Sharing Leadership (Styles of Leadership)
11. Counseling

The Scouting Method:

The Scouting Method offers organizations the ability to introduce into their programs unique features that appeal universally to boys. The method is called Scoutcraft, and is a combination of observation, deduction, and handiness, or the ability to do things. It includes first aid, life saving, cycling, nature study, camping skills, woodcraft, and career studies. This is accomplished with games and team play and is fun, not work for the boy. It includes lots of outdoor activities, service to others and recognition for a job well done. Through the Scouting Method the boy develops into the character of honorable and able manhood.

Scouting in America:

The United States Congress has chartered the Boy Scouts of America, Inc. (BSA) to administer the movement in this country. From the top down the BSA maintains Regions, Councils, Districts, and Troops.

The BSA authorizes a local **Chartering Organization** to include the Scouting Method in their youth program, and through them issues an annual Charter to the Troop. The Chartering Organization appoints a Troop

Troop Hierarchy:

All of the boys of the troop elect a **Senior Patrol Leader**. The boys are also divided into patrols, each of which elects a **Patrol Leader**. Each of these boy leaders appoints a staff. The Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leaders together are known as the **Green Bar (GB)** (because of the insignia they wear) or the **Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC)**. They meet at least monthly to reflect on past events and to plan for future

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events. The Scoutmaster attends in order to offer guidance and direction, but **the Senior Patrol Leader leads the troop.**

Scouting and Religion:

The 12th point of the Scout Law requires the Scout "to be faithful in his religious duties." The Scout shall declare his belief in God and demonstrate gratefulness for His love and blessings, be active in the life of his congregation, and be conversant with his religious leaders. This is considered when evaluating for advancement whether the Scout demonstrates Scout spirit in his everyday life. (ref. "Charter and Bylaws (1997 edition) Article 9.)

Meeting Schedule:

1. The entire troop meets each Tuesday evening between 7 PM and 8:30.
2. The Troop Committee meets the first Tuesday of the month.
3. The Green Bar meetings are arranged by the Senior Patrol Leader.

The troop meetings are planned to have an opening ceremony, a period for skill development, another period for the patrol to meet, and another for a game. The Scoutmaster offers a time of reflection and then the Scouts conduct a closing ceremony. The Green Bar usually meets afterward for a very short stand up meeting.

Each patrol should meet at least monthly and plan activities that do not conflict with troop activities. The patrols use these meetings to plan their participation in the troop and to work on advancement skills. The Patrol Leader must provide for adult supervision.

There are no meetings on:

1. Any day that Calvert County schools are closed (or close early) due to weather;
2. The week(s) the troop is in Summer Camp;
3. The week containing Christmas Eve;
4. The week containing Christmas Day;
5. The week containing New Year's Eve.

A Scout shall be in the complete prescribed uniform and bring his Scout Handbook, a pencil and note pad to each meeting. He shall be on time and stay at the meeting place until dismissed to his parents.

An active Scout attends at least half of the meetings, activities and service projects. The Scout will get the

most out of the Scouting Method if he attends all troop and patrol meetings and activities. Even if he attends no meetings or activities, every registered member is expected to stay current with his dues.

New Members:

You are invited to visit our meetings and campouts a few times to see what we are all about. If you choose to join us, talk with the Scoutmaster to get applications for you and your parents. Complete the applications and return them to the Scoutmaster, fulfill the rest of the requirements and pay your scout dues and fees.

The joining requirements are given in the current edition of Boy Scout Requirements. As of this writing they are a boy must:

1. Have completed fifth grade, or be 11 years old, or have earned the Arrow of Light Award. but be younger than 18 years old;
2. Recite the Pledge of Allegiance;
3. Be familiar with the Scout symbols;
4. Discuss child abuse with his parents;
5. Talk with the Scoutmaster.

A Scout is not yet 18, a Scouter is at least 18 and an adult Scouter is at least 21.

One of the new scout's parents/guardians is strongly encouraged to join and commit to an active role in the Troop to support the Boy Scout program.

Read the Boy Scouts Handbook! The Scout and his parent should read and refer to The Boy Scouts Handbook, The Scoutmaster's Handbook, The Junior Leader Handbook, Woods Wisdom. You will be astonished at the questions it answers about the program. *These references are available through the troop Library.*

The Buddy System:

Whether walking from the campsite to the Trading Post, or hiking along the river, the Scout should never be alone. He and his buddy must stick together through thick or thin. The buddy may change depending on the activity, but every Scout needs a buddy.

Medical Records:

The health and well being of each Scout and Scouter is very important to the BSA. The troop medical records of each child and adult must be kept current in order to participate.

Permits:

Any permits required by Troop 407, the BSA or the local jurisdiction shall be obtained. For activities not held at the weekly meeting place, such as camping trips or day trips, a Tour Permit must be granted by the Council and a Permission Slip shall be completed by a parent and returned to the troop. The Tour Permit request shall be submitted to the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chairman before submitting to Council.

Privacy and Behavior:

During his Scouting experience, the boy will have many interactions with other Scouts and Scouters. Scouters are interviewed and approved by the Committee to be sure they are of high moral character. For the safety of the Scout and the Scouter, there are no closed door sessions; no sharing of sleeping or sanitary facilities; no inappropriate touching. There shall be used no obscene, lurid, denigrating or demeaning stories, jokes, or language.

When an adult and Scout must meet, there shall be at least three people present. This minimum may be two adults and one Scout, or one adult and one Scout and one other child 11 to 18 years old.

Alcohol, drugs, weapons, pornography and hazing are not permitted. Tobacco is not permitted for Scouts and is strongly discouraged for Scouters.

For all **overnight** activities such as campouts there shall be at least two adults present, one of whom must be a registered Scouter.

Discipline:

The rules of behavior for Scouts and Scouters are embodied in the Scout Law, Oath, Motto and Slogan. If these rules are violated a responsible person shall intervene immediately to minimize harm to the Scout(s) or property; administer medical care or restore property as needed. They should report the incident to the appropriate level of supervision that can handle the problem. The Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, should follow-up to insure that action is taken. This action may include counseling, suspension, expulsion, or reporting to the civil jurisdiction. Any scout who repeatedly disrupts any function will be sent home. The adult guardian will be notified to pick up the scout regardless of the distance involved or the time of day or night.

Hydration:

One of the most common health problems among Scouts is caused by not drinking enough water. Boys

can become dehydrated when the temperature is hot or cold or the activity is vigorous or strenuous. Whether the activity is a campout or a day trip, Scouts should always carry and drink water. Sometimes one liter is sufficient, other times he will be required to carry two or three liters. Remember: "A hydrated Scout is a happy Scout; a dehydrated Scout is a dead Scout, and dead Scouts have no fun!"

Advancement:

Advancement is the bedrock of the Scouting Program. By advancing in a timely manner, the boy's sense of accomplishment and confidence is enhanced and his interest is maintained in advancing further. Advancement is not cramming for testing, but is a natural outgrowth of participation in a strong Scouting program. A boy who is an active member should easily become First Class within 12 months after joining, and Eagle by the time he enters High School. A Scout can no longer earn badges or rank when he turns 18.

To advance a rank, the Scout must fulfill the requirements in the current edition of Boy Scout Requirements. His personal record is kept in his own Boy Scout Handbook. He must keep all Rank Cards, Merit Badge Cards and "blue cards" in a safe place. His official record is kept at the Council office.

Most of the requirements for the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class may be signed off by a non-relative who is the Scout's Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, another Scout who is at least the next highest rank, or by a Scouter. The ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle require closer coordination with the Scoutmaster. These ranks require Merit Badges and service time and leadership time that the Scoutmaster must approve beforehand. All advancement requires the Scout to show Scout spirit. The Scout shall demonstrate the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan in his daily life. Refer to the Boy Scout Handbook for a discussion of what each means.

Scoutmaster's Conference:

All advancements require a "Scoutmaster's Conference". Periodically the Scoutmaster will meet with the Scout to discuss topics related to Scouting: advancement, leadership, participation, behavior, etc.

Board of Review:

All advancements above the rating of "Scout" require a Board of Review. The Scout is interviewed by a group of at least three Committee Members. The Advancement Chairman schedules all Boards of

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Review. They are usually held once a month, prior to the Committee meetings or on Scout outings.

Unscheduled Boards of Review may be called as necessary. Examples include setting advancement goals, disciplinary actions and meritorious recognition.

Merit Badges:

A merit badge may be earned at camp, at a meeting or on your own. To earn a Merit Badge, ask the Scoutmaster for a "blue card" and the name of a Merit Badge Counselor. A Merit Badge Counselor is a Scouter who is skilled in that field; a "blue card" is Publication 34124 Application for Merit Badge. The Scoutmaster has "blue cards" and a list of counselors. Each merit badge is explained in a Merit Badge book. Merit Badge books may be purchased; or borrowed from another Scout, from the troop, or from a school or public library. To earn a Merit Badge at summer camp, sign up prior to camp. A Scout can usually earn three to five merit badges at summer camp in an "outdoor classroom" environment.

Awards and Honors:

There are quite a few awards and honors available. Some, like the religious awards, are earned by the Scouts completing certain requirements. Others, like the Order of the Arrow, are presented to him by election of his peers.

Court of Honor:

Periodically a Court of Honor is held to publicly present ranks, merit badges and awards earned. This is a festive occasion and is usually accompanied by a potluck dinner or at least dessert.

Summer Camp:

The Troop participates in a week long Summer Camp each summer. Summer camp costs approximately \$220 as of May 2005; refer to flyer for chosen camp for more information. Scouts are encouraged to put aside a few dollars per week through the year to cover its cost.

A minimum of two Adult Scouters are required to support Summer Camp activities, please see the Scout Master for information should you be interested in helping with summer camp. The troop will defray summer camp fees for adults who volunteer to support the boys at camp.

Stay Current:

Scout dues are collected the first meeting of each month. If a Scout's dues are delinquent by greater than

two months he may not participate in outings. He may participate in meetings and fund-raisers.

Fund-raisers:

Participating in fund-raisers can offset any or all Scouting expenses. Interested Scouts and parents conceive, initiate, plan and carry out fund-raisers. *A Fundraising Permit must be obtained from the Council to ensure compliance with BSA rules.* Sales of popcorn, candy, crafts, dinners, dances, car-washes have all been successful.

Scout Accounts:

As scouts earn money, they will need a place to keep the money until it is used (at their discretion) for Scout related expenditures. To serve this purpose, a scout account is set up in each boy's name. These funds will be maintained in the Troop Checking/Savings Account. Records will be available at each monthly Committee meeting.

Should a scout decide to transfer from Troop 407 to another troop, the scout has 6 months to request his monies be forwarded to his new Troop's Scout account. Monies remaining after this six-month period will be forfeited by the scout and such funds will be transferred into the Troop general account for use in support of Troop.

Uniform:

A complete new uniform costs less than \$125 and may be purchased piece by piece as your finances permit. Scouts and Scouters shall wear the Scout uniform at all Scout meetings, activities and outings. A Scout feels and behaves like a Scout when he looks like a Scout. A Scout who is proud to be a Scout wants to look sharp, be sharp, and serve others. An adult leads by example if he wants Scouts to follow this path.

A Scout shall always present himself, as a neat and clean gentleman, freshly scrubbed, dressed in clothes in good repair (no rips or tears). Each scout shall have as complete a uniform. Upon joining, a Scout should obtain as a minimum, a Scout shirt and sew on the insignia (Council Patch, American Flag, Troop 407 numerals, World Crest, Arrow of Light if earned in Cub Scouts and patrol patch). As the Scout advances or is elected or appointed to a Troop leadership position, the insignia will be provided

A Scout is expected to be in full Field Uniform at Courts of Honor, Scoutmaster's Conference or Boards of Review. If not in the prescribed uniform, the Scout will be unable to participate in these events.

The Field Uniform (Class A) shall be worn unless the Activity Uniform (Class B) is specified by the Scoutmaster. The Scout uniform is the ideal outfit for camping and hiking. It is lightweight, durable and dries quickly when wet. Please don't "save" the uniform for "meetings and ceremonies".

The Field Uniform (Class A) consists of:

1. Troop 407 Cap or BSA cap
2. NCAC Patch
3. "407" Patch
4. Patrol insignia
5. Troop Neckerchief
6. BSA Neckerchief slide
7. Short Sleeve Shirt
8. Long Pants or Short Pants
9. Socks or Knee Socks
10. Web belt w/buckle
11. Red Shoulder Loops

The Activities Uniform (Class B) consists of:

1. Troop 407 Cap or BSA cap
2. Troop 407 T-shirt
3. Shorts Pants or long pants
4. Socks or Knee Socks
5. Web belt w/buckle

The Troop possesses some uniform items, which are available for use while the scout is active with the troop. Check with the Uniform Quartermaster for specifics. Replacement or repair of uniforms which are damaged, lost or destroyed through neglect or misuse will be the responsibility of the Scout or Scouters to whom the uniform was issued. Donation of scout purchased uniforms that have been outgrown would be appreciated.

Personal Equipment

A Scout should have as much equipment as necessary to keep him warm, dry, hydrated and fed. The items of camping gear a Scout will use most often are a good three-season sleeping bag (rated down to zero degrees), a pocket knife, a backpack, a mess kit, canteen (water bottle), and a compass. Given the opportunity, every boy who joins Scouting could quickly bankrupt his parents buying everything he thinks he needs to be a Scout. For advice on buying gear, call an adult leader.

Equipment not permitted at any outing or meeting are fixed blade knives, fireworks, firearms, air rifles or

pistols, sling shots, bows and arrows; electronic games, radios, tape players; alcohol, drugs, tobacco products or pornography. Restricted items shall be turned over to the adult in charge and shall be returned to the Scout's parents. If the troop is using a facility providing rifle or archery ranges, Scouts will be told what equipment may be brought and what security procedures will be required.

Troop Equipment:

The troop owns some of the more expensive items such as tents, stoves, lanterns, cookware. The Quartermaster establishes rules and procedures to make it available to the patrols as long as it is properly maintained.

Repair or replacement of equipment damaged, lost or destroyed through neglect or misuse will be the responsibility of the Scout or Scouters to whom the equipment was issued.

Camping Expenses:

Three quarters of "SCOUTING" is "OUTING". The troop tries to camp about once a month. The individual scout is responsible for any camping registration fee, and his food costs. Once any registration fees or deposits are provided, the money is spent. It is not refundable even if the Scout does not attend the event – unless the Scout finds a replacement to fill his position.

The individual patrols plan, purchase and cook their own meals. Meal moneys are collected prior to the outing and one scout is assigned the responsibility of purchasing the food for his patrol. Actual costs are dependent on menu selection.

It is mandatory that a scout attend the weekly meeting immediately prior to an outing so that all fees and forms associated with the outing are current. If extenuating circumstances arise making it impossible to attend the this meeting, the Scout should contact the Patrol Leader or Sr. Patrol Leader as well as the Adult advisor and the Scoutmaster to insure proper arrangements are made.

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Parent/Guardian Expectations:

Scouting is not a "drop-off and pickup" activity nor is it a "baby-sitting service". It is absolutely essential that you be trained and involved as an interested, contributing, productive Committee Member, or as an Assistant Scoutmaster and closely working in the Program or as a Merit Badge Counselor.

Both fathers and mothers are welcome at all meetings and outings and are encouraged to help out without waiting to be asked.

Some of the tasks that need to be done are:

1. Committee Chair.
2. Secretary - correspondence, keep written records, history.
3. Treasurer - keep financial records.
4. Registration Chairman - maintain communication with the Council concerning our membership.
5. Advancement Chairman - keep records of the Scouts' progress and keep the staffs informed.
6. Health & Safety Chairman - maintains medical records and ensures compliance with BSA safety rules.
7. Newsletter Chairman - keeps others informed
8. Uniform Quartermaster – maintains a bank of spare uniforms for issue to scouts. Maintains records of uniforms issued.
9. Ad Hoc Fundraising Chairman.
10. Volunteering to be a merit badge counselor. This is accomplished by being a registered adult and filling out a Merit Badge Counselor Information Form available from the Troop. It is important to understand that if there are no merit badge counselors, the scouts will not be able to earn the required merit badges. If you have unique skills/interests, you are strongly encouraged to make your skills available to the scouts in the troop. Merit Badge counselor lists are required to be updated annually.

Acting as a Merit Badge Counselor to your own scout is discouraged. Feel free to discuss this issue with the Scout Master should you desire clarification.

It is the responsibility of the parent to notify the Scoutmaster of any medical conditions and or medications that the scout is taking. Arrangements must be made prior to any outings concerning administering prescription drugs.

It is expected that scouts be picked up from all functions on time. If for some reason the parent is late to pick up their scout, they will be expected to pick up their scout from an Adult leaders house.

Committee Chairman and a Scoutmaster:

The **Troop Committee Chairman** and the **Scoutmaster** each form a staff who are willing and able to participate. The **Committee** meets monthly with the Scoutmaster to discuss the program and offer support. All parents of the boys are expected to take an active role on the Committee and to attend all meetings related to Scouting.

Committee Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month. The meeting will be officiated by the Committee Chair, or by the Secretary (in the absence of the Committee Chair). The Charter Organizational Representative may officiate the meeting at the request of the Committee Chair. A quorum of a minimum 7 registered adults, with a minimum of seven families represented, must be present to transact business. Meetings will be run in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The officiating member of the board will only cast a vote in case of a tie. A majority vote is defined as the majority of registered parents/families present during a vote. Absentee ballots may be accepted in writing in advance by the Committee Chair who will present the written vote following a vote.

Troop Budget:

The troop will have an annual budget covering the each charter year, defined as April 1st through March 30th. The budget will be based on necessary expenditures to support the costs and fees associated with re-chartering and all other costs or fees associated with troop activities.

The budget should allow for, as a minimum:

1. Maintenance of troop equipment.
2. Purchasing of new equipment.
3. Misc. office supplies.
4. Legal fees/dues as required.
5. Savings/rainy day fund.
6. Scout dues.

Scout Dues (in the amount \$4 per month) will be collected on a monthly basis. Dues will be collected in advance, will be placed in escrow and applied to the upcoming years' re-charter fees/dues for each individual scout. Initial set up of and all new troop members thereafter will be required to pay one year's dues (or \$36) in advance at time of charter with the troop. Dues will cover the following items:

1. Re-chartering fees.
2. Awards.
3. Boys Life Magazine.
4. Insurance.

Should a new scout join during a re-charter year, the dues may be prorated. However, it must be understood that at the next re-charter, the boys dues must be paid in full (or supplemented depending on how much the dues account is available for re-charter).

Adult Leader Training:

Adults who are registered with the troop are encouraged to take advantage of training opportunities to further their skills in bettering the Scouting Program. These range from an introductory video tape on troop operations, which can be borrowed from the troop library; through Scout Adult Leader Training (SALT), one Saturday in a weekend learning to BE a scout in a patrol; and onto Woodbadge, a three weekend immersion in scout and leadership skills, cumulating in a long term commitment to troop improvement projects and beyond. The troop will defray costs for completed adult leader training. Additional training is available through the local district – one example: The District conducts a monthly Roundtable meeting to disseminate information (at a place determined by the District).

Vehicle Insurance and Transportation:

Volunteer parents are needed to provide transportation to and from off site activities. Adults who transport Scouts are required to be a minimum of 18 years of age with the approval and permission of the scouts' parents and provide proof of insurance prior to the outing. This information should be provided to the secretary/committee member/transportation coordinator at time of chartering and then updated during re-chartering. If the outing involves major transportation expenses, each Scout pays his share. This is usually not necessary on weekend trips.

Bylaws:

Acceptance of these Bylaws and any changes to them thereafter, must be accepted by a majority vote of registered parents in good standing, in attendance at a regularly scheduled Troop Committee Meeting. One vote may be cast per family.

Periodic review and revisions to the Bylaws may be conducted anytime through the Physical Year but must be performed at least once yearly prior to re-charter.

The Secretary shall be responsible for maintaining control of the Master Copy of the Bylaws and maintaining/editing the electronic file of the Bylaws.

References

To insure the Scout a safe, healthy and fun outdoor experience, parents should read:

1. Boy Scout Handbook
2. Boy Scout Fieldbook
3. Camping Merit Badge Book
4. Hiking Merit Badge Book
5. Cooking Merit Badge Book
6. Backpacking Merit Badge Book
7. Backpacker Magazine (Rodale) 800-666-3434

Local Equipment Suppliers:

1. Adventure Bound @ 410-557-7116
2. Boy Scout Shop @410-338-1700
3. Boy Scout Catalog, 800-323-0732
4. Hudson Trail Outfitters @ 410-583-0494
5. CAMPMOR @ 800-226-7667
6. Sunny's Surplus @ 410-569-2659
7. REI @ 800-258-4567
8. Gander Mountain @ 800-558-9410
9. H & H Surplus @ 410-752-2580
10. Beacons Surplus & Outdoor - Waldorf 301-645-0077 or 301-843-5877