

# Troop 119



**Lexington, MA**

## **Guidebook for Scouts and Parents**



# **BSA Troop 119 Guidebook**

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## **Mission of Scouting**

The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

### **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.

## **BSA Vision Statement**

The Boy Scouts of America is the nation's foremost youth program of character development and values-based leadership training.

In the future Scouting will continue to

- Offer young people responsible fun and adventure;
- Instill in young people lifetime values and develop in them ethical character as expressed in the Scout Oath and Law;
- Train young people in citizenship, service, and leadership;
- Serve America's communities and families with its quality, values-based program.

## **Boston Minuteman Council Policy of Non-Discrimination**

*The following is the nondiscrimination policy announced by the Boston Minuteman Council July 19, 2001:*

The mission of the Boston Minuteman Council, Boy Scouts of America is to provide character development, citizenship training, growth in physical and mental fitness, and leadership opportunities for the young people of the Boston metropolitan area. We pride ourselves on the diversity of our members, and we are committed to providing young people with an educational and stimulating environment in which to learn and grow. Through the Scout Oath and Law, we pledge to respect all people and to defend the rights of others. Bias, intolerance and unlawful discrimination are unacceptable within the ranks of the Boston Minuteman Council.

The Boston Minuteman Council serves over 18,000 youth through 3,300 volunteers in over 330 Packs, Troops and other units without regard to color, race, religion, ethnic background, sexual orientation, or economic status.

Adopted July 19, 2001

# **Hancock United Church of Christ Congregational**

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## **Our Charter Organization**

### **The Charter Organization**

Every scout unit, Troop, Pack or Venture Crew is operated by an organization granted a charter by the Boy Scouts of America. Charter organizations conduct the Scouting program according to its own policies and guidelines as well as those of the Boy Scouts of America. The charter organization appoints a Charter Organization Representative (COR) to serve as the primary interface with the troop. Our COR is Mr. Jim Weston. Jim is a long time member and lay leader at Hancock Church. He also served many years as the Chairman of the Troop Committee at Troop 114 in Bedford. The Charter Organization approves all leaders in the unit, provides facilities and resources for the Troop and helps promote a well-run Scouting program.

### **Hancock Church**

Hancock Church is a Congregational church affiliated with the United Church of Christ, one of the largest UCC churches in Massachusetts and one of the most active. It has a growing membership of about 900 and includes members previously of many denominations. The Reverend Peter Meek, the senior minister, leads a team of 3 full time clergy. Its church school attracts over 200 children and youth. Hancock Church has a long history of supporting scouting. Troop 119 was the first scout troop in Lexington and Pack 137 is a large, rapidly growing pack. Outside the church office you will find a plaque with a long list of Eagle Scouts from Troop 119. It is the joint mission of the Church and the Troop to continue this wonderful tradition.

Troop 119 welcomes and appreciates the support of its Chartering Organization. For more information about the church, please visit the church's website at [Hancock Church of Christ](#).

# BSA Youth Protection Policy

The following policies have been adopted by the Boy Scouts of America to provide security for the youth in our program. In addition they serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse.

## **TWO-DEEP LEADERSHIP:**

Two responsible registered leaders, one of which must be at least 21 years of age and the other at least 18 years of age, are required on all trips and outings.

## **NO ONE-ON-ONE CONTACT:**

One-on-one contact between youth and adult members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting should be conducted in the view of others.

## **RESPECT OF PRIVACY:**

Leaders must respect the privacy of the youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp.

## **SEPARATE ACCOMODATIONS:**

When in camp, no youth is to share or sleep in the same tent as an adult or staff member other than his own parent or guardian.

## **NO SECRET ORGANIZATIONS:**

There are no secret organizations recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. All Scouting programs are open to parents and leaders.

## **PROPER CLOTHING:**

Proper clothing for activities is required. Skinny dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.

## **CONSTRUCTIVE DISCIPLINE:**

Discipline in Scouting should be constructive (supportive) and reflect Scouting Values. Corporal punishment is unacceptable.

## **DISCOUNTING PROHIBITED:**

Physical and mental hazing is highly prohibited and is not included in Scouting activities.

## **SUPERVISION:**

Leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and see that Boy Scouts of America policies are followed.

## **TRAINING:**

*Leaders and volunteers are encouraged to complete the "Youth Protection Training". YPT is offered by the scout district and is also an online course.*

*Scouts are trained in YPT one each year.*

*Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the insert at the beginning of the Boy Scout Handbook.*

## **Troop 119 Scout Law Policy**

### ***Introduction***

*It is the policy of Troop 119 to provide a safe environment in which all members of the Troop can develop and advance within the Scouting program. Any behavior by a Scout or an Adult, that threatens the safety or well being of another Scout, is disrespectful to youth or adult leaders, or that brings dishonor to the Troop, Charter Organization, or the Scouting Program constitutes a serious behavior issue, which will be dealt with immediately.*

*This Scout Law Policy and the Troop Code of Conduct, included here-in by reference, describe appropriate and inappropriate behavior, processes for implementing the policy and the possible consequences of inappropriate behavior. All Scouts are required to provide the troop with a Policy signed by the Scout and his parent(s) or guardian(s).*

### ***Behavior***

1. All Scouts and Adults are expected to live, to the best of their ability, by The Scout Oath and Law, which says that a Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.
2. The Troop Code of Conduct is the commitment we each make to each other to be respectful and to do our best to support the principles and values of Scouting.
3. Properly wearing the Scout uniform is a core value and compliance with the troop uniform policy is required of all Scouts. Class A is the appropriate attire for all troop meetings, Courts of Honor, Scoutmaster Conferences, Boards of Review, and other formal events. The PLC will determine appropriate attire for other events and activities but will generally require a Class B uniform.
4. Conduct that will not be tolerated includes: fighting; hazing; threatening; verbal abuse of other Scouts or Scout leaders; harassment of other Scouts or Scout leaders; habitual use of foul language; use of tobacco in any form; use of drugs; consumption of alcohol; inappropriate use of knives, axes, saws or other sharp objects; careless use of flammable products and fire; abuse of troop property; abuse of the personal equipment and property of others; and any other conduct in which the Scout engages which the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters believe threatens the well-being of the Scout or others, troop property or the property of others, or interferes with the purposes of Scouting.
5. Disruptive behavior in meetings and at events or activities is disrespectful to others and is not supportive of the Troop and Patrol activities and the Scouting program and will not be tolerated.
6. The attempt of any Scout to frighten, coerce, or force another Scout into taking or being subjected to any action(s) that would otherwise be against his will is strictly prohibited.
7. Adults should be a positive role model for scouts, provide instruction in a constructive and supportive manner, and create an environment that encourages learning, tolerates failure and strives to promote the principle of a boy-led troop. Adults should seek to learn, through formal training and hands-on experience, the skills necessary to provide instruction and guidance to Scouts.
8. Adults must be trained and practice the principles of the Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Program.
9. Corporal punishment of any kind is not tolerated in Scouting.

## Responsibilities and Consequences

1. The Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) is the elected body of a boy-led troop and may deal with a Scout's or troop conduct problems assigned to it by an adult leader or take on issues on their own with permission and guidance from the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. The PLC may meet anywhere, any time. The PLC must consider all sides of a problem, discuss the issue, and recommend to the Scoutmaster (or adult leader in charge of the event if immediate action is required) what action should be taken. The Scoutmaster will review the decision of the PLC, and, at his or her discretion, will enforce either that decision or suggest a modified version of the decision.
2. The **PLC and the Scoutmaster** may consider one of several action steps or consequences:
  - a. A verbal warning
  - b. A one-on-one or group meeting with the Scout to review appropriate behavior
  - c. Loss of privileges to attend or participate in a Troop activity or event for more serious or repeat offenses.
  - d. Removal of a Scout from his leadership position
  - e. Assignment of a work or service project that provides a tangible benefit for the Troop and is consistent with the infraction. The project must be completed immediately and before a scout can advance to the next rank.
  - f. Referral to the Troop Committee for further action.
3. The **Scoutmaster or an Adult**, in consultation with another adult leader, will deal with minor problems in the manner that they determine to be in the best interest of the Scout and the Troop, which shall be appropriate for the situation and consistent with Scout policy. More serious situations shall be dealt with in the following manner:
  - a. When the behavior of a Scout could threaten the safety of another individual, or is felt to be sufficiently serious, any adult leadership should take immediate action using their best judgment
  - b. In the case of a serious problem, such as a safety issue or insubordination to a leader, the youth or adult leader must first stabilize the situation and inform the Scout that he is "on report". The leader should then "step back" and immediately involve another adult, preferably the Scoutmaster as to the handling of the situation.
  - c. As a consequence of a serious infraction on any activity or event the Scoutmaster or Adults may decide to send a Scout home in which case the parents should come as quickly as possible and any expenses resulting from the Scout being sent home will be borne solely by the parents of the Scout.
  - d. The Troop Committee will be advised of any instance of serious misconduct, as will the parents of the affected Scout.
4. The **Troop Committee** has the primary responsibility for the safe, effective and efficient operations of Troop 119 and, therefore, has the final authority to deal with all violations of the Troop 119 Code of Conduct and Scout Law Policy. Generally the Committee, the Scoutmaster and other adult leaders will operate on a "three strikes" approach. The first strike is a warning. The second strike is a serious warning where the Committee may choose to contact the Scout's parents. The third strike means "you're out" and is only exercised as a last resort after all attempts to reach a satisfactory resolution have been exhausted.
5. The Troop Committee should be immediately notified of any reports of inappropriate behavior by adults associated with the Troop and will have primary responsibility for investigating the circumstances and taking appropriate action.
6. In order to assure the safety of all Scouts and the well being of the troop the Troop Committee reserves the right to do any or all of the following:
  - a. Provide guidance to the PLC and Scoutmaster with regard to handling the specific situation which may include any of the remedies mentioned earlier

- b. Revoking a Scout's privilege to participate in meetings and activities
- c. Delaying advancement for not living up to the spirit of the Scout Oath and Law
- d. Invite the parents of the Scout and the Scout to meet with representatives of the Committee and the Scoutmaster to discuss the situation and to attempt to reach a satisfactory conclusion
- e. Suspend a Scout from the Troop for a defined period of time
- f. Terminate membership in the Troop but only after the parents of the Scout and the Scout have been invited to attend a Committee meeting to discuss the issue of termination. If parents choose not to attend the termination meeting, the Scout's participation in the troop will be immediately terminated. It is the goal of the Troop that termination from the Troop is a "last resort" which is reserved for severe problems, and undertaken only to assure the safety of the Scout membership and the well-being of the Troop

Read and Understood:

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Troop 119



Lexington, MA



**Boy Scout Troop 119**  
Hancock United Church of Christ – Lexington, Massachusetts

## **Troop Code of Conduct**

As a member of Troop 119, I understand that my right to join in the fun of Scouting requires responsibility on my part to always behave according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, the Troop 119 Scout Law Policy and the Code of Conduct described below.

### *The Code of Conduct for Troop 119 is as follows:*

- ❖ I will not be disruptive, will pay attention and show respect to both the elected youth leaders and adult Troop Leaders.
- ❖ I will do my best to be on time and in the proper uniform for all meetings and scheduled Scouting events.
- ❖ I will participate in and support the activities of my patrol and Troop to the best of my abilities.
- ❖ I will not haze, threaten, injure or verbally abuse another person.
- ❖ I will not abuse things that belong to another person, including Troop equipment.
- ❖ I will not borrow another person's equipment or belongings without permission.
- ❖ I will not leave a meeting, event or activity without an adult's permission and then only with a buddy.
- ❖ I will not use profanity, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco while at any Scouting function.
- ❖ I will use matches and stick lighters only when appropriate and safe and only if I have my "Fireman's Chit" (Cigarette lighters are not appropriate.)
- ❖ I will follow "Totin Chip" rules and regulations when using knives, axes, and saws.
- ❖ I will not take dangerous or unauthorized items (fireworks, firearms, bows/arrows, sling shots, laser pens, etc.) to Scouting functions.
- ❖ I will not take electronic devices to Scouting functions unless authorized by the Scoutmasters.
- ❖ I will remember that a Scout is reverent and do my best to demonstrate reverence by, for example, saying grace before all meals and attending troop faith services.
- ❖ I will perform the duties of my office or assigned responsibility to the best of my ability.
- ❖ I will not ask another Scout to perform a task I am not willing to do myself.
- ❖ I will attempt, by word and deed, to bring honor upon my patrol, my Troop, and myself.

### Consequences of Improper Behavior

The Scouts of Troop 119 elect the Senior Patrol Leaders and the Patrol Leaders to run the Troop through the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). The PLC will initially address many violations of the Code of Conduct. Consequences could include a verbal warning, suspension from certain activities, removal of leadership position, referral to the Scoutmaster, or referral to the Troop Committee for severe violations, in accordance with Troop 119's Scout Law Policy.

I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Law and agree to follow this Code of Conduct.

Scout Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Youth Protection Training for Scouts**

Once a year during a troop meeting, the Troop will conduct a Youth Protection Training (YPT) program for the Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America have prepared an award-winning video program to educate boys 11 years and older about child sexual abuse and the steps that they should take to protect themselves. Parents are invited to join us for the presentation so they will have a common point of reference for subsequent discussions with their son.

Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is an increasing social problem. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to providing a comprehensive Youth Protection Program and has prepared a range of materials for the education of scouts, adults and leaders. Scout troops are encouraged to offer a program for boys once per year, showing a video called “*A Time To Tell*”, that that emphasizes the three R’s of youth protection, **R**ecognize abuse, **R**esist advances and **R**eport to parents or another trusted adult.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the insert at the beginning of the Boy Scout Handbook. One requirement of the first badge in Scouting, the Scout Badge, is for the Scout to review this section with a parent or guardian. We appreciate your support of our effort to provide your sons with a safe learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair.

## **Youth Protection Training for Adults**

Adult leaders and volunteers are encouraged to complete Youth Protection Training. This training is required of all adults who serve as leaders at scouting events. Training sessions are run by the district or council and are listed in the Troop 119 Training web page. Training is also available online at <http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html> . For your reference, Boston Minuteman Council is council number 227. Please report to the Training Coordinator, Mike Yip, when you complete training, so it can be properly recorded in the Troop’s records.

## **Troop 119 Campership Program**

It has been a goal of the Troop Committee since the formation of Troop 119 to ensure that financial constraints should never prevent a scout from participating in a Troop activity. As a result of a number of donations to the Troop, including a sizable donation from a member of Hancock Church and proceeds from wreath sales, the Troop Committee has been able to set aside funds for a “Campership” program. Details of the program are still being developed, but it is important that everyone in the troop be aware of the program and aware that financial assistance is available.

Currently, the focus of the program is to provide funds to subsidize the cost of summer camp with the idea that the Troop could provide up to 50% of the fee. However, consistent with our goals, the funds could also be used to cover the participation fees for a scout trip or event, or to purchase a uniform or basic camping equipment.

In all instances, discussion of need will be handled with the utmost sensitivity and remain confidential. The Campership Chair is the point person for the Campership program and will handle all inquiries in confidence. If you wish to talk with her, please see the appendix for the correct contact info.

As part of our Campership Program we are also pleased to have some used equipment and Scout uniform clothing that is in good condition. We hope as more scouts move through their scouting career, they will donate equipment that they no longer need. If you have articles to donate, please bring them to a Troop Meeting or Court of Honor. If you could benefit from these items, please contact the Campership Chair, listed in the appendix.

## **Troop 119**

### **Guidelines for a Patrol Overnight**

#### **Purpose:**

Patrols are encouraged to plan patrol overnights and other events separate from troop events in order to have fun as a group, build patrol spirit and work on advancement. Patrol overnights are particularly valuable for requirements such as First Class Cooking which requires a scout to cook 3 meals for his patrol.

#### **Guidelines:**

- Patrols must have approval from the scoutmaster to schedule a patrol overnight.
- All arrangements are up to the patrol, selecting a site, planning meals and activities and working on advancement.
- Camping trips can take place anywhere, including a scout's backyard
- Consistent with Boy Scout Policy and YPT, two adults must be present and the patrol should make sure they have adults willing to help out before proceeding with plans. A minimum of one adult must be trained in youth protection.
- For a backyard overnight, two parents can fill the adult roles but the patrol needs to make sure they are willing to fill that role. It is strongly suggested that another parent in the patrol be involved as well, though it may not be necessary for the second adult to stay with the boys overnight if two parents are at home and willing to be on call.
- As with all scout trips a permission slip and BSA travel permit are required for a trip out of town. Backyard overnights do not require a permission slip or permit.
- As with any trip, the patrol, under the leadership of the patrol leader, needs to plan meals and equipment
- Patrols are able to use their patrol cooking box, stove, cook kit and tents from the troop and will need to make sure they pick these up on Thursday evening before the trip and check them back in with the troop quartermaster the Thursday after the trip.
- Consistent with troop advancement rules, advancement can only be signed off by an adult leader or senior scout holding a rank two levels higher than the advancement level. (e.g. Life for First Class or Star for Second Class). In the event such an adult or scout is not present, another adult can review the requirement and testify to the completion of the requirement.
- Safety is the top priority. Adult supervision is essential for use of stoves, lanterns, saws, axes and open fires. (Note: Fire Department permit may be required for an open fire.) All other safety rules regarding tools and fires apply.

## **Troop 119**

### **Points for Parents**

#### **Parent Participation**

A fundamental principle of Scouting is that troops be “Boy Led”. However, this does not mean that parents cannot have fun too. There are many different roles to fill and ways to contribute. If you get involved you will quickly learn that adults in scouting share in the fellowship, participate in activities, have access to some of the best leadership training available anywhere and develop many wonderful new friends. We need your help, supporting an activity, teaching a skill and helping with advancement. Your involvement can be as expansive or as limited as your schedule allows but we encourage you to get involved. Please take the time to speak with one of our leaders.

#### **The “Boy Led” Troop**

In Boy Scouts, leaders and parents provide support. The Scouts plan the meetings and events. We help with guidance, resources and support. It is very tempting to jump in when your son or another boy is struggling. Our leaders are trained in coaching and in providing enough support so the struggle turns into a learning experience. Our objective is to teach them teamwork and leadership. The Senior Patrol Leader, his assistants and the individual Patrol Leaders lead the troop. The troop operates the patrol method using the patrol of 3-8 boys as the core operational element. If your son has questions, they are first directed to the Patrol Leader and then the Senior Patrol Leader. If you are patient and just sit back and watch you will see an amazing transformation.

#### **Youth Protection and Safety**

The Boy Scouts of America have developed a series of programs and guidelines to help make Scouting as safe an experience as is possible. Each year the adults in the troop and the scouts will be trained in the principles of Youth Protection, to prevent abuse. It outlines guidelines for “Two-deep Leadership”, respect of privacy, and no one-on-one contact, among others. All parents are welcome to participate in the training and if you are involved in Troop activities you will be requested to participate. You will actually find it very helpful for other youth activities with which you are involved. The Troop also has several copies of the *BSA Guide to Safe Scouting*, a 60-page guide to safe conduct of a wide variety of Scouting activities. Please feel free to ask to review a copy.

#### **The Scout Handbook**

The Scout Handbook is a wonderful source of information for your scout and you. All the rank requirements are described as well as most of the information to achieve those ranks. It also includes information to prepare a scout to participate in hikes and camping trips. Encourage your son to read it. When he has questions about scouting, refer him to the book to see if it provides an answer. It is an exceptional resource and one he should get used to using. It is also a helpful resource for you. By reviewing pertinent sections you can guide your son when questions arise.

#### **Advancement**

Advancement is essential for giving a scout a sense of accomplishment and feeling like an integrated part of the troop. Unlike Cub Scouts, parents do not sign off on requirements. Scouts take responsibility for working on requirements, seeking out someone at the scout meeting to provide guidance and approve their work when it is completed. Each meeting a senior scout or

adult leader will be available 15 minutes prior to the opening of the meeting to talk with scouts who have questions. Simply participating in meetings, hikes, camping trips and summer camp will ensure that a scout has the opportunity to achieve the first 4 of the 7 ranks of scouting, (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class) as the program plans incorporate specific rank requirements. Parents should become familiar with the requirements and provide support and encouragement for the scout. If you need guidance in how you can help your son, please do not hesitate to contact one of the troop leaders.

### **Uniforms and Equipment**

Scouts will need a Class A and Class B uniform. Class A is a complete uniform including scout shirt with appropriate badges and insignia (see the Handbook), neckerchief and slide, web belt, pants/shorts and socks. We will supply each scout with a Troop tee shirt, which replaces the scout shirt and neckerchief in the Class B uniform. Scout supplies can be purchased at the Scout Store; the most convenient for most families is the store at 400 Washington St. Woburn, MA, at Cummings Park or on-line at scoutstuff.org or by phone at 1-800-323-0732. Your son will need some equipment for hiking and camping, particularly a good, rugged pair of hiking boots, rain gear and a sleeping bag. We will discuss what equipment is necessary during meetings prior to each outing. You need not purchase official Boy Scout equipment. See the section of this Guidebook on Equipment for more information on what your scout will need. Renting backpacks, tents, or sleeping bags at camping supply stores such as REI or EMS is also an option.

### **Volunteers**

There are many things to be done and many ways to participate. Included in this document is a brief survey of your skills and interests. Particularly as a small, young troop we have few people and lots to do. A few of the ways you can help are listed below:

- Driving for activities and events
- Joining us for hikes and camping trips, including summer camp
- Sitting in on Boards of Review for Advancement (training is provided)
- Merit Badge Counseling when you have a special skill, interest or talent
- Preparing for Courts of Honor, when Scouts are recognized for their achievements
- Coordinating an activity or special event
- Helping with Troop equipment
- Newsletter logistics and communication
- Designing, managing or contributing to our website

### **Driving/Insurance**

All drivers must be registered with the troop and Boy Scout policy recommends liability limits of at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. As scouts register, we will ask for your pertinent information so we will have it on file.

### **Dues/Troop Finances/Fundraising**

On average, it costs about \$120 per year to support a boy in Boy Scouts, not including summer camp. Dues contribute a portion of that and just about covers the annual fees that goes to the National organization, Minuteman Council and Flintlock district to cover program development and the various advancement patches, cards and pins the boys earn. Other expenses include equipment (tents, cook kits, stoves, lanterns, etc.), tee shirts, neckerchiefs, subsidized training for boys and adults and financial support for camp where that is necessary. Each year the Troop will organize fundraising events to help cover these costs.

### Financial Aid

Our Troop Committee feels strongly that financial constraints should not prevent a boy from owning a uniform, from having the opportunity to participate in all scouting events and accessing the necessary equipment. Several events during the year, particularly summer camp, require a financial commitment. Troop 119 is prepared to find ways to assist any scout with a financial need. If you have such a need or are aware of others who may, please refer to the section of this guide describing our **Campership Program** or contact Sue Ellen Briggs, Troop Committee Chair or Bernie Gunther, Scoutmaster for a confidential discussion.

### Donations

If you wish to make a donation to help us purchase equipment, please make the check payable to Hancock Church – Boy Scout Troop 119 and give it to one of the leaders or send it to Hancock Church – Troop 119, 1912 Massachusetts Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421. Your donation is tax deductible. A receipt suitable for filing with the IRS will be returned to you. We appreciate your support.

### Communications

As a boy-led troop relying on the patrol method, direct communication about events, activities, etc. will be passed on directly to your son. Through e-mail, newsletters, Courts of Honor and a Web site, we will do our best to keep everyone informed. E-mail is the most effective and fastest form of communication for most people. Please keep us up to date on your e-mail address. We use the domain name **Troop119.com** which will allow for broad distribution of information. Distribution lists are listed below and **must only be used for scouting purposes**. While your e-mail address is on the list, if you are the originator of the email, you may not receive a copy of your message.

scouts119 “at” troop119 “dot” com	OA119 “at” troop119 “dot” com
adults119 “at” troop119 “dot” com	scoutmaster119 “at” troop119 “dot” com
committee119 “at” troop119 “dot” com	treasurer119 “at” troop119 “dot” com
committeechair119 “at” troop119 “dot” com	119advancement “at” gmail “dot” com
wreaths119 “at” troop119 “dot” com	

Telephone numbers and e-mail address for all the Troop 119 leaders are listed in the Guidebook Addendum. If you have questions, at any time, please do not hesitate to contact any one of us.

### Medications

Medications on camping trips are dispensed at the appropriate time by the Scoutmaster or his designee. Scouts and parents should provide meds in an original prescription labeled bottle with the scouts name and directions for administration to the Scoutmaster prior to departing for the trip. Please provide only the amount of medication required for the duration of the trip. At summer camp, medications are controlled and dispensed by the camp nurse. At no time may scouts retain and dispense their own medication, except for inhalers.

### Knives and Matches

Knives and matches are very useful and often essential tools for scouts participating on camping trips. Carrying a knife or matches is a **privilege** and scouts must have earned their Totin’ Chip Card (Knives, Axes and Saws) and Firem’n Chit Card (Matches and Fires) in order to take advantage of this privilege. For a minor violation of usage guidelines, a corner is clipped from a

scout's card. If all four corners are clipped, the card and privilege is revoked and the scout must meet with the Scoutmaster and earn their card once again. Knives and matches may be removed by an adult leader at any time. Major infractions will result in immediate revocation of the privilege and may also lead to disciplinary action under the Scout Law Policy.

For all scouting and camping purposes, one folding pocket knife is adequate as are standard book-type or wooden matches (in a water-proof container). Boy Scouts of American bans all sheath knives greater than 4" in blade length. Troop 119 believes there is no need for a sheath knife of any length. Likewise, butane lighters are not necessary and discouraged. Troop leaders or the Quartermaster generally supplies trigger-style butane lighters for safe lighting of stoves on camping trips. Individual Bic-type lighters are not appropriate.

### **Wreath Fundraiser**

In order for the Troop to purchase, replace and repair tents, stoves and other camping equipment, to subsidize the cost of many events and to provide funds for our Campership Program, the Troop must generate funds beyond those provided by dues. We hold one fundraiser each year. We expect that **all scouts will participate** in this fundraiser and do their best to support the Troop. We recognize that not all of our scouts celebrate Christmas, but have found that selling Christmas wreaths is an effective way to raise funds. In fact, in the past few years the scouts who have been top-sellers do not celebrate Christmas. If you have any questions regarding the wreath sale, please contact the Wreath Coordinator at wreaths119 "at" troop119 "dot" com.

## Troop 119 Advancement

Advancement is the process by which Scouts progress from rank to rank in the Scouting program. Advancement is simply a means to an end, not an end in itself. Everything done to advance and earn these ranks, from joining until leaving the program, should be designed to help the Scout have an exciting and meaningful experience.

The Boy Scout requirements for rank are the basis for a Boy Scout's advancement. There are four steps in the Boy Scout advancement procedure: learning, testing, reviewing and recognition. Boy Scouting has the following ranks: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle. The requirements for each rank are those authorized by the National Executive Board and set forth in the *Boy Scout Handbook* and the current *Boy Scout Requirements* book.

When a badge and certificate are awarded to a Boy Scout to recognize that he has achieved a rank, they represent that a young man has:

- Been an active participant in his troop and patrol.
- Demonstrated living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Law in his daily life.
- Met the other requirements and/or earned the merit badges for the rank.
- Participated in a Scoutmaster conference
- Satisfactorily appeared before a board of review.

In the advanced ranks (Star, Life and Eagle), the badge represents that the Scout has also:

- Served in a position of responsibility in the troop
- Performed service to others.

**Record Keeping:** Each Scout should maintain his own record of advancement in his personal copy of the *Boy Scout Handbook*. Additionally, the troop maintains a set of records for each scout. For merit badges, Scouts should prepare, complete and retain a "blue card" for each badge.

**Scoutmaster Conferences:** Once the advancement requirements are complete for each rank, the Scout should schedule a Scoutmaster conference. The conference helps the Scout evaluate his accomplishments and to set new goals with the Scoutmaster. Goal setting by the Scout makes it possible for the Scoutmaster to help the Scout with his weaknesses and encourage him to use his strengths.

**Boards of Review:** After the Scoutmaster conference, the Scout will meet with a group of at least three adult leaders from the troop. The members of the board of review should have the following objectives in mind when they conduct the review:

- To make sure the Scout has done what he was supposed to do for the rank.
- To see how good an experience the Scout is having in the unit.
- To encourage the Scout to progress further.

The review is not an examination; the board does not retest the candidate. Rather, the board should attempt to determine the Scout's attitude and his acceptance of Scouting's ideals.

Boards of Review are conducted on request during regular Troop meetings.. Scouts should send email or speak to the Advancement Chair to request a Board of Review. Eagle candidates have a different review process. Please refer to the troop calendar for a schedule of "Life to Eagle" seminars to learn more.

Source: [Advancement Committee Policies and Procedures](#), Boy Scouts of America, 1999.

### Courts of Honor:

Three or four times each year the Troop 119 will hold formal Courts of Honor to recognize rank advancement, merit badges and other awards earned by the boys in the Troop. When your son receives a rank advancement, a parent has an important role in the award ceremony so every effort should be made to attend the Court of Honor. In any case, a Court of Honor is a special evening for the boys and strong attendance by all parents (and grandparents or other relatives) will demonstrate our support and motivate them towards even greater achievement.

## Troop 119 Summer Camp Information

- Two Weeks:** The Middle two weeks of August (see Appendix for dates)
- Location:** Camp Bell (2<sup>nd</sup> week of August)  
Hidden Valley (3<sup>rd</sup> week of August)  
Griswold Scout Reservation, Gilmanton Iron Works, NH
- Cost:** see appendix
- Payments:** See appendix for due date, in early March  
Make checks payable to: **Troop 119**  
Send checks to Troop Treasurer (see appendix)
- Medical Forms:** Complete and return forms, **no later than last meeting in spring**, to Membership Chair.  
BSA Class 3 form to be completed and signed by parent or guardian  
Doctor's form valid for 24 months  
Adults (over 40) forms valid for 12 months
- Check In:** At 1:00 on Sunday, first day of camp
- Family Visits:** **Mandatory.** On in-between Saturday; Pick-up at 9:00 a.m. Drop off at 5:00 p.m.
- Check Out:** 9:00 a.m. on Saturday

**Mail:**

<b>(Scout's Name)</b> <b>Troop 119, Week 7</b> <b>Camp Bell, GSR</b> <b>2-B Eileen Shore Drive</b> <b>Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837</b>	<b>(Scout's Name)</b> <b>Troop 119, Week 8</b> <b>Hidden Valley Scout Camp</b> <b>2 Eileen Shore Road</b> <b>Gilmanton Iron Works, NH 03837</b>
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**Phone (emergency only):** (603) 524-0436 (Camp Bell); (603) 364-2900 (HVSR)

**Parent Camping:** Parents are welcome to camp out with the troop, 3-day minimum stay

**Bus Transport:** Bus transportation to camp on opening day of Camp Bell and return to Lexington on Closing day of Hidden Valley will be available pending suitable arrangements. Details will be available in May prior to camp. An extra fee is assessed. **NO BUS TRANSPORTATION IS ARRANGED FOR THE INTERMEDIATE SATURDAY.**

- Directions:**
- Follow Route 93 North to Exit 20
  - Take Route 140 East toward Belmont to Gilmanton and to Gilmanton Iron Works (approximately 15 miles)
  - Turn left onto Crystal Lake Road before the Gilmanton Iron Works village
  - Turn right, soon after turning onto Crystal Lake Road, onto Mountain Rd
  - Travel 1.2 miles to 'T' junction and continue left on Mountain Road
  - Follow road 2.3 miles and turn left onto Places Mill Road
  - HVSR entrance is 0.9 miles on the right

# Troop 119

## Summer Camp

### Frequently Asked Questions

**How much money should I bring?**

\$10 to \$30 per week for the Trading Post, depending on handicraft activities.

**How do we get there?**

See the directions on the sheet with the title Summer Camp Information. The directions are the same to both camps. To get to Camp Bell, you will continue along the dirt road from the Hidden Valley parking lot. It should take 2 hours to get there from Lexington.

**When should we arrive at camp?**

Plan to arrive at 1 p.m. on Sunday for either week. The entire Troop must wait until all members have arrived before we can check in together, so please, do not be late.

**What should I have ready when I arrive?**

You should wear your Class A uniform and carry a daypack. *Your pack must remain with you and should contain your Troop 119 t-shirt, swimsuit, towel, water bottle and any medications.* All other luggage will be checked in and brought to the campsite. All luggage items should be clearly marked with your name and "Troop 119" for easy identification.

**What else should I bring?**

The following page titled What to Pack has a list of personal gear to bring to camp. Use the checklist to be sure you have everything you'll need. Be sure to mark all your gear with your name and "Troop 119" or "T119."

**How should I hang my mosquito netting over my bed?**

You should only use kite string to hold netting over your sleeping bag. Other alternatives are not permitted (i.e. duct tape can damage the tents).

**What about troop photos?**

The troop photo is taken on BOTH Sundays, during the check-in process. If you are interested in having a photo from both weeks, you need to give Janice Rogers an extra \$9 for each week when you register for camp.

**How do I do my laundry at camp?**

There are no machines for washing and drying your clothes at camp. You are welcome to wash and dry your stuff "the old fashioned way" in the campsite.

**When can my family come for a visit?**

Guests and family members are encouraged to visit boys staying for two weeks on the Saturday between weeks. All scouts must leave camp by 10:30 a.m. and return to camp at 4:30 p.m. Because this is the only time when leaders will have a break, if you cannot pick up your son for the day, please make arrangements for another family to entertain your son and let the Scoutmaster know. Always be sure to check out with a Troop 119 adult leader before leaving camp, so we know where our scouts are at all times. If your son will be picked up by someone other than a parent, the Scoutmaster must receive, in advance, a written note and picture of the person whom your son will be released.

**Can I call home?**

Scouts are only permitted to use a camp phone in case of an emergency and must have a Troop 119 adult leader present. *Please do not encourage your Scout to call home.*

## WHAT TO PACK FOR CAMP

The following items should be packed in a **footlocker or a hard plastic container**.  
**DO NOT PACK IN SOFT DUFFLE BAGS.**

### PERSONAL GEAR:

- Scout Uniform(s)
  - Extra Shirts .
  - Extra Pants
  - Extra Shorts
  - Extra Socks
  - Extra Underwear
  - Jacket
  - Rain Gear
  - Sleep wear
  - Sneakers
  - Hiking Boots
  - Swim Suit
  - Sleeping Bag *or* Blankets
  - Pillow
  - Personal First Aid Kit
  - Flashlight, Batteries
  - Wallet, Money
  - Pocket Knife (2 1/2 " or less)
  - Handkerchief
  - Notebook, Pen or Pencil
  - Scout Handbook
  - Non-Aerosol Bug Lotion
  - Bug Net
  - Laundry' Bag
  - Watch
  - Water Bottle
  - Toilet Items (washcloth, soap, comb, shampoo, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, toilet paper
- Separate Day Pack to carry around camp

### OPTIONAL PERSONAL GEAR:

- Compass
- Camera, Film
- Sunglasses
- Songbook
- Musical Instruments
- Nature Books
- Sports Equipment
- Bible, Prayer Book
- Merit Badge Pamphlets
- Fishing Gear, Bait
- Knife/Fork /spoon
- Cup/Bowl/Plate
- Sun Screen Lotion
- Stationary & Stamps

### LEAVE AT HOME:

Pets, sheath knives, butane lighters, fireworks, firearms, ammunition, bows & arrows, radios, tape players, CD players, televisions, walkmans, electronic games, cell phones, squirt guns, dice, unscout-like literature, alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not permitted in camp.  
Other valuable items should be left at home.

**For arrival, daypack should include, for immediate use,**

- **Medications (health lodge)**
- **Swimsuit (swim test)**
- **Full scout uniform (for troop photo)**

*Scouts and Leaders should mark all their items with their name. Many, many items are lost or misplaced and are never claimed. If items are marked we will try our best to return them to the rightful owner.*

### **Please Note:**

Please remember to bring any equipment or items which are needed for whichever badges you intend to undertake (i.e.: fishing equipment for fishing Merit Badge, etc). Also, those taking swimming and/or lifesaving will need a button-up long sleeve shirt for the clothes inflation. Finally, those intending to ride horses at Bell, take part in COPE, or run through the obstacle course at "Challenge Valley" at Camp Bell will need a pair of long pants and appropriate footwear that can "take a beating."

# BSA Medical Form

(Please print a clean copy from [www.troop119.com](http://www.troop119.com), Forms&Info)

## PERSONAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL RECORD FORM - Class 3

### I. IDENTIFICATION

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth\*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name First Name Initial Mo. Day Year

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Health/Accident Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ Policy no. \_\_\_\_\_

### IN AN EMERGENCY NOTIFY:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City & State \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Personal Physician \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### III. PARENTAL STATEMENT

Has it ever been necessary to restrict applicants activities for medical reasons?  No  Yes  
 Does applicant take medicine regularly, or have special care?  No  Yes If yes, explain.

To the best of my knowledge, the information in sections I, II, III, IV, and VI is accurate and complete. I request medical practitioner to examine applicant, to give needed immunization, and to furnish requested information to other agencies as needed. I give my permission for full participation in BSA programs, subject to limitations noted herein. In the event of illness or accident in the course of such activity, I request that measures be instituted without delay as judgement of medical personnel dictates.

Parent or guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must sign if applicant is 18 or younger)

Applicants signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. IMMUNIZATIONS

If disease, put "D" and year.

Last year Given  
 Tetanus \_\_\_\_\_

Diphtheria \_\_\_\_\_

Pertussis \_\_\_\_\_

Measles \_\_\_\_\_

Mumps \_\_\_\_\_

Rubella \_\_\_\_\_

Polio \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken Pox \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Preference \_\_\_\_\_

### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

All Class 3 activities require a health examination within the past 12 months by a licensed medical practitioner.\* This includes youth and adult members participating in high-adventure activities, athletic competition, and world jamborees. Annually, this form is to be used by adults over 40 for all activities requiring a physical examination and applies to all Wood Badge participants/staff regardless of age.

### II. EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION

Has or is subject to (check and give details):

- Allergy to a medicine, food, plant, animal, or insect toxin.
- Any condition that may require special care, medication, or diet.
- Asthma  Convulsions  Heart Trouble  Contact Lenses
- Diabetes  Fainting spells  Bleeding disorders  Dentures

EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

### V. LICENSED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS EVALUATION AND ADVICE

Approved for participation in:

- Hiking and camping  Water Activities
- Competitive sports  All activities

Specify exceptions \_\_\_\_\_

Recommendations (explain any restrictions OR limitations):  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ M.D./D.O./J.D./C./P./A./R./N./P.\*  
(Circle one.)  
\*Licensed medical practitioner

\*Examinations conducted by licensed health care practitioners other than physicians will be recognized for BSA purposes in those states where such practitioners may perform physical examinations within their legally prescribed scope of practice.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ UNIT: \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTE: Keep original form for your personal record. Make reproductions for agency use. Be sure information and signatures are legible on reproduced copies this upper section may be reproduced and carried with your for emergency identification and care.

### VI. MEDICAL HISTORY

Parent (or applicant if 18 or older): Fill in sections I, II, III, IV and VI before seeing licensed medical practitioner. Check immunizations to be given at this time. Be sure to include any emergency information and restrictions or special care that should be observed. Especially be sure to record any injuries, illnesses, surgery, or significant changes in condition of health of applicant since last complete examination.

- Date of most recent complete physical examination (month and year) \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you aware of any current health problems?  No  Yes
- Now under medical care or taking medicines?  No  Yes
- Has there been any surgery, injury, illness, allergy, or change in health status since last complete physical examination?  No  Yes

Give dates and full details for any "yes" answers.

IS THERE DISEASE OF (OR PAST OR PRESENT HISTORY OF):

	No	Yes	Year	Details
Serious illness	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Serious injury	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Deformity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Surgery	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Skin, glands	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Ears, eyes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Nose, tonsils	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Dentures	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Bridge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Chest, lungs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Heart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Murmur	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Rheumatic fever	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Stomach, bowels	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Appendicitis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Kidneys or urine	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Albumin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Sugar	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Infection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Bed-wetting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Menstrual problems	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Hernia (rupture)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Back, limbs, joints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Stoopwalking	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Nervous condition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____
Other (explain)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____	_____

### VII. HEALTH EXAMINATION

Licensed Medical Practitioner

The applicant will be participating in a strenuous activity that will include one or more of the following conditions: athletic competition, adventure challenge or wilderness expedition (afloat or afloat) that may include high altitude, extreme weather conditions, cold water, exposure, fatigue and/or remote conditions where readily available medical care cannot be assured.

- Please insist applicant furnish complete medical history (VI) before exam.
- Review immunizations; for youth (18 or younger) tetanus and diphtheria toxoids, measles, mumps, and rubella vaccines, and trivalent oral polio vaccine are required; youths and adults must have had tetanus booster within 10 years. A measles booster is recommended at age 12.
- After completing section VII, summarize any restrictions and/or recommendations in sections II and V, above, and sign.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ VISION: \_\_\_\_\_ HEARING: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Normal \_\_\_\_\_ Normal \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ht. \_\_\_\_\_ Wt. \_\_\_\_\_ Glasses \_\_\_\_\_ Abnormal \_\_\_\_\_  
 B.P. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ Pulse \_\_\_\_\_ Contacts \_\_\_\_\_

Check box if normal; circle if abnormal and give details below:

- Growth, development  Teeth, tonsils  Genitourinary
- Skin, glands, hair  Respiratory  Skeletomuscular
- Head, neck, thyroid  Cardiovascular  Neuropsychiatric
- Eyes, ears, nose  Abdomen, hernia, rings  Other (specify)

COMMENTS \_\_\_\_\_

LABORATORY: Urinalysis (Dip stick) Albumin \_\_\_\_\_ Sugar \_\_\_\_\_

### FOR THOSE ATTENDING PHILMONT OR NATIONAL HIGH-ADVENTURE BASES:

\* The minimum age for all participants is 13 by January 1 of the year of participation. No exceptions.  
 † Trail food is by necessity a high-carbohydrate, high-calorie diet. It is high in wheat, milk products, sugar corn syrup, and artificial coloring/flavoring. Dinner meals contain meat. If these food products cause a problem in your diet, you need to bring appropriate substitutions with you and so advise base personnel.

## Troop 119 Motor Vehicle Registration

Volunteer drivers are essential for supporting camping trips, hikes and other activities. Boy Scout policy requires that we file for tour permits in advance of most activities, including a list of drivers, vehicles and other pertinent information. We hope we can count on your support and to facilitate planning, ask you to complete the following information so we can maintain a current file on the vehicle you are likely to use for transporting scouts.

**Insurance** – All vehicles MUST be covered by a public liability and property damage liability insurance policy. The amount of the coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. (It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000 or \$100,000 combined single limit.)

Owner's  
Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Driver (1): Name \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Driver (2): Name \_\_\_\_\_ License No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Coverage (per person/accident/property) \_\_\_\_\_ or single limit \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle #1:

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

How many Seatbelts \_\_\_\_\_

Auto Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle #2:

Vehicle Year \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_

How many Seatbelts \_\_\_\_\_

Auto Plate No. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_



# TROOP RESOURCE SURVEY

Boy Scouting is for adults as well as boys. We invite you to share your skills and interests so the best possible program can be developed for the Boy Scouts in this troop. In making this survey, the committee wishes to find ways you can enjoy using your talents to help our Scouts. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Welcome to the Scout family of Troop No. \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_ Council.

Please return this survey to \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Street address \_\_\_\_\_ Business phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

1. What is your favorite hobby? \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

2. In what sports do you take an active part? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Would you be willing to assist the troop leaders and committee members occasionally? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Please check the areas in which you would be willing to help:

### General Activities

- Campouts
- Hikes
- Outdoor activities
- Troop meetings
- Swimming supervision
- Bookkeeping
- Typing
- Drawing/art
- Transportation of Scouts
- Transportation of equipment
- Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(please print)

### Special Program Assistance

- I can participate in boards of review.
- I have a station wagon or \_\_\_\_\_ truck.
- I have a workshop.
- I have family camping gear.
- I have access to camping property.
- I can make contacts for special trips and activities.
- I can help with troop equipment.
- I have access to a personal computer.

5. Please check any Scouting skills you would be willing to teach:

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ropework (knots and lashings) | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor cooking               | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquatics              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> First aid                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Knife and ax handling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Star study                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Citizenship           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Map and compass use           | <input type="checkbox"/> Camping               |

Check the merit badges on the other side of this sheet that you are willing to help Boy Scouts earn.

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# MERIT BADGES

Check the merit badges that you can help Boy Scouts earn.



- American Business
- American Cultures
- American Heritage
- American Labor
- Animal Science
- Archaeology
- Archery
- Architecture
- Art
- Astronomy
- Athletics
- Atomic Energy
- Auto Mechanics
- Aviation
- Backpacking
- Basketry
- Bird Study
- Bugling (See Music)
- Camping
- Canoeing
- Chemistry
- Cinematography
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Climbing
- Coin Collecting
- Collections
- Communications
- Computers
- Cooking

- Crime Prevention
- Cycling
- Dentistry
- Disabilities Awareness
- Dog Care
- Drafting
- Electricity
- Electronics
- Emergency Preparedness
- Energy
- Engineering
- Entrepreneurship
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- Farm Mechanics
- Fingerprinting
- Fire Safety
- First Aid
- Fish and Wildlife Management
- Fishing
- Forestry
- Gardening
- Genealogy
- Geology
- Golf
- Graphic Arts
- Hiking
- Home Repairs
- Horsemanship
- Indian Lore

- Insect Study
- Journalism
- Landscape Architecture
- Law
- Leatherwork
- Lifesaving
- Mammal Study
- Medicine
- Metalwork
- Model Design and Building
- Motorboating
- Music and Bugling
- Nature
- Oceanography
- Orienteering
- Painting
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Pets
- Photography
- Pioneering
- Plant Science
- Plumbing
- Pottery
- Public Health
- Public Speaking
- Pulp and Paper
- Radio
- Railroadng

- Reading
- Reptile and Amphibian Study
- Rifle Shooting
- Rowing
- Safety
- Salesmanship
- Scholarship
- Sculpture
- Shotgun Shooting
- Skating
- Small-Boat Sailing
- Snow Sports
- Soil and Water Conservation
- Space Exploration
- Sports
- Stamp Collecting
- Surveying
- Swimming
- Textile
- Theater
- Traffic Safety
- Truck Transportation
- Veterinary Medicine
- Waterskiing
- Weather
- Whitewater
- Wilderness Survival
- Wood Carving
- Woodwork

## Other skills and activities I could assist in for the older-Scout program:

- Backpacking
- Basketball
- Bowling
- Business
- Cross-country skiing
- Cycling
- Downhill skiing
- Fishing
- Freestyle biking
- Golf
- Hockey
- Kayaking
- Mechanics
- Mountain man
- Orienteering
- Rafting
- Rappelling
- Sailing
- Scuba diving
- Shooting sports
- Slow-pitch softball
- Snow camping
- Soccer
- Spelunking
- Survival
- Swimming
- Tennis
- Video/photography
- Volleyball
- Whitewater canoeing
- Windsurfing



## Basic Equipment List

### Day Hike

Day pack	Sturdy, waterproof boots
Shorts or long pants	Hat
Short sleeve or long sleeve shirt	Sun screen
Poncho or rain coat and rain pants	Flashlight
Water bottle (1 liter)	Matches
Compass and map	Snack food
Pocket knife	Pencil and paper
Sox (extra pair in pack)	Bug repellent
Personal first aid kit	Toilet paper
Windbreaker or lightweight shell	25' of nylon parachute cord
Fleece or wool sweater or jacket	

### Overnight Hike (Minimum Essential)

Day hike equipment  
External or internal back pack with a hip belt  
Pack cover or large heavy-weight plastic bag  
Nylon straps or cords for securely attaching bags or pads  
Sleeping pad (self-inflating or foam)  
Sleeping bag (fleece or summer weight)  
Shorts  
Long pants  
Extra underwear  
10' by 10' personal plastic ground cloth  
Mess kit (Sierra cup, plastic bowl, insulated cup and spoon)  
Personal hygiene  
Extra shoes or sneakers for in camp

### Cold Weather Supplemental Equipment

Warm sleeping bag (10 – 20 degree mummy bag)  
Uninsulated, breathable nylon shell with a hood  
Waterproof shell  
Long underwear – shirts and pants  
Warm fleece or wool sweater or jacket  
Extra sweater or vest  
2 pair warm ski gloves  
1 pair lightweight fleece gloves  
2 pair warm synthetic or wool socks  
Neck gaiter or small scarf  
Wool or fleece hat