

BSA TROOP 29 CAMPOUT POLICY

Document Purpose: Clearly communicate the Troop 29 campout policy, reinforce BSA scouting principles, and ensure scout and adult safety. Each year new scouts and adults join the troop. A clear policy is needed to more easily assimilate new personnel.

This policy document cannot cover every possible campout detail. It provides a core basis and spirit for all campout attendees to follow.

We thank you for your support. Contact the scoutmaster with any questions you have regarding this document.

Policy:

- 1) The Scoutmaster or his designee is in charge of the campout and has the final word on all decisions. **ALL decisions should be made in accordance with BSA guidelines and the Guide to Safe Scouting.**
- 2) Permission slips and fees are due on the designated date prior to the campout. The permission slip is the scout's and parent's agreement to abide by the Troop 29 Campout Policy. Permission slip and fee deadlines need to be enforced so the driver / rider roster can be built, the appropriate trip permits can be filed with the council office, and for the patrols to purchase their campout supplies.
- 3) Electronic devices are not allowed on campouts. This includes Gameboys, MP3 players, Ipods, TV's, cell phones or any other such devices. Consult the Scoutmaster with any questions. This applies to both youth and adults. Adults can have cell phones.
- 4) The campout begins at the designated rendezvous time to carpool to the campsite. Scoutmaster authority begins. The entire troop should be ready to assist loading of troop gear from the troop shed behind church to approved driver vehicles.
- 5) Once at the campsite, the SPL will direct the youth / patrols to begin unloading the equipment and setting up the camp. Troop gear is setup first then patrol gear is setup.
- 6) The campout adults are there in an advisory role and will not do the work for the scouts. This theme is followed throughout the campout and with all camp activities such as camp setup, cooking, cleaning, policing grounds, and camp breakdown, etc.
- 7) Campout adults will cook as a separate, individual patrol unless specifically noted otherwise.
- 8) NO ONE shall leave the campout early without prior permission of the Scoutmaster. If a boy has a commitment on a Saturday or Sunday, such as a sporting event, serving at Mass, etc., he should inform the Scoutmaster prior to the campout. Once he is ready to leave, he should inform the Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster designee that he is leaving. He should inform the Scoutmaster or designee upon his return.
- 9) All troop gear will be cleaned at the campsite and returned clean for storage in the troop shed.
- 10) The Troop will return as a group from the campout. This will ensure that the Troop maintains the buddy system and two-deep leadership. It will also help prevent the possibility of a Boy Scout getting left behind or lost.

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- 11)**The Troop attends Mass together as part of the campout. Attending Mass as part of the campout reinforces Scouts living the Scout Oath and supports our chartering organization, Christ the King Catholic Church. The Scoutmaster and the PLC shall decide which mass and church the troop attends. The Mass time and location will influence when camp should be broken down and ALL attendees return.
- 12)**The campout ends after the troop attends Mass together, returns to Christ the King, unpacks and stows all troop gear in the troop shed. The troop is then released by the SPL. Parents / guardians will pick up their scout when the troop is released by the SPL. The Scoutmaster or his designee along with at least one other troop adult, in order to maintain two-deep leadership, will not leave the parking lot until all boys have been picked up by his parent or guardian.
- 13)**Violations of this policy may result in a scout or adult having camping privileges revoked. If repeated offenses occur, the scout and his parents will have to appear before the Troop Committee to discuss reinstatement of the camping privileges.