

# Troop 181

## Campout Procedures

While procedures will vary from one outdoor event to the next, the following provides some general guidelines for Troop 181 monthly campouts.

### **Departure**

- We will usually meet at the church on Friday evenings around 6:00 to load and organize with departure around 6:30. This time will vary by campout so be sure and check flyer for each event.
- It is strongly recommended that all arrive by published time to ensure the troop gets on the road in a timely manner.

### **Transportation**

- Transportation is provided by the parent of troop members. We do file a tour permit for all events for BSA insurance purposes, and that is why auto insurance information is vital to our paperwork efforts.
- Maps will be provided to each driver providing directions for each event.
- Cell phone numbers will be exchanged to allow for normal communications or in the event of emergencies.

### **Scout Medications**

- One adult will function at the troop medic for each event. During the departure gathering, parents of scouts on medications are asked to give the adult medic your scout's medications for the week end.
- Please place medications in labeled container that enclosed in a zip lock bag that also contains scout name, and instructions.
- All items will be returned at the end of the campout.
- It is important that we maintain medication schedules, while your child may be very good at remembering medications; we ask that all medication be given to adult to ensure safety of all.

### **Medical Emergencies**

- The troop carries a fully stocked first aid kit on all campouts. Normal cuts and scrapes will be treated through normal first aid procedures.
- In the event a more serious injury occurs, we will take a scout to seek professional medical care. For this reason it is imperative that we have a current Class 1 and 2 medical forms on file, along with the Consent of Parents form.
- At the beginning of each campout, each driver is given a book of medical forms to take in their car. This is in the event an emergency were to arise while in transit the Class 1 and 2 medical form and Consent of Parents form is available.

## **Dress**

- FULL Class A uniform is required for all travel. This includes tan scout shirt, hat, belt, and neckerchief/slide. If shorts are worn they must be the green scout shorts with green/red scout socks. If long pants are worn, jeans are fine or they could be the green scout pants.
- When we arrive at a campout, the blue Class B t-shirt is worn by most scouts in warm weather. In cold weather, scouts dress appropriately.

## **Food**

- There will be a “grub master” for each patrol responsible to plan meals and shop for groceries at each campout. Each patrol member will pay \$7 towards the cost of food and the “grub master” will use this money to shop on a budget.
- Scouts will cook their own meals on campouts. While lessons are often learned about cooking no scouts go hungry.
- Often the troop will stop on Sunday for lunch on a long trip home. If so, the flyer should indicate to bring \$5 for Sunday lunch.

## **Tents and Gear**

- The troop will provide tents, cooking materials and general camping needs.
- Scouts will need to bring personal gear such as cloths, sleeping bag/mat, and toiletries. Please refer to the Scout Handbook for details on personal gear.

## **Adults**

- Adults are encouraged to come to any outdoor event in support of the troop. Without adults participating, we cannot support the events for our scouts, your participation is key.
- Adults must have an auto form on file to transport scouts.
- We maintain BSA child safety guidelines at all events. All adults are encouraged to be a registered BSA leader and to have attended BSA Youth Protection training.

## **Arrival Back Home**

- If we are planning on arrival before 2:00 on Sunday, we will arrive back at the softball fields on Hedgecoxe about ¼ mile east of the church. After 2:00 we will meet at the church. This is so we do not disrupt church activities.
- If we will vary from the projected time, scouts will contact parents with new projected times using drivers or other adults cell phone.