



About Troop 307 Alamo Area Council San Antonio, Texas

Welcome to the family of Scouting and especially to Troop 307. If you were involved in Cub Scouting, you will find that the goals of Scouting remain the same, but the Boy Scout program is very different. This guide will help you understand many of the terms of Boy Scouting and some of the activities and procedures of the Troop.

Troop 307 is a local unit of the Eagle District, Alamo Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. The Troop, organized in 1965, is chartered to the Knights of Columbus Council 786. The Troop is made up of Patrols (similar to Cub Scout dens) with one boy elected by the patrol as Patrol Leader with another boy appointed by him as his assistant. Troop 307 is a “Boy Run” Troop with the “Patrol Method” used in carrying out the Troop program. Troop 307 has earned the National Quality Unit Award for many years and has also been awarded the National Camping Award. From the beginning of the Troop, about 40 Scouts have earned the Eagle Award, Scouting’s highest youth award, of which 16 were earned during the past consecutive 13 years.

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1. GOALS OF THE TROOP – The purpose of the Troop is to enable boys to enjoy and benefit from the national Scouting program. The major aims of the Scouting program are: growth in moral strength and character, participating in citizenship, and development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. The Troop’s goal is to encourage development in leadership, responsibility, and public service through a variety of activities that are enjoyable as well as educational.

2. TROOP MEETINGS are held each Wednesday night from 7-8:30 P.M. in the Scout house accessed at the rear parking lot of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Patrols are encouraged to also hold separate patrol meetings, either before the Troop meeting, or on a separate day, depending upon the needs. The Baden-Powell Patrol Award may be earned by each patrol, which completes specific requirements. The Troop elects a Senior Patrol Leader each six months who appoints an assistant. Each patrol elects a Patrol Leader whom also appoints an assistant. The Senior Patrol Leader with the Scoutmaster’s approval appoints other youth leadership positions. A Scout may serve as a den chief for one year only, after obtaining approval from the Scoutmaster and attending Den Chief training. The Scout is encouraged to earn the Den Chief Service Award of which the requirements are specified in the Den Chief Handbook.

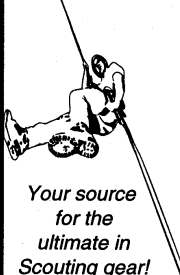
3. **PURPOSE/WHAT HAPPENS AT TROOP MEETINGS** – Meetings are held to (a) provide leadership opportunities for the boys, (b) plan outings and other Troop activities, (c) enjoy lively games and competitions, (d) provide experience toward advancement and Merit Badge attainment, (e) feature occasional outside speakers on a variety of topics of interest to the Scouts, (f) provide an occasional field trip as required in a Merit Badge, and (g) reinforce the principles of Scouting. Ceremonies also play an integral part of meetings.

4. **GENERAL BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES** – The guidelines for the acceptable behavior of a Scout are contained in the Scout Oath and Law as stated as page 9 of the Boy Scout Handbook and explained in Chapter 14 (page 367) entitled *Getting Along with Others*. Fighting, hitting, harassing, or in any way causing harm or subjecting a Scout to harm is out of character with Scouting and is prohibited. Each Scout in Troop 307 (and similarly, any of his family members) has a responsibility to protect and respect the property owned by Holy Spirit Church as well as the property of the Troop and his fellow Scouts. Any damage or loss incurred will be the responsibility of those who cause it.

Scout Spirit, as defined on page 47 of the *Boy Scout Handbook* states: Scout Spirit refers to the effort you make to live up to the ideals of Scouting. The Oath, Law, motto, and slogan serve as everyday guidelines for a good life.

5. **UNIFORMS** may be purchased at the Musselman Scout Shop located in the Scout Service Center, Alamo Area Council located at 2223 NW Military Hwy (corner of Lockhill-Selma Rd. and Military Hwy). The Scout Shop hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, 8:30 A.M.- 7:00 P.M., and Saturday, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. Uniforms are also sold at the J.C. Penney stores.

The Troop 307 Scout Uniform consists of the official Scout shirt [which consists of the Council patch, 307, patrol patch, 25 year patch, World Brotherhood Crest, rank patch (to be awarded after it is earned), and red tabs], Scout shorts or trousers, Scout socks (or white socks), Troop 307 hat, and Troop 307 neckerchief. One Troop 307 hat and one Troop 307 neckerchief are given to the new Scout as part of the joining fees. Additional hats and neckerchiefs may be purchased as needed. The Merit Badge Sash is worn at the Courts of Honor. The Order of the Arrow Sash is worn only at OA functions. The Troop has established a “Uniform Bank” to help with providing uniforms to Scouts. The items are sold at a very reduced cost. Consider donating your outgrown shirts, shorts, and trousers to the “Uniform Bank.” A Class “B” uniform shirt is also available for informal occasions or as designated by the PLC.

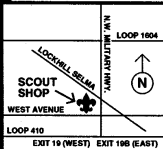


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6. ORGANIZATION OF THE TROOP –

The Boy Scout ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle require the Scout to serve actively in one or more of the following positions of responsibility: Patrol leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Den Chief, Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Quartermaster, Bugler, Junior Assistant Scoutmaster, Chaplain Aide, or Instructor. The Scoutmaster may decide that some of these positions may be inapplicable in the current function of the Troop.



A. **PATROL LEADER** – When a boy joins the Troop, he is assigned to a specific patrol. He and his fellow patrol members will plan their activities and outings as a patrol, either during Troop meetings or at a separate time and place of their choosing. Each patrol elects its own patrol leader at least twice a year. The patrol leader will appoint his assistant patrol leader.

The patrol leader will be in charge of the patrol at Troop meetings and during outdoor adventures. He represents the patrol on the Patrol Leader's Council. A patrol leader will expect everyone in the patrol to help make things happen, and his goal is to bring out the best in his patrol. While there is only one patrol leader, every member of a patrol shares the duty of leadership, such as teaching the other Scouts a knot, or helping with advancement requirements.

B. **THE SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)** is the youth leader of the Troop. He is able to run for this leadership position by recommendation and certification of the Scoutmaster. He is elected by popular vote of all the Scouts in the Troop. The SPL is responsible to the Scoutmaster for the operation of all activities of the Troop involving the Scouts. He appoints, with the Scoutmaster's concurrence, his assistants and staff – Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Scribe, Quartermasters, Librarian, and Troop Guides. He is the leader of the Patrol Leaders' Council.

C. **JUNIOR ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER** serves in the capacity of an assistant Scoutmaster except where legal age and maturity are required. He must be at least 16 years old and not yet 18. The Scoutmaster appoints him because of his leadership ability.

D. Troop **SCRIBE** keeps the Troop records. He records the activities of the patrol leaders' council and keeps a record of Scout attendance at Troop meetings. He inputs advancement and merit badges earned into Troopmaster (computer program) and provides the Scoutmaster with up-to-date printouts. He writes permission forms for coming events and any thank you letters on behalf of the Troop.

E. Troop **QUARTERMASTER** keeps track of Troop equipment and sees that it is in good

working order. He makes suggestions for new or replacement items. If a Scout needs an item from the Troop trailer, the quartermaster will issue the equipment and make sure that it's returned in good condition. The Troop may have more than one quartermaster based upon the Scoutmaster's discretion.

F. INSTRUCTOR teaches Scout skills.

G. LIBRARIAN sets up and takes care of the Troop library. He keeps records of books and pamphlets owned by the Troop. He adds new or replacement items as needed. He keeps books and pamphlets available for borrowing. He keeps a system for checking books and pamphlets in out and out and follows up on late returns.

H. HISTORIAN gathers pictures and facts about Troop activities and keeps them in a scrapbook or photo album. He takes care of Troop trophies, ribbons, and souvenirs of Troop activities.

I. DEN CHIEF is a special kind of junior leader because he is both an active member of his patrol and Troop and fills an important role in the Cub Scout pack. One of those roles is in acting and looking like a Boy Scout. The Den Chief is the Activities Assistant and helps in leading songs, leading stunts and skits, leading games, and leading sports. He knows the purposes of Cub Scouting, he helps Cub Scouts advance through Cub Scout ranks, he encourages Cub Scouts to join a Boy Scout Troop upon graduation, and he is a friend to the boys in the den. He helps the Den Leader when asked. He will attend and help at Pack Meetings. The Scout may serve as Den Chief upon approval with the Scoutmaster and having attended Den Chief Training. The Scout is encouraged to earn the Den Chief Service Award. The Scout may serve as Den Chief for only one year.

J. BUGLER provides appropriate musical emphasis to ceremonies and campouts. The Scoutmaster appoints qualified Scouts.

K. CHAPLAIN AIDE assists with Troop religious services. The Scoutmaster appoints him.

L. THE PATROL LEADER'S COUNCIL is composed of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, Quartermasters, and Scribe. The PLC meets from 7-8:30 P.M. in the Scout House on the first Monday of each month to plan and prepare for the Troop activities during that month. The PLC also meets each summer to plan the following 12 Scouting months. Each family will receive a copy of the yearly calendar at the August Court of Honor. It is imperative that all members of the PLC attend this meeting. All rank advancement above First Class requires satisfactory leadership service. Failure to follow through on outings, meetings, special events, or carry out responsibilities may result in the leadership position being transferred to another Scout.

7. THE ANNUAL FEE includes a subscription to Boys' Life magazine, and covers the awards that the Scout may earn during the year, camping/cooking equipment, tents, propane fuel for cooking and lighting, and other supplies. An additional B.S.A. fee of \$7.00 is charged to each adult who becomes a Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or a member of the Troop Committee. Each Scout has an opportunity to earn money for Scouting activities. The PLC and Troop Committee decide upon fUND RAISING activities. All activities are handled in accordance with BSA policies and procedures. All of the money that the Scout earns in the fund raising activities will be deposited into his Scout Account. At the present these opportunities are: Aluminum can drives, ham sales at Thanksgiving/Christmas/Easter, Scout Country Fair ticket sales, set-up and take-down at the Church Festival, participation in the Scout booth at the Church Festival, and a Taco Breakfast held on the first Sunday of each month. Each patrol hosts this Taco Breakfast on a rotating basis. While the Scout money physically remains in the Troop checking account each Scout receives a Troop check and he must "deposit" it into his check register. (The check must be treated as cash. If it becomes lost before the Scout deposits it, a new one cannot be written. If the Scout loses his check register, a new one can be purchased for \$3.00). The Scout will maintain the correct balance on the register. By keeping up the reconciliation of his Scout Account, the Scout also becomes familiar with one of the requirements of the Personal Management Merit Badge. The Scout may use the money in his Scout account for Summer Camp, Recharter Fee, purchase of a new Troop 307 hat or neckerchief, High Adventure trips, or any camping equipment/supplies. Any and all monies become forfeited if the Scout leaves the Troop or is not spent before he turns eighteen years old. The money reverts to the general operating fund of Boy Scout Troop 307. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE in the form of payment of registration or Summer Camp fees is available to any boy who would not otherwise be able to enjoy the Scouting experience. Please speak with the Scoutmaster in this matter. Be assured that this conversation will be held in strict confidentiality.

8. TACO BREAKFASTS are hosted by one patrol. If not enough members of a patrol can attend, Scouts from other patrols may be invited to participate. The Scouts and patrol parents meet in the cafeteria kitchen at 7:00 A.M. The Scouts are required to wear full uniform. Each Scout is given a Taco Breakfast shopping list and a step-by-step procedure guide in the yearly program folder. The members of the patrol will procure the supplies on the Wednesday before Taco Breakfast. The patrol purchases the supplies (after first checking with the Scoutmaster as to any available supplies) and pre-cooks the meats. After reimbursement for supplies, the net proceeds are distributed with the amount earned based upon participation.

9. ANNUAL GARAGE SALE. The Troop incurs many expenses such as awards, trailer repair and tags, propane, Troop tents, and Eagle Scout scholarships. The Troop receives most of its operating money from the annual garage sale. Your tax-deductible donation to this event helps ensure that the Troop will not need to collect any money from the other Scout fund raising activities

10 SERVICE PROJECTS – The Troop’s expectation is for all boys to help whenever they are needed or called upon - not just to complete the service obligation for rank advancement, but whenever possible - just to be helpful as part of the spirit of Scouting. Service projects will entail the Council Good Turn Deed, the Troop Good Turn Deed Taco Breakfast, Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project, and others.

11. THE TROOP MONTHLY CAMPING PROGRAM provides an opportunity for the Scouts to participate in the complete Scouting experience. The camping and hiking program are essential elements of the advancement process. Scouting in the outdoors helps to teach self-reliance by utilizing and developing skills such as swimming, camping, hiking, cooking, and backpacking. Boys learn to accommodate to group needs as well as to eventually provide group leadership. The Scout will not be pushed beyond his capability. The Troop is organized so that older Scouts and trained adults will provide instruction and support as new experiences are encountered. At most of these campouts the Scouts plan, prepare and eat their own food. The Scouts are taught that anything that can be cooked at home or in a fine restaurant can be prepared on a campout. No Scout has ever died from malnutrition on a Boy Scout Troop 307 campout. Each patrol plans its own menu for the campout. A predetermined amount of cash is given to the patrol leader by the specified date as shown on the Troop Calendar. The patrol leader may ask one Scout to purchase the food for the campout. Each patrol is issued a chuck box with all necessary cooking supplies. The patrol is responsible to replace any lost or broken items. The patrol members must clean the chuck box items before returning from the campout. Active participation in the monthly camping program is essential to timely advancement since this is where the Scouts develop and practice most of the skills required for the first three ranks of advancement.

It is also important that the Scout give his Patrol Leader a firm commitment as to whether he plans to attend the campout. The camping dates are set up to twelve months in advance. They come as no surprise. It is important to have a head count for the Senior Patrol Leader, those buying food, and especially the adult CAMPING COORDINATOR in order to insure adequate transportation. If there are not enough drivers for a campout, some Scouts may not be able to attend.

Your Scout will receive a Campout information form and map at the Troop meeting before a Campout. You will need to fill out the Permission form and the Scout must have it in order to attend a campout. No Permission Form = No Campout = NO EXCEPTIONS.

12. SUMMER CAMP is an integral part of the Scouting experience. Summer Camp is a week long camp held at one of the Council camps. Many merit badges are earned and advancement work is completed at Summer Camp. It is especially important for the new Scout to attend. It has been found that Summer Camp will help the new Scout to become part of the Troop family. The Troop usually attends Summer Camp at Bear Creek Scout Reservation (near Hunt, Texas) owned by Alamo Area Council, but has attended other camps in the past.

13. HIGH ADVENTURE activities are also an important part of Troop 307. Normally, high adventure trips are limited to Scouts who have attained at least age 13 by January 1 of the year of the trip. He is expected to pay for at least half of the cost of the trip through Scout fund-raising activities. The Troop has attended high adventures programs at Philmont Scout Ranch, Florida Sea Base, Laguna Madre Adventure Station, as well as its own ski trips in Colorado and New Mexico.

14. ADVANCEMENT

A. Rank Advancement: The ranks of Scouting and the requirements to advance through them are described in the *Boy Scout Handbook*.

To attain the higher ranks in Scouting, you must acquire certain Merit Badges. Some of these are specified (such as those from the Eagle Merit Badge requirement list) and some you can choose from the complete list according to your own interests. It is desirable that you obtain a copy of the *Boy Scout Requirements* at the Scout Service Center. It lists all of the rank requirements as well as the requirements for each of the Merit Badges. The requirements listed in this book might not match those in the Merit Badge pamphlets because the pamphlets may not have been recently revised. The requirements in this book are the official requirements of the Boy Scouts of America. The Merit Badge pamphlets will provide most, if not all, of the material needed for the Merit Badge. Many of the pamphlets are available for checkout from the Troop Library, or you may purchase your own copy at the Scout Service Center.

For the early ranks (Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class), authorized older Scouts may be appointed by the Scoutmaster to verify your completion of requirements. In most cases, however, your Patrol Leader will sign your book when you complete any of the requirements. Please have him sign it as soon as possible, to write the date (mo/day/yr) and to preferably sign his name as opposed to initials (for use by the Board of Review). Depending upon the activity, you will have requirements completed for example in both Second Class and First Class even though you are a Tenderfoot Scout.

Parents are not permitted to pass their sons on any requirement unless they are a registered adult leader and are the only one in the Troop with that particular expertise.

One of the requirements common to all ranks is to show Scout Spirit. That means to obey the Scout Oath and Law and to be a worthy member of the Troop. The Scoutmaster will discuss this with you and sign off this requirement at the SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE.

B. SCOUTMASTER CONFERENCE is your informal discussion with the Scoutmaster about the standards you have met.

When you have completed all of the requirements for your new rank, you must call the Scoutmaster to make an appointment for a Scoutmaster Conference. You must appear in full uniform and bring your *Boy Scout Handbook*. At the conference, you and the Scoutmaster will talk about your work, your growth in Scouting ideals, and your goals for The future. If you pass, the Scoutmaster will ask you to immediately call the Troop Committee Chairman and ask for a Board of Review.

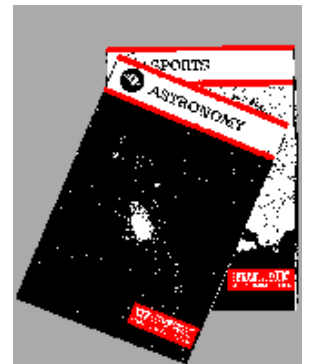
C. BOARD OF REVIEW

As a final step in advancing rank, you will have a Board of Review - a meeting with a group of adults from the Troop will also will review your rank advancement efforts to see if you have met the standards. When you first enter the room, you will be asked to recite the Scout Oath and Scout Law before you take a seat. You may be asked to tie one or several knots. You will be asked to fill out a self-evaluation form. Those on the Board may talk to you about what/when you have done and what you have learned in the process, or they may ask you are about your ideas about Scouting and Troop activities in which you have participated. If you have any ideas in which to improve your Patrol or Troop, please mention them at the Board of Review. Be sure to wear your full Class A Uniform, and bring your *Boy Scout Handbook*.

If you have completed all of the requirements for the rank successfully, had your Scoutmaster Conference and a successful Board of Review, you will be informed that you have achieved the rank that you are seeking. When you advance in rank, the new rank dates from the day of your Board or Review. You may receive your new rank patch at a later meeting or at the next Court of Honor. You can begin working toward your next rank as soon as you pass the last one.

D. Merit Badges - as previously stated, the Merit Badge requirements are listed in the Merit Badge pamphlets, the *Boy Scout Requirements* book, or on the Internet at <http://www.usscouts.scouter.com/mb/>. As of January 1, 1999 there are 119 Merit Badges. You can learn about sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers as you earn these Merit Badges.

Pick a Subject. Talk to your Scoutmaster about your interests. Read the requirements of the Merit Badge you think might interest you. Pick one to earn. Your Scoutmaster will give you the name of a person from a list of counselors. These counselors have special knowledge in their Merit Badge subjects and are interested in helping you. Don't forget to work on your Eagle required Merit Badges. These take time to complete and are required for rank advancement for Star, Life, and Eagle.



Scout Buddy System. You must have another person with you at each meeting with the Merit Badge counselor. This person can be another Scout, your parents or guardian, a brother of sister, a relative, or a friend.

Call the Counselor. Get a Merit Badge application (blue card) from your Scoutmaster. Obtain his signature as approval to begin the merit badge. Get in touch with the Merit Badge counselor and tell him or her that you want to earn the Merit Badge. The counselor may ask you to come and see him so he can explain when he expects and start helping you meet the requirements. Do not begin any part of the merit badge requirements prior to this point.

When you know what is expected of you, start to learn and do the things required. Read the Merit Badge pamphlet on the subject before you begin.

Requirements. You are expected to meet the requirements as they are stated – no more and no less. You are expected to do exactly what is stated in the requirements. If it says “show or demonstrate,” that is what you must do. Just telling about is not enough. The same thing holds true for such words as “make,” “list,” “in the field,” “collect,” “identify,” and “label.”

Show Your Stuff. When you are ready, call the counselor again to make an appointment to meet the requirements. When you go, take along the things you have made to meet the requirements (poster, report, copy of letter, etc.). If they are too big to move, take pictures or have an adult tell in writing what you have done. The counselor will ask you to do each requirement to make sure that you know your stuff and have done or can do the things required.

Get the Badge. When the counselor is satisfied that you have met each requirement, he or she will sign your application. Give the signed application to your Scoutmaster so that your Merit Badge emblem can be secured for you.

When you receive your Rank patch or Merit Badge patch, you will receive a card. It is a good idea to keep these in a special notebook. Baseball cardholders work great for this purpose. This is your “proof” that you earned the Merit Badge. Being human, mistakes do happen - either in Troopmaster or at the Council office.

Note: There is NO DEADLINE for earning Merit Badges, except the Scout’s 18th birthday. Once a Scout has started working on a Merit Badge (i.e. obtained a signed “Blue Card” Application for Merit Badge from his Scoutmaster, had an initial discussion with a merit badge Counselor, and started working on the requirements), he may continue using those requirements until he completes the badge or turns 18.

THERE IS NO ONE YEAR LIMIT ON “PARTIALS”

In contrast to the rule for rank advancements, which imposes a specific deadline for using the old requirements, the rule for Merit Badge is as follows:

If the requirements change while a Scout is working on the badge, he may continue to use the OLD requirements until he completes his work, or he may use the new requirements if he wishes. It is HIS choice, and his alone.

If a Merit Badge is discontinued, Scouts working on the badge when it is removed from the *Boy Scout Requirements* book may continue to work toward completing the badge, and get credit for earning the badge, until they turn 18. However, it may not be possible to obtain an actual Merit Badge patch, once the local council's supply is exhausted.

If a discontinued Merit Badge is replaced with one or more other Merit Badges covering the same or similar topics (such as Rifle and Shotgun Shooting MB, which was replaced by Rifle Shooting MB and Shotgun Shooting MB), a Scout that has earned the discontinued badge may also earn the new badge or badges. If the badge is simply renamed (such as Firemanship MB which was changed to Fire Safety MB), Scouts may NOT earn the badge again.

15. ORDER OF THE ARROW, founded in 1915, is a recognized official program activity of the Boy Scouts of America, intended to recognize those Scouts who best exemplify the Scout virtues of cheerful service, camping, and leadership. The OA helps in retaining older boys in Scouting, who otherwise often tend to lose interest upon reaching high school age. OA leadership is placed in the hands of its youth members, headed by a Chief, Vice Chief(s), and an Executive Committee, all of who are under the age of 21. Lodges are often subdivided into "Chapters," with youth chapter officers and committee running chapter events. To be inducted into the Order of the Arrow, a Scout must be at least First Class rank, have at least 15 nights of camping, including a 6-day long-term camp, and participate in the "Ordeal" and induction ceremony, after election by the Boy Scout Troop. The Troop may propose Adult Scouters for membership in the Order of the Arrow. Once elected, they too must undergo the "Ordeal" and participate in the induction ceremonies. OA activities supplement and not replace any Troop activities.

16. A SCOUT'S RELIGIOUS OBLIGATIONS should be an important part of his everyday life. This is a part of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. Each Scout is encouraged to work on the applicable religious award for his age group. See the Scoutmaster for additional information. Although the Troop is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and meets at facilities of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, the Troop is not a Catholic Troop. Many Protestant and non-Christian Scouts are or have been members of the Troop.

17. COURTS OF HONOR are held twice yearly – during the early part of the year, and after Summer Camp (at the August Campout). The purpose of the Court of Honor is to award

Advancement in Rank, Merit Badges signifying a Scout's progress, and any other awards that a Scout, Patrol, or Troop received. Special announcements will be made at the Court of Honor. A representative from the Alamo Area Council will present a *Friends of Scouting* fundraiser during the Court of Honor held at the early part of the year. Scouts are loyal (part of the Scout Law). Attend the Court of Honor even if you are not personally receiving a Merit Badge or advancement. Family members and other guests are always welcome at these events.

18. EAGLE SCOUT COURTS OF HONOR are very special events! Each new Eagle Scout(s) is rewarded with a National Court of Honor at which he is presented his Eagle Badge, Certificate and other items. Since the event is the culmination of several years of effort on the part of the new Eagle, Troop 307 attempts to make the event a memorable occasion. A reception follows each Eagle Court. A display of the new Eagle's Scouting memorabilia is shown, as well as any letters of congratulations from prominent local, state, and national leaders. The Eagle Scout Court of Honor encourages the younger Scouts to maintain on the trail to Eagle. All Scouts are expected to attend and to wear the full Scout uniform. Parents, please attend these events with your son and help make this occasion a very special one.

19. FRIENDS OF SCOUTING is an annual council-level fund-raiser. It makes up about 30% of total income of Alamo Area Council. It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. Those of us involved in Scouting have felt it, known it, and seen it. A recent Harris Poll showed that boys who have participated in Scouting have beliefs that are distinct from non-Scouts. As someone who shares and lives the value of Scouting, we have the opportunity to make scouting available and affordable to all boys. 98 cents of every dollar contributed goes to unit service to help insure the highest quality program for all youth members. Any amount can be given or pledged, either as one payment or spaced throughout the year. If you pledge a sum that supports a boy for one year (a little over \$100), the Council will have a special gift for you (a mug, a patch, a phone card, etc.). Remember that this fund-raiser is not a Troop function. A Friends of Scouting representative from Eagle District will be allowed some time during the Court of Honor for his/her presentation.

20. PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT is essential to an active Troop. Parental participation can be in several ways – as resources for the Scouts as they progress in rank, by seeing that the Scouts have the necessary materials for study and work on advancement and awards, by assisting in fund-raising activities, by assisting in the transportation of Scouts to and from camping and other Troop activities and in general by encouraging the Scouts to persevere in the Scouting program. If you cannot serve on the ADULT COMMITTEE, please help in some other capacity. Merit Badge COUNSELORS are always needed. It has been shown throughout the years that those boys who earn the rank of Eagle Scout have had parents greatly involved in Scouting and Troop activities.

21. **ADULT VOLUNTEERS** – All adult volunteers must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. The adult will pay his/her adult registration fee as required by the Boy Scouts of America. References and telephone numbers must be included. References will not be those currently registered in the Troop. The head of the Chartered Organization or Chartered Organization Representative and the local council must approve the registration. As an adult volunteer, you are expected to participate in Troop activities such as monthly committee meetings, Troop meetings, campouts, etc. If you have an expertise, profession, hobby, or other resource that can benefit the Troop, please let us know. Don't wait to be asked!

22. **ADULT POSITIONS** include the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Committee Members, and Troop Treasurer.

A. The **SCOUTMASTER** is the adult leader of the Troop. He exhibits many of these characteristics: high moral standards, commitment to the ideals of Scouting, ability to relate to boys, ability to handle novel situations responsibly and amicably, organizing ability, ability to relate and interact appropriately with adults and Scouts, flexibility and the ability to compromise, planning ability, a high energy level and a driving interest to ensure that the program succeeds. His duties and functions are: train and guide junior leaders to run the Troop, work with and through responsible adults to give Scouting to boys, help boys to grow by encouraging them to learn for themselves, guide the Senior Patrol Leader in planning and conducting the Troop program, use the Patrol methods and other methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting, meet regularly with the PLC, attend all Troop meetings or arrange for a qualified adult substitute, attend Troop Committee meetings, conduct Scoutmaster conferences for all rank advancements, delegate responsibility to other adults and groups so that they have a supportive part in the Troop operations, supervise Troop elections for the Order of the Arrow, supervise Troop junior leadership elections, make it possible for each Scout to experience at least 10 days of camping per year, participate in Council and District events, and complete Boy Scout leader training.

B. The **ASSISTANT SCOUTMASTER** may be 18 years old, but at least one assistant should be at least 21 years old. The Assistant Scoutmaster will obtain a Scout Uniform and will attend Scout leader training. He serves as the Troop leader in the absence of the Scoutmaster. He is responsible to the Scoutmaster for program and activities of the Troop.

C. The **COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN** reports to the Chartered Organization Representative. He organizes the committee to ensure that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed, ensures that leadership and committee attend all necessary training events, interpret national and local council policies to Troop, work closely with Scoutmaster in preparation of agenda for Troop Committee Meetings, call, preside, and promote attendance at monthly Troop Committee Meetings and any special meeting that may be

called, and ensure that the Troop is represented at the monthly Roundtable.

D. The TREASURER handles all Troop funds. He pays bills on recommendation of Scoutmaster and authorization of the Troop Committee. He keeps adequate records and reports to the Troop Committee at each meeting.

23. THE TROOP COMMITTEE is made up of the Committee Chairman, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Committee Members. The Scoutmaster attends at the invitation of the Committee Chairman. The committee meets from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. on the Tuesday following ROUNDTABLE (which is held on the first Thursday of each month). Committee Members must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America. Committee Members are expected to participate in as many of the Scout activities as possible: Driving to/from campouts; Camping; participating in Taco Breakfasts; Good Turn Deed Service Projects; Aluminum Can Turn-ins; Boards of Review; Courts of Honor; Troop 307 annual Garage Sale; and any other capacity that helps make the program of Boy Scout Troop 307 successful.



24. ADULT CAMPING

A. The monthly Troop campouts are not “Family Camping.” The campouts are part of the boy-led program of advancement and leadership skills development.

B. All adults who attend the campout are expected to help with the campout theme or advancement activities if asked. Any adult will help with the cooking if asked.

C. All camping adults are part of the adult patrol called “N.O.T.H. Patrol”

D. The adult patrol camps together and not in the boy patrol areas. The adults will set up their tents as to be visible to each other.

E. Boy Scouts of America prohibits unmarried couples from sharing the same sleeping facilities. Married couples can sleep together provided that appropriate facilities are provided. However, under the environment in which the Troop usually camps, married couples are discouraged from doing so, in the interest of the boys.

F. The Scouts will camp in their own patrol area. However, during a campout that includes Webelos Scouts, or the Family Court of Honor campout, other youth will be attending as guests of the Troop. No youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her own parent or guardian. Following the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America, each Webelos youth must be accompanied by one adult of guardian.

G. Each adult is expected to provide his own sleeping bag, drinking cup, eating utensils, and camp chair. Do not bring excessive gear, as you will be asked to transport some of the

Scout gear as well.

H. The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at any activity involving participation of youth members.

I. Fireworks of any type are prohibited.

J. Except for law enforcement officers required to carry firearms within their jurisdiction, firearms shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking, or other Scouting activities.

25. TRANSPORTATION

A. Seat belts are required for all occupants, and should be used at all times.

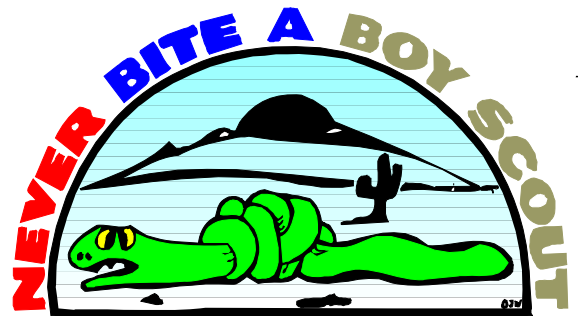
B. All drivers must be licensed.

C. The driver must be at least 18 years of age.

D. Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons.

E. Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers, except in the cab.

F. All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance.



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