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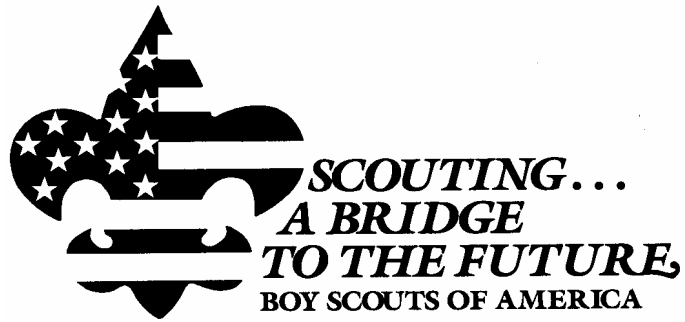
***Boy Scout & Parent
Guide***

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All who have meditated on the art of governing mankind are convinced that the fate of empires depends on the education of youth.

--Aristotle

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Boy Scouts of America! By becoming a parent of a Boy Scout, you are setting your son out on the grand adventure of Scouting. This is a tremendously important and rewarding endeavor that you will be able to share with him.

What is it all about? What will you be expected to do? What does it cost? We have prepared this booklet to answer these questions.

The following pages describe the organization of a Troop and the advancement pattern that each boy will follow. Reading this will help you understand how your boy can progress through the ranks with your help. It will help you understand how you can help and what the various adult volunteers are doing to help the Troop.

WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

There are three aims to scouting:

- Aim I -- To build character
- Aim II -- To foster citizenship
- Aim III -- To develop fitness

These three aims are the bedrock of the Scouting movement. They represent the long-term outcomes we want for every boy.

Purpose of the Boy Scouts Of America

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts Of America and this troop to provide an effective program designed to instill within the youth desirable qualities of character, to train them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to help develop their personal fitness, providing this country with citizens who:

1. Are physically, mentally and emotionally fit.
2. Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidence in such qualities as initiative, courage and resourcefulness.
3. Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts.
4. Have the desire and skills to help others.
5. Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and government systems.
6. Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.
7. Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.
8. Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and in other forums of the world.

Boy Scouts of America Mission Statement

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. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

The Scout Oath Or Promise

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.

The Scout is:

Trustworthy
Loyal
Helpful
Friendly
Courteous
Kind
Obedient
Cheerful
Thrifty
Brave
Clean
Reverent

Scout Motto

Be Prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily

Aims and Methods of the Boy Scout Program

Aims

Boy Scouting works toward three aims. One is growth in *moral strength and character*. We may define this as the what the boy is himself: his personal qualities, his values, his outlook.

A second aim is *participating citizenship*. Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives, to the government that presides over that society.

A third aim of Boy Scouting is *development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness*. Fitness includes the body (well-tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and emotions (self control, courage and self-respect).

The methods are designed to accomplish these aims.

Methods

Advancement- Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps to overcome them through the advancement process. The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he overcomes each challenge. More is discussed about Advancement later in this guide.

Adult Association- Boys learn from the examples set by their adult leaders. Troop leadership may be male or female and association with adults of high character is encouraged at this stage in a young man's development.

Personal Growth- As Scouts plan their activity, and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The good turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do good turns for others.

Ideals- The Ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them, he has some control over what he becomes.

Patrols- The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in group living and participating in citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected leaders.

Outdoors- Boy Scouting is designed to take place in the outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here where the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive. More is discussed about the outdoor program later in this guide.

Leadership Development- Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform- The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force of good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youths who believe in the same ideals. More is discussed about the uniform later in this guide.

ORGANIZATION

Troop 185 is a participating member of the Bucks County, Pennsylvania Boy Scouts of America. The Troop's organization consists of a Chartered Organization, a Troop Committee, the Troop, and the Troop's

Chartered Organization (Sponsor)

Every Troop belongs to an organization. The Chartered Organization for Troop 185 is St. Isidore's Roman Catholic Church. The Chartered Organization shares our objectives for the boys and insures that there is adequate, trained leadership. A Chartered Organization Representative acts a liaison between us and Church.

Troop Committee

The Troop Committee Functions as an administration and support organization for the Troop. The Troop Committee takes care of the non-program issues surrounding the Troop. For example: newsletters, Troop funds, fund raising activities, membership drives and Pack coordination, activity permits and coordination, advancement records, procurement and maintenance of Troop equipment.

The Committee meets monthly. The meetings are open and attendance is encouraged by all parents and other interested adults.

Troop 185 Meetings

Troop 185 will hold meetings weekly. Meetings currently are held every Wednesday, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Changes to the meeting schedule will be announced as early as possible to allow for proper planning. Typical troop functions such as planning troop outings, preparation, games and multiple merit badges cycles are run routinely through-out our scout year round program. Please check-out the troop calendar for upcoming events and alike.

Adult Leadership

Two registered adult leaders, or one adult leader and a Scout parent, both of who must be at least 21 years of age, are required for all Troop 185 meetings, trips or outings.

Patrols and Patrol Leaders

The Troop is a group made up of several patrols. Each Patrol usually consists of a Patrol Leader and no less than four Scouts and no more than eight Scouts. The boys in a patrol elect their patrol leader who in turn appoints the assistant patrol leader.

The Senior Patrol Leader is an elected position. The Senior Patrol Leader selects his Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. The Patrol Leaders, with the Senior Patrol Leader as their head, form the Patrol Leaders' Council, which plans the activities and runs the Troop meetings.

Elections for Patrol Leader are held in September and March of each year. Elections for Senior Patrol Leader will be held in October and April of each year.

Troop Organization

Troop 185 is a boy-run troop. Leadership is one of the methods of Scouting. Every boy will have an opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership. The meetings are planned and carried out by the patrol leaders' council. All duties for patrol activities are assigned by the patrol leader. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps the boy accept the leadership of others and helps him to grow into a more responsible adult. The troop organization chart on the following page outlines the complete organization of the troop. The following is an outline of the duties of the key leaders within the troop:

Scoutmaster:

The Scoutmaster (SM) is the adult leader responsible for the image and program of the troop. The Scoutmaster and his or her assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts. The general responsibilities of these Scoutmasters include:

- Train and guide boy leaders.
- Work with other adult leaders to bring Scouting to boys.
- Use the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting.

Assistant Scoutmasters:

Assistant Scoutmasters are recruited by the Scoutmaster and approved by the troop committee to assist the Scoutmaster in the operation of the troop. Assistant Scoutmasters are assigned program tasks by the Scoutmaster and provide guidance to the boy leadership. He or she also provides the required two deep leadership (two adult leaders present at every Boy Scout activity).

Junior Assistant Scoutmasters

Junior Assistant Scoutmasters are scouts at least 16 years old whom have shown outstanding leadership skills. They may be appointed by the SPL with advice and consent of the SM.

Senior Patrol Leader:

The senior patrol leader (SPL) is the top boy leader in the troop. He leads the patrol leaders' council and, in consultation with the Scoutmaster, appoints other junior leaders and assigns specific responsibilities as needed.

Troop Guides:

The troop guides (TG) are both a leader and a mentor to the new scout patrols. They are usually older scouts that work the same way that a SPL works with the SM. Must be at least first class in rank.

Den Chief's:

Den Chief's work with a den of cub scouts and with their adult leaders. He assists with den meetings, encourages cub scout advancement and a role model for younger boys. This serves as a great leadership tool.

Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders:

The assistant senior patrol leader (ASPL) fills in for the SPL in his absence. He is also responsible for training and giving direction to the quartermaster, scribe, historian, librarian and instructors.

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Patrol Leaders:

The patrol leaders (PL) are responsible for giving leadership to the members of their patrols. They are their representation on the patrol leaders' council. The PL is also responsible for holding monthly patrol meetings outside of the regular troop meetings.

Assistant Patrol Leaders:

Assistant patrol leaders help the PL run the patrol and fill in for him in his absence.

Quartermaster:

(QM) Troop supply and equipment boss. Reports to the Patrol leaders council (PLC).

Scribe:

Troop secretary attends PLC meetings (not voting member), keeps logbook on all troop functions.

Historian:

Collects and preserves troop photos, news, trophies, flags, awards and other memorabilia.

Librarian:

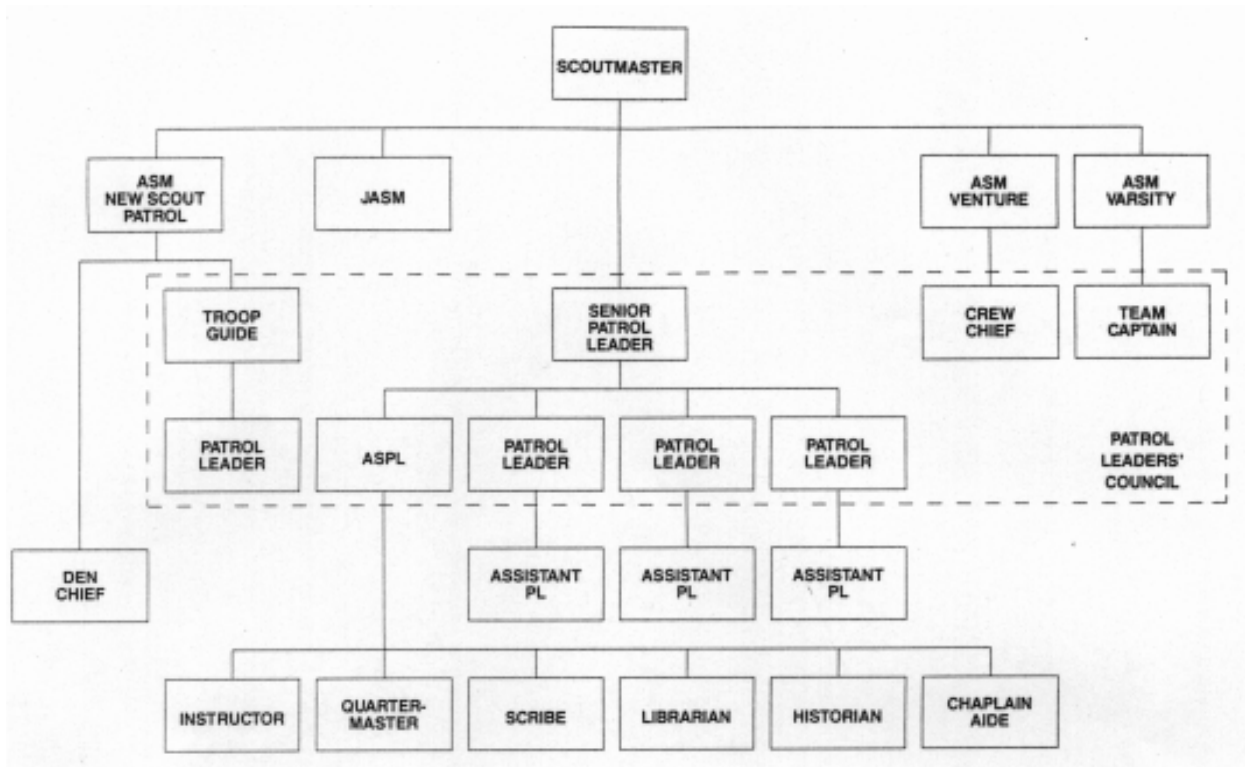
Oversees the care of troop books, merit badge counselor lists, pamphlets and maintains records

Chaplin Aid:

He assist the troop chaplain and see that religious programs are considered during planning.

Troop Organization

Troop 185 Committee



Scout Uniform

Scouts in uniform are conscious of their rank and make a greater effort to advance. Only the uniform provides a place for display of badges - important symbols of achievement. Scouts have more fun, stay longer, feel greater pride in advancement.

How the uniform can help a boy:

It is not the purpose of the Scout uniform to hide the differences between the boys or make them feel that they are all the same.

But there is one way in which all Scouts are alike. Whenever a Scout sees another person in a Scout uniform he knows he is like that person because both have committed themselves principles of the Scout Oath and Law. The Scout Oath and Law bind all Scouts of the world together in a common purpose.

By wearing the uniform, Scouts give each other strength and support.

Beyond accenting the common bond between Scouts, by wearing the uniform Scouts are declaring their faith and commitment to some important beliefs that bind them to all people. It is a way of making visible their belief in God, their loyalty to our country and their commitment to helping other people who need them.

How the uniform can help the troop:

1. When smartly worn, the uniform can help build good troop spirit.
2. By investing in a uniform, a Scout and his parents are making a commitment to take Scouting seriously.
3. The uniform makes the troop visible as a force for good in the community.
4. When properly worn on the correct occasions, it can attract new members.
5. Scouts in uniform create a strong, positive, youth image in the neighborhood, thus helping to counteract the negative feeling some adults have about youth.

The troop uniform:

The following is the official uniform of Troop 185 is:

Provided by the boy:

Shirt (official tan w/red shoulder tabs)
Pants/Shorts (official khaki)
Flag, Council and Troop 185 patches
Belt (official khaki web belt)
Socks (official khaki)

Provided by the troop:

Neckerchief
Registration and Handbook
Neckerchief slide
Rank badge and badges of office

Official placement of insignia may be found on the inside front and back cover of the Scout Handbook.

Advancement

Advancement is the process by which youth member's progress through the ranks in the Scouting program by the gradual mastery of Scouting skills. Ranks are simply a means to an end, not an end in themselves. Everything boys do to advance and earn these ranks, from the day they join until the day they leave the program, should be designed to help boys have an exciting and meaningful experience. It is the Troops recommendation that each boy advances a rank or earns two merit badges each year.

Boy Scout advancement, a four step process:

1. The Boy Scout learns.

A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in ability to do his part as a member of the patrol and the troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others. In this way, he begins to develop leadership.

2. The Boy Scout is tested.

A Scout may be tested on requirements by his patrol leader, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, a troop committee member or a member of his troop. The Scoutmaster maintains a list of those qualified to test and pass candidates.

3. The Boy Scout is reviewed.

After a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, he has a board of review. For Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and Eagle Palms. The review is conducted by members of the troop committee. The Eagle board of review is conducted by members of the district advancement committee.

4. The Boy Scout is recognized.

When the board of review has certified a boy's advancement, he deserves to receive recognition as soon as possible. This should be done at a ceremony at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his next rank will be presented to him at the next troop court of honor.

Court of Honor

As stated above, when a Scout advances, he should be recognized as soon as possible - preferably at the next unit meeting. He is recognized a second time at a public ceremony called a court of honor.

The main purposes of the court of honor are to finish formal recognition for achievement and to provide incentive for other Scouts to advance.

Troop 185 has formal courts of honor four times a year, at the end of each quarter. All families are asked to attend and guests are welcome. Every boy who advances in a quarter deserves to be recognized in front of his family. The court of honor is the boy's special night.

Outdoor Program

Scouting is effective whenever we take advantage of its truth: The place where Scouting works best is also the place that boys want the most: the outdoors. There are a number of good reasons why the outdoor program is so special. Here are the four that are especially good:

1. The outdoors is the best place for learning outdoor skills. How could it be otherwise? A Scout who tried to boil a potato on the gymnasium floor would be in hot water for sure - not to mention the boy who tried learning to swim by reading a book.
2. The outdoors is a great place for learning something about living with others. When Scouts walk on the same trail, cook and eat together, and share triumphs and troubles together, they are going to find out some important things about, say, patience, respect for other points of view, doing their full share, making a friend more easily, and saying no without losing one. Skills like these are among the "personal growth" skills we want from every Scout. The outdoors is where they grow up best.
3. On the trail or in camp, the boy's leaders will be challenged by the real thing - getting their patrols fed and sheltered, keeping them warm and safe, solving the problems they can solve, and knowing how to get help for those they can't. It's a time when leadership skills can deepen, patrols grow closer, and the troop grows stronger.
4. The outdoors is also a place where a Scout can get closer to the natural world around him - the land, the forests and their wildlife, the lakes and rivers, the mountains and the seas. Here, in the outdoors, he will learn of the "land ethic" - the understanding and respect for the environment we all share, and he will develop an active concern for it's health and a willingness to work to keep it healthy.

Troop 185 and the outdoor program:

Troop 185 has a very active outdoor program and all boys are encouraged to participate. The patrol methods will be implemented at all scout outings. Our program includes monthly weekend campouts, annual long term summer camp (1 week), day hikes and other outdoor activities. Troop 185 also sponsors an annual family December Christmas Party and Summer time campout where all families are encouraged to participate. Families are welcome on monthly campouts, if space allows. However, the troop will still function as a unit.

Standard items to bring on a campout:

(PLC will inform scouters what shall be needed prior to the outing)

◇ Sleeping bag	◇ Mess Kit	◇ Sewing Kit	<u>Do Not Bring</u>
◇ Foam Pad	◇ Cup	◇ Flashlight	• Radios
◇ Sweat Shirt	◇ Soap	◇ Scout Knife	• Firearms, etc.
◇ Rain gear	◇ Toothbrush	◇ Watch	• Electronic Games
◇ Clothes	◇ Toothpaste	◇ Personal ID	
◇ Canteen	◇ Comb	◇ Notebook	
◇ Silverware	◇ Washcloth	◇ Pen / Pencil	
	◇ Towel	◇ Boy Scout Handbook	

Youth Protection

Program Summary

Child abuse is a major problem affecting our society. Each year more than 2 million cases of suspected child abuse are reported. This means that 1 percent of American children are experiencing physical abuse, 1 percent are experiencing sexual abuse, and 2 to 5 percent are experiencing emotional maltreatment or some form of neglect. Because of the significance of this social problem, The Boy Scouts of America has declared child abuse as one of the "unacceptable" to receive special attention by those involved in the Scouting program.

The BSA has developed a five-point plan to combat child abuse and to improve the environment in which young people live. The key elements of this strategy include the following points:

- Educating Scouting volunteers, parents and Scouts themselves to aid in the detection and prevention of child abuse.
- Establishing leader-selection procedures to prevent individuals with a history of child abuse from entering the BSA leadership ranks.
- Establishing policies that minimize the opportunities for child abuse to occur in the program of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Encouraging Scouts to report improper behavior in order to identify offenders quickly.
- Swiftly removing and reporting alleged offenders.

Parents guide

The Boy Scouts of America has developed materials for use in the Scouting program that provide essential information to members and their families. A detachable booklet in the front of The Boy Scout Handbook, "How to Protect Your Child from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse: A Parents Guide," provides information to help families to increase self-protection skills.

Troop 185 and the Youth Protection Program

Troop 185 is committed to following all guidelines of the Youth Protection Program. Any suspected offenses of the Youth Protection Program must be reported to the Committee Chairman, the Scoutmaster or the Council Executive. All incidents reported to the Committee Chairman or the Scoutmaster will be reported to the Council Executive. All reports are taken seriously and appropriate action is taken to ensure the safety of the youth. The Troop also follows the guidelines set up by the Philadelphia Archdiocese for Protecting Gods Children.

Troop 185 Boy Scouts of America Bucks County, Pennsylvania

Troop By-Laws Adopted March 1, 2004

GENERAL

1. Parents or Guardians of all applicants must meet with the Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman for a personal interview before a boy will be registered with the Troop. The Troop cannot function without the active involvement of every parent. Accordingly, the Troop must ask each parent to volunteer for a committee or adult leader position, participate in at least one outing or activity annually in a supervisory capacity and sit on monthly Boards of Review for the Scouts on a rotating basis.
2. An annual Parents Meeting will be convened by the Troop Committee Chairman in late July. The troop PLC's will have completed the ensuing year calendar. They will have met with the troop at summer camp to finalize details with SM, ASM's and the scouts. The purpose of the meeting is to approve plans for the ensuing year, including the next year's Activity Calendar, proposed budget and associated fund-raising activities, approve key Committee officers, adult leaders and Troop By-Laws. This meeting is mandatory for the parents/guardians of all boys currently registered with the Troop. Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting must notify the Committee Chairman in advance.
3. Key Committee Positions include the following:
 - 1) Troop Committee Chairman;
 - 2) Treasurer;
 - 3) Secretary;
 - 4) Fund-Raising Chairman;
 - 5) Membership Coordinator;
 - 6) Advancement Chairman; and
 - 7) Campout Coordinator.

Persons to fill these positions will be elected at the annual Parents' meeting. There shall be no limit to the number of terms for any of these positions.

4. Other Committee Positions. In addition to the Key Committee Positions, the Troop Committee Chairman will seek persons to carry out numerous other tasks such as: Uniform Exchange, Ceremonies Coordinator, Awards/Incentives, Transportation Coordinator, Summer Camp Coordinator, Leader Training Coordinator, Data Processing Coordinator.
5. Committee Meetings. The Key Committee Officers shall meet regularly to discuss Troop Business. Meetings shall be scheduled by the Troop Committee Chairman who will provide a written agenda at least 10 days in advance. The meetings shall be open to parents, registered members of Troop 185 and non-key Committee officers, however, only the key Committee personnel -- as defined in Rule 3 above -- will have the authority to vote. A quorum will exist when any four of the seven key committee officers are present.

Meetings are permissible without a quorum, however, no matters requiring a vote may be decided.

6. A majority vote of the key committee members will be necessary to approve any expenditure of Troop funds beyond the discretionary \$50.00 allotted to the Scoutmaster or his representative. Additionally, the committee must approve the Troop's Scout of the Year nominee and any interim changes to the Troop's By-Laws.

7. Should a need arise to obtain committee approval of an expenditure on an expedited basis, the Committee Chairman shall be authorized to contact the other key committee officers to discuss the matter and conduct a vote. In any such instance where a telephone vote has been conducted, the results of that vote shall be ratified at the next regular Committee meeting.
8. Interim amendments to the By-Laws may be made by majority vote of the key Committee officers after introducing the amendment at one Committee meeting and publishing the proposed amendment in the Troop newsletter. The amendment will be voted upon at the next committee meeting after the newsletter is distributed. Any interim amendment passed in this manner shall remain in effect only until the next Annual Parents Meeting, at which time it will be offered as a permanent change.
9. Camping permission slips and campout money shall be collected by the Scout coordinator for that event and turned in to the appropriate adult leader one week prior to the activity.
10. Parents shall be responsible for ensuring the transportation of their sons to campouts and other Troop activities. Carpools will be coordinated wherever possible, however the ultimate responsibility will lie with the parents. All drivers must carry liability insurance of at least \$50,000 (each person), \$100,000 (each accident) and \$50,000 (property damage). All riders must wear seat belts while traveling as required by Pennsylvania law. Parents and adult leaders must provide updated information about their vehicle(s) and associated insurance to the Troop annually.
11. The Scoutmasters shall have the authority and discretion to suspend any boy who refuses to carry out the instructions of the Scoutmasters or his designated representative. In the event such a suspension occurs, the parents/guardians of the boy will be contacted immediately and will be required to make arrangements to take custody of the boy. The Troop shall not be liable for any costs involved; these will be solely the parents/guardians' responsibility. Any boy who has been suspended may be reinstated at the discretion of the troop committee and the scoutmasters, but only after the boy and his parents have discussed the situation in detail with the Scoutmaster and are prepared to recommend a course of action to ensure that the behavior will not be repeated. See Troop Action Plan on Page 18.
12. The parents are responsible for picking up their sons after a Troop activity or, at least, to be home when the Scout is dropped off by the Troop. The Troop will not leave a Scout at home after a Troop activity unless a responsible adult is present. If a boy is to be dropped off somewhere other than his residence address or to be picked up by someone other than a family member or the parent of another Scout in the Troop, the adult leader must be informed by the parent in writing prior to the Troop activity (e.g., a note on the permission slip for that activity).
13. The parents are required to participate in the weekly meetings. This will be achieved by volunteering for at least one meeting a month or a total of 12 meetings a year. If a parent volunteers for a position in the troop or runs an advancement program this will satisfy the requirement.

EXPENSES: SCOUT

1. Weekly dues shall be \$ 1.00 (one dollar).
 - Any Scout in arrears by more than \$5.00 will have the amount automatically deducted from his account.
 - If funds are not available the scout may be suspended
 - A suspended Scout may be readmitted when he pays all back dues he owes.
2. Uniform--shirt, pants, socks, belt: \$45-55.00
 - The Troop at this time does not have a uniform exchange.
 - Parents and Scouts are encouraged to donate used uniform items to the Troop (with the appropriate patches still sewed on-the Troop will supply the patches for the new shirts)
3. Summer Camp costs approx. \$ 250.00 Each Scout will be encouraged to earn this money himself through participation in Troop fund raisers or his own enterprise. In past years, fundraiser's paid the entire amount for all scout attending summer camp.
4. Each Scout shall pay for his own food for each campout or other activity. Patrols will assume responsibility for purchasing their food for campouts. One person shall buy the food and the other patrol members shall reimburse him for the expense before the campout. The Troop shall not be involved in reimbursing Scouts for food expenses.
5. The parents of each new Scout registering with Troop 185 shall pay a fee of \$ 20 Additionally, as explained below, each Scout and his family will be required to participate in specific fund raisers which will go towards the Troop's operating expenses.
6. Troop equipment must be signed out and in for Patrol or Scout use. A troop tent could be borrowed from the Troop Quartermaster (QM). Tent must be returned clean, air dried and properly stowed with all supplied parts. This will insure the troop equipment can be loaned out for may more years to come. ANY damage to the equipment on loan shall be reported and tagged for repair by the QM. Repairs for damaged equipment beyond normal wear and tear will be the responsibility of the scouts who checked it out. All other equipment must be returned cleaned and in good condition. Preferable better than when it left.

EXPENSES: TROOP

The Troop shall be responsible for paying the following expenses:

1. Troop Registration (annually)
2. Boy's Life (annually).
3. Troop Insurance (annually)
4. Troop equipment (as needed).
5. Advancement pins, merit badges, etc.
6. Summer Camp fee for registered adult leaders.
7. Leadership Training Costs for selected Scouts from the Troop.
8. Blue neckerchief, Troop and Council Uniform insignia for new Scouts. The blue neckerchief will be exchanged for the Troop Green and Gold neckerchief when the boy makes Tenderfoot.
9. Order of the Arrow Ordeal fees after completion and annual membership dues for all adult and Scout OA members in the Troop.

Funds for certain items listed above will come from the scouts or their accounts.

FUND RAISING

1. Fund raising sufficient to support the Troop is the responsibility of each Scout and his parent. The family obligation for is to contribute \$__45__ annually to enable the Troop to carry out its program. This obligation shall be separate and distinct from a Scout's weekly dues requirement. Scouts may choose to satisfy the obligation by participating in Troop fund-raisers. The Troop also requires that parents assist their son's with a contribution of four hrs of volunteer time per year. If a family opts to not participate in the fundraisers then the family obligation must be paid in full before our first trip in the school year.
2. All Scouts in the Troop will be afforded ample opportunities to participate in fund raisers and other projects to earn enough money to meet this requirement, thus ensuring the Troop's ability to meet its obligations. Fund raising activities shall be supervised by the Fund Raising chairman and will be conducted as needed. These activities will include recycling drives, sales of home safety items, hike-a-thons, car washes and other activities agreed to by the key Troop Committee officers.
3. Profits from fund raising activities shall be apportioned as follows: Mandatory fund raiser to meet family's annual contribution obligation, all profits he generates shall go directly to the Troop. Once he has satisfied that obligation any additional profits he earns at other fundraisers will be credited 70% to the individual Scout fund and 30% to the troop fund.
4. Individual Scout's Fund moneys are Troop moneys designated for use by individual Scouts for summer camp, other campout fees, weekly dues payments and, with the written authorization from a parent and Scoutmaster approval, for other camping or Scouting related expenses. Individual Scout Fund money earned by any Scout and not used by the time that Scout leaves the Troop shall be returned to the Troop Fund.

SCOUTMASTER'S FUND

1. A fund of \$50.00 may be maintained by the Scoutmaster out of Troop funds as working capital.
2. This fund shall be replenished by the Treasurer only upon presentation of receipt(s)

INQUIRIES AND COMPLAINTS

All complaints and/or inquiries shall be directed to the Committee Chairman.

The By-Laws as set forth above were reviewed by the Troop Committee and changes approved by a majority vote during the Sept. 2005 Parents Meeting. This is mandated by General Rule 2.

TROOP 185 ACTION PLAN

Scouts Name _____

Date _____

The scout listed above has been informed that his behavior is not appropriate for the Scouting program. As a result of his continued misbehavior he is being given the following warning.

___ **VERBAL WARNING:** The Scout listed above has been given a Verbal warning. Which means that he has been warned about his behavior on several occasions and has not corrected the behavior. If additional Misbehavior is noted he will be put on Probation or Suspension. Listed below are reasons for the warning.

___ **PROBATION:** The Scout listed above has already been Given a Verbal warning about his behavior and has not corrected the problem. Please note below reasons and conditions of his Probation. If the boy does not correct his behavior or has additional problems in the future this could lead to Suspension from the Troop.

___ **SUSPENSION:** The scout listed above continues to be disruptive in the Scouting environment. The Scout is being put on Suspension from Scouting. Listed below are the reasons and Conditions of his Suspension.

Scouts Signature

Leaders Signature

Parent / Guardian Signature

Leaders Signature



TROOP 185 PERMISSION SLIP

Scout's Name: _____

Trip: _____

Date(s): _____

Meeting time: _____ Place: _____

Pickup time: _____ Place: _____

Cost per person: _____

I can provide transportation for _____ *boys to / from this event.*

If you have a scheduling conflict that will prevent your son from being present for the entire program, please indicate when he will be coming / leaving and with whom:

Please list any allergies or other medical conditions that warrant notification. Use the back of this form (if necessary) if there is any activity he may not participate in. Also any medication he may be taking

My/our son has reviewed his equipment checklist in his scout Handbook and I/we are satisfied that he is properly dressed and equipped for this activity. I/we understand that all troop activities are conducted in the spirit of the Scout Oath & Law. Any scout who, in the opinion of the adult leadership, does not live up to these principles may be required to call his parents and have them bring him home.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived, and in view of the fact that the Boy Scouts of America is an educational institution, membership in which is voluntary, and having full confidence that every precaution will be taken to ensure the safety of my son on this activity, I hereby agree to his participation and waiver all claims against the leader of this trip and officers, agents, and representatives of the Boy Scouts of America. In the event of an emergency and I / we cannot be contacted, I give permission for emergency treatment by qualified medical personnel.

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Home phone: _____ Cellular / pager: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy Number _____

This form is required for all trips. There will always be adequate supervision for your son and we will do everything in our power to protect him. IF YOUR SON IS NOT PICKED UP IN A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF TIME, HE WILL BE TAKEN HOME WITH ONE OF THE ADULT LEADERS ON THE TRIP AND YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED.

David Lynch, Scoutmaster
267-374-8500 (CELL) 610-346-1677 (HOME)