

Troop 53 Adult Event Training Policy

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Introduction:

Troop 53 recognizes the importance of parent or guardian attendance at scouting events, particularly since BSA rules require two deep adult leadership for scouting events and activities, and that Parents or guardians are welcome to attend any event involving the operation of the troop. Scouting teaches leadership and a variety of life skills which are best learned by the scout while doing the activity, and to model positive adult behavior for youth. The following policy statements are not meant to discourage parent or guardian attendance at troop events, but rather to foster congeniality, scout spirit, being an advisor to the boys, as well as to assist the parent or guardian.

Policy:

Adults at camp and other events should model the Scout Oath and Law to the youth, demonstrating the positive aspects of Scouting's code. In addition, Troop 53 fully subscribes to the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, which describes the methods to prevent abuse and accident. These rules include: two deep adult leadership on all activities; no one-on-one contact between youth and adult; respect of privacy; separate accommodations for youth and adults when camping; proper preparation for high adventure activities; no secret organizations; appropriate attire; constructive discipline, no hazing, and training of junior leadership and supervision. These national policies are in place to protect our children and adult volunteers from unnecessary problematic situations. The adult leadership of Troop 53, its Scoutmasters and Committee leaders are within their rights to excuse any adults who fail to follow BSA Safe Scouting policy.

In recognition of the above, Troop 53 encourages parent or guardians who wish to regularly attend outdoor campouts or events of the troop to take advantage of training opportunities provided by the Boy Scouts of America. In particular, they may find the following two training opportunities, both of which are available on-line, to be beneficial: Youth Protection Training and the Fast Start Boy Scout Leader Training.

The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster's have leader specific training opportunities available and the troop encourages them to take full advantage of the opportunities, and at a minimum to complete youth protection and fast start leader training.

If the Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster, or Troop Committee member sees, or has verified reports of activity, conduct, or action by any adult attending a troop event that is deemed to be a disturbance to a child, or operation of the troop, such person may then be asked to undertake BSA youth protection and fast start leader training prior to attending any additional events.

It is the obligation and responsibility of the Troop Committee to balance the safety and well being of the scouts against the rights of the individual(s). If the Troop Committee finds the adult behavior egregious or highly detrimental, the Troop Committee may ask the individual(s) to suspend attendance until an improvement in behavior can be shown.