

# Troop Expectations

Troop 53 believes that advancement and personal growth are an obligation we have to each of our Scouts. That growth is also an obligation each Scout has to himself. In order to promote this growth, we arrange Scoutmaster Conferences with Scouts. Our Scoutmaster sits down with each Scout to review progress on advancement, interest, skills, and personal development. We also have a "Board of Review" process of Troop Committee members which holds similar conversations with each Scout in order to advance in rank.

## ***Expectations of all Scouts***

- Try to be on time.
- Bring, read, and know the Scout Handbook.
- Wear the appropriate clothing for the meeting, outing, or activity.
- Bring notebook and pen.
- Keep hands off other Scouts.
- Listen when others speak.
- Contribute intelligently.
- Continue to learn Scouting skills.
- Know the Scout Law.
- Practice in deed and spirit.
- Have fun.

Strive as a Troop 53 Scout to make an extra effort to build your brother Scout. Enjoy the responsibilities of being a Scout, your accomplishments and your Troop.

## ***Expectations of Junior Leaders***

Any Scout elected to a leadership position is expected to do three things. Both the Scouts he serves, and the adults advising the Troop, look for Scouts serving as leaders to excel in fulfilling these expectations:

1. Function in a position of responsibility.
2. Attend Junior Leader Training.
3. Assist younger Scouts as needed.

## **Scouts in leadership positions are expected to:**

1. Be proficient in the Scout skill areas including: knots, camping skills, First Aid, The Outdoor Code, and "people skills".
2. Work on advancement with younger Scouts at each meeting.
3. Be prepared to teach skills.

## **Performance and Attendance**

We keep records of each Scout's performance. This record serves to support each Scout's request for advancement for time serviced as a leader demonstrating Scout Spirit at the Scoutmaster Conference and Troop Committee Board of Review for advancement.

## **Summer Camp**

Scouts are encouraged to participate in Summer Camp. The Scout may use some of his allocated funds to offset the cost of Summer Camp. The fees are set by Four Lakes Council. The Troop will attempt to pay for adult leadership at the camp. We announce details and applications when we receive information in January.

## **High Adventure**

When we have High Adventure activities they are usually planned two years in advance. The location of the High Adventure will be determined by the members of the Troop.

## **Assisting Other Scouts**

Scouts should make an effort to help fellow Scouts to achieve, learn new skills, and grow to be a more responsible Scouts and young adults.

## ***Parent Involvement***

Parents are encouraged to become active participants with our Troop. We need parents to participate in these areas:

- Assistants to the Scout Master on campouts and meetings.
- Board of Reviews
- Troop Committee members with specific responsibilities. (i.e., Treasurer, Secretary, Advancement, Merit Badge Counselor)
- Listeners to our Scouts.

## ***Responsibility of each Scout***

Medical release forms must be filled out by each Scout and Leader and to be kept on file, at the outing, and by our Troop Secretary. All information must be current.

## ***Troop Leadership***

Two adults must attend every campout or outing. Firm commitments are needed two weeks in advance. Scouts are encouraged to invite guests to attend Troop meetings. Guests may attend campouts or outings once as an introduction, with written proof of suitable insurance, signed parent permission, and with the Scout Master's permission. If there is a concern about a Scout, we may require that a Scout's parent or designated adult accompany on an outing.

We expect Parents to participate in building our Troop. Our Scout program is only as good as the people who give it life. Rewards are tremendous. To reap these rewards, we need participants so that a few people do have to carry the whole load.

## ***The Scout Oath***

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.

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