

Troop 282 Regulations, Attendance & Uniform & Policy

Regulations:

Boy Scout Troop 282 conducts all troop activities guided by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan. Additional resources include the Boy Scout Handbook, Troop Committee Guide book, and Scoutmasters Handbook and “The aims and Methods of Scouting”.

Troop 282 recognizes extenuating circumstances can occur. In the event of such extenuating circumstances appeals will be heard by the Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master, and/ or Troop Committee if provided more than 7 days in advance of scheduled events.

A Boy Scout or an adult leader that follows the 12 parts of the Scout Law is:

Trustworthy, A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promise. People can depend on him; **Loyal**, A scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, and nation; **Helpful**, A scout cares about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting something in return; **Friendly**, A scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own; **Courteous**, A scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that using a good manner makes it easier for people to get along; **Kind**, A scout knows there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. Without good reason, he does not harm or kill any living thing; **Obedient**, try to do what may be ask of them with out talking back or other demeaning actions; **Cheerful**, A scout follow the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in a orderly manner rather than disobeying them; **Cheerful**, A scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy; **Thrifty**, A scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property; **Brave**, A scout can face danger although he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten him; **Clean**, A scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses the company of those who live by high standards. He helps keep his home and community clean; and **Reverent**, A scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others. (The Boy Scout Handbook)

To ensure compliance with the Scout Oath and Law the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and Troop Committee members have been authorized by the Troop Committee to take action. If the need arises inspections of camp boxes or other personal belongings will be conducted. In the event a scout refuses to comply, the scout will forfeit his opportunity to participate in scouting activities with troop 282.

The following statements reflect the guidance provided by the Boy Scouts of America.

Occasionally the troop committee may be asked by the Scoutmaster to deal with a problem which might involve disciplinary action or a health issue of an individual youth or adult member. These issues should be dealt with in strict confidence. If the subject concerns a Scout, his parents should be fully informed of the issue. Because serious or recurring behavioral problems may require the troop committee's involvement, the Scoutmaster should share discipline problems with the committee. Such problems should be addressed in a firm, fair manner with the goal to integrate the youth into the Scouting program. Problems that may lead to a youth's permanent removal from the troop should involve the Scoutmaster and the troop committee, and should involve the Scout's parents or guardians. Together, the troop committee, parents, and Scoutmaster should work toward a solution with the troop's best interest in mind. (Troop Committee Guidebook, pg 42)

Troop 282 follows Scouting policy on Controlled Substances and Smoking and the Missouri law on tobacco products

It is the policy of the Boy Scouts of America that the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members, Health is a most valuable possession. Smoking will dangerously impair a person's health. The BSA recommends that leaders maintain the attitude that young adults are much better off without tobacco, Leaders are encouraged not to use tobacco products in any form nor allow their use at any BSA activity. (Troop Committee Guidebook)

The current Missouri State Law reads: *"It is a violation of State Law for cigarettes or other tobacco products be sold or otherwise provided to any person under the age of 18, or for such purchase, attempt to purchase or possess cigarettes or other tobacco products"*

It is the policy of Troop 282 that Boy Scouts (Under the age of 18) not possess at scouting functions any **Cell phones, C D players, I-Pods, Electronic games**, or other devices that may cause disruptions. In the event the Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master and / or Troop committee member observes any such items in use, they will be removed and turned over to the Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master and / or Troop committee member that may be present. It is the policy of troop 282 to return the merchandise to the parents of the scout upon conference. Any items damages, lost, or stolen are not the responsibility of Troop 282.

Attendance:

Attendance and active support of troop activities is essential in the success of each Scout. To ensure minimum requirements are met, attendance and uniform inspection are kept for all scouting activities. These records will be used for determining eligibility for scouting activities at the discretion of the Scout Master, Assistant Scout Master and / or Troop Committee member. It is the responsibility of the scout/parent to notify the scoutmaster if he will be absent from scouting activities within 2 days prior.

Uniform:

The Troop committee for Boy Scout Troop 282 requires compliance of all members to the uniform guidelines as published in official **Boy Scouts of America (BSA)** guidebook. All Boy Scouts and / or adult leaders who disagree with this policy will be asked to meet with the troop committee. Failure to comply with uniform guidelines is subject to measures up to and including removal as a member of Boy Scout Troop 282.

The following **BSA statements shows the requirements for** wearing the Boy Scout uniform.

The uniform makes the Scout and Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. 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 youth who believe in the same ideals. (Troop Committee Guidebook)

The Boy Scout uniform has long served as an expression of a Scout's friendliness to all other Scouts regardless of who they are or where they're from. The uniform represents Scouting's spirit of equality and democracy, and identifies a boy as a brother to every other scout. Wearing the uniform promotes comradeship, loyalty to one's patrol and troop, and public recognition of membership in the Boy Scouts of America. (Scoutmaster Handbook)

The Official Boy Scout uniform (Class A) is to be worn at all times to all scout activities unless otherwise stated by the Scoutmaster or **his designee**.

The Class A uniform shall consists of the following:

- a. Scout Shirt with proper badges of rank, and insignia. (*)
- b. Troop Neckerchief
- c. Scout pants or shorts
- d. Scout socks
- e. Troop hat
- f. Scout belt and Coup belt
- g. Scout Neckerchief slide
- h. Troop T-shirt (to be worn under the scout shirt for activities where Scout Shirt might be damaged or soiled.)

(*) As per BSA Insignia Guide or Inspection Sheet

References:

- Troop Committee Guidebook 1998 edition BSA 2004 printing
- The Boy Scout handbook, 1998 BSA 11th edition 6th printing
- Scout Masters Handbook

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I, the parent of **Boy Scout** _____, understand the Regulations, Attendance, and Uniform Policy and I/we will adopt it for my Scout to be eligible to take part in Boy Scout Troop 282's scheduled meetings and planned functions.

Date: _____

Date: _____

Boy Scout's Signature

Parent Signature

Parent Signature

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Home Phone #

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Parent Cell #

Parents Email Address

This revised policy was enacted by the Troop Committee on Thursday May 19, 2005 and will become effective on Monday June 6th, 2005