

Welcome to Troop 2001

Boy Scout Troop 214 was chartered 2001 and is sponsored by the American Longevity.

Scouting is a activity with a purpose. We hope your time with Troop 2001 will be a fun and learning experience. The leadership of Troop 2001 wants scouts to be safe while they are having fun.

The *Boy Scout Handbook* is your road map to a safe Scouting adventure. Take it with you and refer to it often.

Some of the most important safety rules for you to remember are listed in this manual. Please take the time to read it and keep it handy for reference. Have your Mom or Dad read it, too.

If you or your parents have any questions about the safety rules, call the Scoutmaster, Wiley Hurt, at 619.890.4171.



General

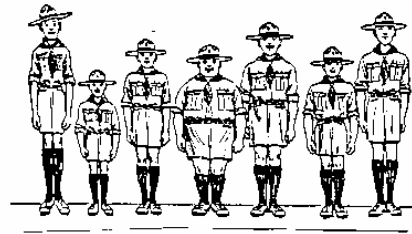
1. Scouts need to have a valid Class 1 medical form on file with the troop at all times. Class 1 medical forms are valid for one year only. Additional forms may be obtained from the Troop Committee Chair or the Scoutmaster.
2. If you go to summer camp, scouts must have a valid Class 2 medical form before checking into camp. These forms are valid for two years. Additional forms may be obtained from the Troop Committee Chair or the Scoutmaster.
3. Leaders may cancel or alter an activity due to weather conditions or other situations, such as forest fires.
4. Your Dad/Mom should assist the troop, as they are able.

ALWAYS ...

1. Remember to follow the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan.
2. Think before you act.
3. Respect all scouts, scout leaders, and parents who help. Youths must respect their leaders and follow reasonable directions.
4. Respect others' property.

NEVER ...

1. No initiations, hazing, or inappropriate teasing.
2. No fireworks of any kind.
3. No sheath knives.
4. No pets.



Troop Meetings

1. Regular meeting time is 6:30 PM to 8:00 p.m. Be sure to have someone pick you up promptly at the end of the meeting.
2. Wear your Scout shirt (Class A) at all regular meetings and district events unless otherwise announced.
3. Keep your hands to yourself; horseplay can lead to injury.
4. As we are guests of our sponsor, please respect their property.
5. Climbing on any part of the equipment, buildings is not allowed.
6. Leave the meeting room and the parking lot it cleaner than you found it!

Outdoor Program

Pre-Trip Planning

1. Outings involve some degree of risk. Be aware of the risks before you decide to go on the outing. If you or your parents have concerns, talk to the scout leader or Scoutmaster.
2. Outdoor activities may require signup and attending a pre-trip planning meeting.
3. Be sure there are two or more adult leaders on the outing. If there aren't two qualified leaders, the outing is canceled.
4. You must arrange your own tent buddy(ies). The troop has tents that can accommodate more than 2 scouts. Before leaving the troop parking lot on an overnight event, it is the responsibility of each scout to inform the leader who his tent buddy is and it is the responsibility of the adult leader to verify that each scout has a tent buddy.
5. The troop occasionally goes on special outings, such as bike trips and canoe trips. When special personal safety equipment is required, such as a bike helmet, the leader will notify scouts of the required personal safety equipment before the event begins.
6. Be prepared for severe and varying weather conditions. Pack the correct equipment, including your own first aid kit, rain gear and extra clothing, for the outing. Use correct footwear.

Enroute

1. Use the seatbelt when riding in a vehicle.
2. Don't do things that might distract a driver.
3. Don't ride in the bed of trucks.
4. Do not assist with shoveling out or pushing a stuck vehicle, unless specifically directed by an adult leader.



On the Trail and In Camp

1. Follow the Outdoor Code:

*As an American, I will do my best to-
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation-minded.*

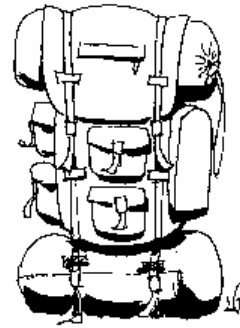
and practice low impact camping.

2. Use personal safety equipment when required by the scout leader.
3. Keep leaders informed of medications and injuries on outings.
4. Use the buddy system.
5. Never hike alone. Use the safety rule of four when hiking. If one is injured, one stays with the injured, two go for help.
6. Stay together. This is especially important when following game trails or bushwhacking.
7. To avoid accidents or injury: Never step ON anything that you can step OVER; never step OVER anything you can walk AROUND.
8. When hiking along a highway or road without a sidewalk, stay in single file on the left side, facing traffic.
9. Do not hike after dark or when you are overly tired.
10. Respect all wildlife.



11. Chemically treat, filter, or boil all drinking water that you don't carry in with you.
12. Dispose of wastewater and human waste at least 200 feet from water, trails and campsites.
13. Earn your Totin' Chip before handling woods tools, such as pocketknives, axes and saws.

14. Use care when setting up, using and taking down tents. Tent repairs can be expensive.
15. No fires or flames in or near tents.
16. Earn your Fireman's Chip before building and lighting fires.
17. Using liquid fuel stoves or lanterns requires supervision by an experienced adult with proper safeguards for transportation and refueling.
18. Put nothing but tinder and firewood in fires. Keep fires to a reasonable size.
19. Make sure all fires are dead out. Place crossed sticks over fire to indicate the fire was left entirely out.
20. Take only pictures, leave nothing but footprints.
21. Pack it in, pack it out.



Bear Country

1. Make lots of noise on the trail.
2. Avoid packing and cooking smelly or greasy foods.
3. Hang food and garbage from a tree branch at least 12 feet above the ground and 8 feet out from the tree trunk. Put your food in a garbage bag and tie it shut to help hide the scent. Do not store food in tents.
4. Don't sleep in the same clothes you wore while cooking and sleep some distance upwind from your cooking area and food tree. Keep sleeping bags and personal gear clean.
5. Do not bury garbage; pack it out!

Swimming, Canoeing and Boating

1. Use BSA Safe Swim Defense and Safety Afloat for all swimming, canoeing, or other water activities.
2. Use personal flotation devices in canoes and boats.
3. No dunking or rough play while swimming and boating.

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