

Troop 27 By-Laws

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The Troop 27 By-laws serve as a guide for both adults and Scouts in those areas that are unique to Troop 27. In no case shall the Troop By-laws supersede the rules and regulations, guidelines, or the By-laws of the Boy Scouts of America, as set forth by the National or Local Council in matters of policy and/or procedures.

Registration

Cub Scouts graduating from any Cub Pack need to complete the Registration Transfer Form and Troop 27 will pay the transfer fee.

New Boy Scouts pay the current registration fee, annual dues plus a one-year subscription to Boy's Life Magazine.

Troop 27 shall furnish a neckerchief, green shoulder epaulets, one (1) Council patch and one (1) set of new Troop numbers and a Boy Scout Handbook.

Transferring Boy Scouts pay the current transfer fee and must present current membership card along with a copy of their Advancement records.

Medical Forms

All Scouts registering or transferring into Troop 27 are required to submit a health history form completed and signed by their parents or guardians. In case of emergencies, adult leaders will have general medical information available. Parents or guardians are responsible for notifying the Troop of any changes in the Scouts medical history. Scouts without current, up to date medical forms cannot go on any outings.

All Scouts attending a trip over 72 hours in length such as summer camp and high adventure trips are required by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to have a current physical examination form.

Health history and BSA physical examination forms will be furnished by the Troop and must be returned by date specified.

Use the new medical form, available either online, from the council office or from the Troop's medical officer.

Scout Insurance

Insurance fees are paid by the Troop for all Scouts joining, transferring, or re-registering in the Troop. Insurance covers scouting activities only.

Annual Re-Charter (Re-Registration)

The Troop must re-register all leaders and active Scouts once per year. The charter year for Troop 27 begins on January 1. A re-registration fee will be paid by each Scout and be due on December 10 each year. Part of this fee is for one subscription of Boy's Life magazine for each boy.

Any Scout who misses 50% of the activities such as meetings, outdoor camping, public service, etc., for the year will be considered inactive and dropped from the charter when re-registration takes place in December. IT SHALL **NOT** BE THE DUTY OF THE SCOUTMASTER OR THE COMMITTEE TO NOTIFY THE SCOUT AND HIS PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF THIS ACTION. If the Scout wishes to return to the Troop, he must re-register as a new Scout and pay his own fees for the year.

Monthly Dues

The Troop Committee prior to re-chartering will determine dues for Troop 27 annually. Dues may be paid in advance if desired. The troop typically includes in the cost of re-chartering its annual dues instead of collecting monthly dues. The purpose is to cover the cost of awards and advancement patches.

Scouts will not receive rank advancement, merit badges, or attend outings if dues are delinquent by more than one month. Dues are owed even for meetings not attended. Dues will not cover the purchase of

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merit badge books. Each scout is responsible to purchase these books when earning the badge or borrow them from the troop library.

No Scout Left Inside Program

The Troop has a policy that “No boy shall be denied participation in Boy Scouts in Troop 27 because of parental financial problems”. Anyone in need of financial assistance for their son to be able to participate in the Scouting program with Troop 27 should speak with the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman. We have a special fund set up that enables us to be able to help out needy families to be able to keep their son in the Scouting program in Troop 27. The Scout(s) should help out by actively participating in the Troop’s fund raisers including the sub sales and any other fund raisers that will be able to add to the individual Scouts account.

Troop Scouting Accounts

Accounts are established and maintained for each Scout for the purpose of saving money for various Scout activities throughout the year. Monies earned from specific fundraisers will be automatically credited to each account. Account balances may be obtained from the Troop Treasurer upon request. Money in Troop Scouting accounts may be used only for scouting equipment, trips, uniforms, dues, registration, or summer camp. The Scout must purchase equipment or uniforms first and present the receipt to the Troop Treasurer in order to be refunded the amount from his Scout account. If a Scout leaves Troop 27 for any reason and has an active Troop account, the monies are forfeited to the Troop Treasury. Any money owed to the Troop by a Scout for damaged equipment, fundraisers, registration fees, etc., that is not paid by the Scout will be deducted from his Scout account.

Fund Raising

Fund raising ideas will be presented to the Patrol Leaders Council for approval. Approved fund raising ideas will then be presented to the Troop Committee for approval, and, if approved, to the Chartered Organizational Representative, before submission to Keystone-York-Adams Council for final approval.

UNIFORMS AND EQUIPMENT

1. All registered adult leaders in a uniformed position (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and Standing Committee Coordinators) and youth members shall wear the official Troop 27 uniform to **all** Scouting functions unless advised otherwise. All members of the Troop Committee are encouraged to wear the BSA uniform. Only official BSA uniforms and accessories will be worn. Cross-registered members of Crew 27 may elect to wear the approved Venture Field Uniform, consistent with the troop uniforming policy. The Troop shall follow the guidelines found in the BSA publication on Uniforming.
 - a. This uniform, called the **Field Uniform** (formally called “Class A”), shall consist of the BSA shirt with all proper insignia, neckerchief, and appropriate neckerchief slide, the BSA khaki shorts, or pants with an approved BSA belt and BSA buckle, BSA socks, the BSA style hat, and canvas or leather shoes. Bolo Ties are NOT allowed as part of Troop 27’s **Field Uniform** (Class “A”) uniform.
 - b. The **Activity Uniform** (formally called “Class B”) is the same as described above with the official Troop 27 “tee” shirt or Troop 27 polo shirt (adults only) being worn in lieu of the BSA short sleeve shirt or any Boy Scout “tee” shirt” approved by the Scoutmaster. Optional BSA activity shorts are also acceptable with the Troop “tee” shirt. Bolo Ties are allowed as part of Troop 27’s **Activity Uniform** (Class “B”) uniform.

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- c. The **Activity Uniform Jeans** (formally called "Class B-Jeans Uniform") consists of: Scout T-shirt, blue jeans, socks and either shoes or boots. This is only for occasions when the troop will be working and could damage the uniform.
 - d. The official Troop 27 neckerchief is red with white lettering.
2. For safety reasons, only enclosed footwear may be worn at Scouting activities. Open-toed sandals, flip-flops or crocks are not permitted except for waterfront activities and with the Scoutmaster's Permission. Too many foot injuries happen while camping due to inadequate foot gear.
 3. The Official Scout Handbook needs to be brought on all troop meetings and campouts as a reference guide. It is also strongly recommended that the Scout carries some sort of writing device (pen, pencil, crayon, etc.) and paper with him at all times.
 4. The following is equipment that each Scout should consider obtaining:
 - a. Folding pocket knife (authorized for Scouts with Totin' Chip only)
 - b. Compass
 - c. Flashlight
 - d. Personal hygiene kit
 - e. Personal first aid kit
 - f. Sleeping bag and ground cloth
 - g. Tent (the troop has patrol tents, however a Scout *might* want to purchase a personal tent for backpacking or other activities where he might have to carry it a distance)
 - h. Waterproof Wristwatch

New Scouts are not required to have a Scout uniform upon joining, but should acquire one within a reasonable length of time, usually within 90 days after induction. Complete Scout uniforms shall be worn to all Troop meetings, board of reviews and Troop activities unless otherwise specified by the Scoutmaster. Scouts attending district or council functions must wear the uniform dictated by those agencies. No Scout shall be transported to these events unless in proper uniform. A limited uniform bank is available from the Troop. If a boy is in need of a uniform, the Troop will attempt to supply this to him from the uniform bank. Anyone in need of financial assistance in purchasing of the uniform should speak with the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman. (No boy shall be denied participation in Boy Scouts because of financial problems, part of the Troop's "No Scout Left Inside" program). Please consider donating your old, no longer fitting Scout apparel to the Troop. Any uniform that is no longer of service to a Scout would be valuable to the Scout uniform bank

All Scouts are **expected** to be in correct uniform at every meeting. Generally Class "A" after Labor Day until June 1st. Summer months will be the Class "B" uniform, unless noted otherwise by the Scoutmaster. Anytime we are at an outside event where we are dealing with the public (as in fundraisers), the Scouts are expected to be in the **Field Uniform (Class "A")**, except where the Scoutmaster authorizes other clothing. The Christmas Tree sale is an example where blue jean pants are OK with the Scout shirt with the neckerchief. Another example is the Scouts that are doing kitchen or clean-up duty at a public event. A record of each Scout's attendance and uniform appearance will be recorded. This information will be used for determining awards and special events throughout the year.

Patches necessary to complete the uniform are: Council Patch or Community strip, American flag, and Troop numerals. Patches of rank and office held in Troop are provided by the Troop. All patches are to be sewn on the uniform or by using "Badge Magic" or other similar product. The use of pins or tape to

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attach patches is not acceptable. The location of patches can be found in the Scout book or other official BSA literature.

Personal Equipment

It is strongly recommended that parents discuss with the Scoutmaster the personal equipment their Son/sons will require for scouting prior to its purchase. A few minutes of time may be a worthwhile investment. Lack of and/or improper equipment may result in a Scout not being able to participate or attend a Troop activity if the Scoutmaster feels it may impair health and safety.

Lost or Damaged Troop Equipment

Misuse, disregard of, and/or careless acts resulting in damage of property belonging to Troop 27 or others shall not be tolerated. Each Scout is held totally responsible for the equipment he uses. Full restitution to Troop 27 for equipment lost or damaged by a Scout shall be made within thirty (30) days. It should be made quite clear that parents / guardians are completely liable and totally responsible for any damage done by their son to the buildings, grounds, furniture, and equipment while participating in Scouting activities.

Failure to make proper restitution within the allotted time could result in termination of Troop membership. Request for the reinstatement would then be submitted to the Troop Committee for approval or rejection.

Meeting Procedures and Schedules

The Troop meetings will be held every Monday at 7:00 pm, at 14 College Ave, the Scout House in Stewartstown, PA 17363.

Any Scout not in the meeting room at 7:00 PM may be asked to remain in the outer room until there is an appropriate time to enter. No food or beverages are allowed in the meeting room. Items such as broadcast band radios, cassette and CD players, MP3 players, IPOD's, video games, Scout cell phones*, games, cards, etc. are not to be brought to the meeting house or in the meetings unless authorized by the Scoutmaster. (having used them prior in the room is NOT a valid reason to continue to use it).

Other Patrol/Troop activities are listed on the Troop calendar. The meeting (Troop Meeting) is for all scouts registered with the unit and will often include special guest instruction as well as Scout instruction and Scout Games, Boards of Review, and Scoutmaster Conferences. For an up to date copy of the Troop schedule, please visit the Troop's website; <http://www.troop27.us> or ask the Troop secretary.

All Scouts are expected to remain at the meeting until 8:30 PM or when the meeting is closed. Early departures will require notification of the adult leader in charge of meeting. Most times this is the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistants. Scouts are also expected to stay in the troop meeting and not be out doing other functions, unless it has been approved by both the SPL and the Scoutmaster.

If South Eastern School is canceled or dismissed early because of bad weather, or Monday is a major Holiday (Christmas, New Year's Day, President's Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day), there will be no meeting or any other Scout related events unless notified otherwise (the Monday just before a campout is such an example where there *would* be a troop meeting).

Times for activities will be announced in advance of their occurrence.

Events not listed on the Troop calendar must be approved by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee. Scouts should check the Troop website (<http://www.troop27.us>) regularly for the latest changes.

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The Troop Committee meetings are normally held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:00 P.M., at the Scout House. The Chairman may call special Committee meetings at any time. The Troop and Troop Committee meetings are scheduled to end at 9:00 P.M.

If, one week prior, less than 25% of the Troop has not signed up for a campout or Troop event or if there are not enough adults attending, the Scoutmaster may cancel the event for lack of participation.

To be considered active in **Troop 27**, a Scout must attend a minimum of 50% of the meetings held each month, and 50% of all the Troop activities held each year (able to miss 6 activities in a year).

- a. The Scoutmaster may grant "excused absences" on a case-by-case basis, **if** he receives advance notice of absences caused by conflicts with school events, family obligations, or similar occurrences. It is up to the Scout to personally contact the Scoutmaster.
- b. In the event of extended or recurring conflicts or absences, the Scoutmaster may, at his discretion, assign a special project or duty to make up these events.
- c. All Boy Scout related activities listed on the Troop master calendar may be used for this requirement. The Scoutmaster and the Patrol Leaders Council may add additional events or activities throughout the year.

Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) shall meet at their discretion at least once a month. Those in attendance should be limited to the SPL, ASPL(s), Patrol Leaders, Troop Guide(s), and JASM(s). The Scoutmaster and or any of the Assistant Scoutmasters have a standing invitation to the PLC. It is the responsibility of the Patrol leaders to assure at least one (1) representative is present at each PLC meeting. The Patrol representative is responsible for keeping the Patrol calendar updated and passing necessary information on to others in the Patrol.

Scout Attendance and Participation

Each Scout is expected to:

1. Attend weekly Troop meetings.
2. Attend day or weekend Troop activities.
3. Attend progress reviews.
4. Attend Court of Honors.
5. Participate in service projects.
6. Participate in all Troop Fundraisers.

If the money raised is for the Scout's account, then participation is voluntary.

(The money that is raised during this project (sub sales, etc.) then the Scouts don't HAVE to do it, but it does add money to their Scout Accounts that they can use for campouts, purchasing Scout related equipment, uniforms, etc.)

If money raised is for the Troop, then participation is required.

(If the monies that are raised during these types of projects (Coffee Stand, Christmas Tree Sales, Pit Beef Sales etc.) benefit the whole troop (The Tree Sale is one of the main fund raiser's for the troop), the Scouts are REQUIRED to do it.)

The time that the troop requires for campership comes from these events (the coffee stand and the Tree stand, etc.) that benefits the Scouts' Scout account, so that they cannot use the time for anything else like service hours. The campership adds money to each Scout's account and they can use it as they like

If a Scout has registered to participate in a Scouting activity including troop sponsored merit badge classes and is unable to attend, he or a parent is expected to inform his Patrol Leader first. If unable to contact the Patrol Leader, then contact the Senior Patrol Leader, then the Scoutmaster. "A Scout is Courteous".

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If a Scout is holding a Position of Responsibility in the Troop, then it is the Scout's *own* responsibility to inform the SPL and then the Scoutmaster that he won't be at a certain event as well as why.

Activity Procedures

A roster is completed as designated by the Scoutmaster or person in charge of listing all the participants for the outing. In order to attend the outing each scout must be current with dues and having an up to date medical form on file. Once the roster deadline has past, additions will be allowed **only** if the Scoutmaster allows it. This is due to arrangements made with drivers, reservations, permits, etc. All patrols must hand into the Scoutmaster or Senior Patrol Leader all materials listed below at designated times upon request:

- Parents signed permission slip two (2) weeks in advance. (Available from the Troop's web site).
- Advance food fee one (1) week in advance.
- Menus one (1) week in advance.
- Troop and Patrol Quartermaster list one (1) week in advance.
- Troop and Patrol Duty Roster list one (1) week in advance.

If deadlines are not met, patrols might not attend activities.

Each Scout must pay a specified advance food allotment for each campout he is registered to attend. Money shall be paid to the adult designated to be in charge of the activity at least one (1) week in advance of the activity. This will allow for supplies to be purchased without causing a financial burden to the purchaser. Any additional money needed to cover food cost will be paid to the purchaser at the time of the event. If not paid, it will be considered a 1st violation offense (see discipline). Any scout that signs up for an event will be expected to go, and be expected to pay. **Any monies paid for the activity will not be refunded except under special circumstances that the Scoutmaster allows. (I just didn't feel like going is *NOT* one of them)**

Any activity greater than one (1) hour from Stewartstown will require all participants to pay a share of the fuel cost. This will be based on the distance and number of vehicles required. The troop will only pay the fuel cost for those vehicles required to transport all participants. It is the desire of the troop to only have the required number of vehicles on any trip over the one-hour guideline. This allows for greater organization, lessens the possibilities for breakdowns or any vehicle becoming lost, and helps to prevent congestion where parking may be limited. The basic charge for an activity is \$20.00. This allows for the Scouts to plan their meals as well as help with the fuel costs and activity/camp fees. This amount can change and the Scouts/Scouters will be notified prior to the event as to what the change will be.

All Scouts must follow the standard guidelines established by Troop 27 prior to the activity.

Without exception, all scouts must abide by these 4 permanent and important guidelines.

1. The scout must ask permission of the **adult** in charge to leave the activity for any reason (like going home). Failure to follow could result in a 3rd Level violation.
2. Every scout must travel with a buddy when away from the campsite or activity. Failure to follow could result in a 2nd Level violation.
3. Items such as broadcast band radios, TV's, cassette players, CD players, Scout cell phones*, games, cards and electronic devices, PDA's, MP3 players, IPOD'S, etc., (except for cameras and **NOT** cell phone cameras) in general will be allowed **ONLY** if the Scoutmaster grants permission. If these items are abused by anyone on the activity, outing, meeting the item will be confiscated. The item(s) will be returned at the end of the activity to the Scout's parents. *Scout Cell phones are allowed only after the Scout has completed the "TechChipTraining" and has in his position the signed "green phone chip card" and has agreed to follow the guidelines in the "Troop 27 Cell Phone Use" guide.
4. Scouts should carry a watch (NOT a cell phone), to keep track of the time.
5. Only the owner of the cell phone/electronic device shall be liable for its safety/safe-keeping.

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CAMPING and ACTIVITIES

1. Troop 27 has a policy to go camping (or other related outdoor event) as a Troop at least once a month. All outdoor activities shall be conducted in accordance with the current edition of the *BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and BSA Safe Swim*.
2. Scouts and adult leaders must have a current, accurate BSA medical form on file with the troop Medical Officer prior to attending any activity with the troop. Parents must notify the Scoutmaster and Committee Chairman of any change in their sons' medical or mental condition that might adversely affect the troop, as well as updating their son's medical form. This includes changes to prescription medications that are taken on campouts or other activities.
3. Scouts that are using prescription medication **MUST** have a supply with them in original prescription containers with the dosing information printed on the container prior to an activity or outing, or they won't be allowed to attend.

Patrols may camp *independently* of the Troop with approval of the **Scoutmaster**. BSA recommends this additional activity and Troop 27 highly endorses it.

TROOP ELECTIONS

1. The "New Scout" patrol(s) (if used), will elect new Patrol Leader(s) at the last Troop meeting of every month. A Scout will hold the office of Patrol Leader of a "New Scout" patrol only once, until everyone in the New Scout Patrol has been elected Patrol Leader.
2. Regular Scout patrol(s) will elect new Patrol Leader(s) two (2) times a year. A Scout will not serve consecutive terms as a regular Scout Patrol Leader.
3. The Troop will elect a new Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), and regular Scout Patrols will elect a new Patrol Leader (PL) twice a year.
 - a. The Scoutmaster's Handbook and the Junior Leader Training Guidebook outlines the training required of all Scouts in leadership positions.
 - b. All newly elected and appointed leaders are required to attend the scheduled semiannual Troop level Junior Leader Training (JLT) as part of their acceptance of a position of responsibility, no matter if they have attended in the past.
 - c. Scouts seeking the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) position must complete National, Council, or District level Junior Leader Training prior to seeking this office if at all possible.
4. All Scout elections will be conducted via written, secret ballot.
5. All appointed positions will be made by the proper youth leadership, with assistance from the Scoutmaster, as set forth by the current national publications.
6. Election for the Order of the Arrow will be conducted by the Tuckahoe Lodge according to national and local OA policies. The Scoutmaster/Troop Committee may also elect adult leader(s) from the Troop each year, in accordance with OA policies. This adult leader must also meet the same camping requirements, as do the Scout nominees. This name must be submitted to the OA Chapter Election Team at the time of the Scout OA election.

Election for Troop and Patrol office shall be held twice a year. The election will be during the regular troop meeting with a minimum of one-week advance notice. The term of office will be for six (6) months. Newly elected officers shall participate in Troop Leader Council training in order to obtain guidance, plan the coming year, and be prepared to assume office on the first day of the month following the elections. The adult leadership shall review the requirements for office with the Troop membership two (2) weeks prior to election. If a Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader is removed from office for failure to perform his duties, his assistant shall take his place for the remainder of the term. The new Senior Patrol Leader will reassign all remaining staff positions.

It should not be assumed that holding a leadership position qualifies for rank advancement. It is necessary to perform the task associated with this position in order to earn the rank requirement. If the

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Scout is unsure as how to do his Position of Responsibility (POR), then the Scout needs to find out from the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters for guidance on the position.

Some Scouts may not be qualified for an elected position. The Scoutmaster will determine with an "Election Scoutmasters Conference" and he has final authority on the induction of all elected Scouts.

Qualifications:

Senior Patrol Leader:

1. Must be First Class or above.
2. Must have held office as Patrol Leader or ASPL prior.
3. Must be nominated by any member of the Troop (including himself) and elected by a simple majority of the Scouts in attendance.
4. Must have attended Patrol Leaders Training and/or Troop Leader Development.
5. Not miss three (3) or more scheduled activities during the six (6) months prior to the election.
6. Must pledge to attend at least 75% of the troop meetings in a given month and not miss more than 2 activities during his term in office. The Scoutmaster will decide if missing the activity is justified or not.
7. Must meet with the Scoutmaster for review of Troop guidelines and Troop Leadership position packet.
8. Pledges to have at least four Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meetings during his term.

The Senior Patrol Leader candidate *might* be asked by the Scoutmaster to give to the troop a campaign speech to give the Scouts reasons to vote for him.

The new Senior Patrol Leader shall select the following staff:

Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s), Librarian, Troop Historian, Scribe, Chaplains Aide, Troop Quartermaster, Leave No Trace Instructor, Web Master, Order of the Arrow Troop Rep. and Den Chief. Not all positions need to be filled at every election. They are used "as needed".

Patrol Leader:

1. Must be First Class or above in rank. (Except for newly formed patrols)
2. Must be nominated by a member of the Patrol including himself and elected by a simple majority of the Patrol in attendance.
3. Must attend Patrol Leaders Training and/or Troop Leader Development during his term in office.
4. Must meet with Scoutmaster for review of Troop guidelines.

The new Patrol Leaders shall select their Assistant Patrol Leaders and other staff as the patrol sees fit. The support staff for the patrols (Assistant Patrol Leader, Patrol Scribe, Patrol Quartermaster, etc.) does not count toward rank advancement or entitles the Scout for a Position of Responsibility patch.

The Scoutmaster will choose the Assistant Scoutmasters, including Junior Assistant Scoutmaster(s).

Scout Advancement

Every Scout must demonstrate "Good Scout Spirit" which is defined as living up to the ideals of Scouting. The Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan serve as everyday guidelines for a good life.

The Scouts wanting to advance (Advancement is NOT required for membership in the Troop), need to demonstrate to the Scoutmaster by their attendance and participation in Troop meetings and activities before they advance to the next rank

Parents should monitor rank advancement. Prolonged periods without advancement might show a lack of interest and may result in parents being contacted by either the Scoutmaster or the troop Advancement Chairman. The Scouts' rank progress shall be reviewed by the Scoutmaster in the form of

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a “mid-term” Scoutmaster’s Conference to find out if the Scout needs anything that will help him on his journey toward Eagle Scout. The “mid-term” Scoutmaster’s Conference does not count as the required Scoutmaster’s Conference.

Advancement is recognition enjoyed by all Scouts. NO BOY CAN DO IT ALONE. He needs his parent’s encouragement, support, and help. Parents – Please check on your son’s progress. Parents/Guardians are encouraged to attend the Court of Honors held at various times during the year. This is the time when the Scouts are publicly recognized for their accomplishments before the troop.

Service hours are needed for all rank advancement. Service hours are defined as “Community Service”, not activities that are for fund-raising for the Troop. This will be at the discretion of the Scoutmaster.

Every Scout that completes the rank of Eagle Scout will be awarded from the Troop with the following:

- Eagle Emblem kit to include mother/father pins
- Eagle Plaque with engraving
- Eagle plate engraved for “Eagle Board”
- Book with plastic inserts to keep all letters and memorabilia
- Planning and conducting Eagle Court of Honor (if desired)
- Allotment of \$100.00 to cover cost of above items

It is the responsibility of the new Eagle Scout to design his own Eagle Scout program. (What type of program, attendees, date of program, location, etc. He should contact the Scoutmaster and or the Advancement Chairman for ideas and / or help in his ceremony. The Scoutmaster has some sample ceremonies that can be used).

Summer Camp

Scouts attending summer camp with Troop 27 should participate in a minimum of four (4) merit badge activities or hours per day. Any Scout who has not achieved First Class Rank by the time the schedule is submitted to camp will be required to participate in the First Year program at Summer Camp

These activities may be counted as follows:

1. First Year Program 3 M/B hours
1 Merit Badge 1 M/B hour
4 Total hours

2. Special Activities* 3 M/B hours
1 Merit Badge 1 M/B hour
4 Total hours

* Special Activities: COPE, BSA Lifeguard, Mountain Biking, SCUBA Diving, and others

3. 4 Merit Badges 4 M/B hours
4 Total hours

Parents Participation Parents / Guardians are encouraged to visit Scout activities.

Parents / Guardians are expected to:

- Share in the transportation of Scout and equipment. This is the responsibility of ALL.
- Attend Court of Honors and other activities at which your presence is required.
- Participate in Troop fundraisers. The benefits are for all.
- Attend special parent meetings, serve on committees, become a merit badge counselor, and assist the Troop in any way possible.

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Parents / Guardians are encouraged to read the document called "*What Adults Do on a Troop Campout*", found on the Troop's website under the forms section.

GENERAL RULES

Each Scout is expected to practice the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Outdoor Code at all times in his daily behavior.

1. Respect other Scouts and Leaders.
2. Respect nature, Troop and personal property.
3. The Scout Sign is a call for silence. No talking while the Sign is up.
4. The Senior Patrol Leader, or his designee, is responsible for the conduct of all Troop events.
5. Proper respect will be given to the speaker, activity, or event being presented. Unnecessary or inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated and may result in expulsion from the meeting, activity, or event.
6. **ABSOLUTELY no food or drink** in the Troop meeting, unless otherwise approved by the Scoutmaster.
7. All tasks assigned by the Troop leadership will be carried out with appropriate good Scout Spirit.
8. All Scouts and adult leaders will wear the proper uniform required for each Troop function.
9. Each Scout / Leader is responsible for the Troop property he is assigned / or using. All proper care and respect for this equipment is expected. While normal wear and tear is anticipated and expected, negligent or intentional damage to Troop or personal property will result in disciplinary action.
10. All outdoor activities will be conducted in strict compliance with the policies and guidelines set forth by BSA National Council, Keystone-York-Adams Council.
11. Once his parents / guardians have left a Scout at a Troop function, he is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster (or designated adult leader) and will remain with his Patrol and Troop unless his parents have made prior, alternative arrangements with the Scoutmaster.

Scout Conduct and Discipline

Scouts who violate the policies and guidelines of BSA National Council, Keystone-York-Adams Council, or Troop 27 are subject to disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate by the Patrol Leader's Council, the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee.

Adults who violate the policies and guidelines of BSA National Council, Keystone-York-Adams Council, or Troop 27 are subject to disciplinary action, as deemed appropriate by the Troop Committee.

The Troop Committee Chairman will provide written notification of any disciplinary proceedings to the Chartered Organization, Scoutmaster, parent(s), and Scout, as appropriate.

Any report of child abuse requires the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman to immediately notify the Keystone-York-Adams Council's Scout Executive.

Each Scout entering Troop 27 pledges, on his honor, to uphold the principles of the Scout Oath and to obey the Scout Law. Violations of the Scout Oath or Law shall affect the following:

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Warning:

Warnings may be given by:

- 1) Patrol Leader
- 2) Senior Patrol Leader (upon request of the Patrol Leader)
- 3) Scoutmaster or adult leader in attendance.

Violations and Disciplinary Action:

1st Level Violation

(examples – 1st level violation offense shall include, but is not limited to using items such as broadcast band radios, cassette, CD players, MP3 players, not approved Scout cell phones, games, cards and electronic devices in general that have NOT been approved by the Scoutmaster. The item(s) will be returned at the end of the activity to the parents/guardians. If violations continue to occur, the Scoutmaster could ban such items indefinitely).

- The Scoutmaster or adult leader may request the Scout to leave the meeting or activity. At minimum, the Scout shall be restricted in participation.
- One-month probation to follow violation.

2nd Level Violation

(examples – 2nd Level violation offense shall include, but is not limited to: Cursing, swearing, vandalism, willfully damaging Troop equipment, stealing, possession of pornography at Troop activities or meetings, and / or blatant disregard of the Senior Patrol Leader, or an adult leader. Not following the "Safe Scouting" rules, leaving the campsite / activity without permission of the Senior Patrol leader / Adult leader in charge of the activity. In addition, the Warning Code being issued twice in one year shall be also considered 2nd violations.)

- Two-week suspension from all Troop activities.
- Confiscation of pornography and given to the Scout's parents at the end of the activity.
- Notification of parents/guardians by the adult leader and the loss of all Troop privileges for the duration of the suspension.
- Parents/guardians must contact the Scoutmaster before the Scout is permitted to return.
- Three-month probation period.
- Other requirements deemed necessary by Scoutmaster or Committee.

3rd Level Violation

(examples – 3rd Level violation offense includes, but is not limited to: Fighting, bullying, criminal activities and / or hazing. These activities will not be tolerated.)

- One Month suspension. Loss of all Troop privileges for the duration of the suspension.
- Parents / Guardians shall be notified and the Parents / Guardians and the Scout shall meet with the Scoutmaster and committee representative to request reinstatement.
- Six-month probation period.
- Other requirements deemed necessary by Scoutmaster or Committee

4th Level Violation

(example – 4th Level violation. The use of illegal drugs or drinking alcoholic beverages or a Scout smoking at Troop activities is considered a serious violation and is an automatic 4th violation. Probable cause will call for a Troop shakedown.)

- Scout membership in the Troop could be terminated upon review and recommendation of the Troop Committee. NO POSSIBLE REINSTATEMENT IN TROOP 27.

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Notes:

1. First and Second Level Violations are to be handled by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Patrol Leader's Council, unless it is the Senior Patrol Leader that is involved with the violation(s) whereas it will then be automatically be handled by the Troop Committee
2. 3rd and 4th Level Violations are to be handled by the Troop Committee
3. Suspension or termination shall result in the forfeiture of all monies paid for various activities.

Any additional violations that occur during the probation period shall move the Scout to the next level and the probation period shall restart as the new probation period.

Discipline is not intended as a punitive action, but is to be used as a behavior modification tool. This is very important in conducting Troop activities as it is in maintaining order in your home.

Being in Scouting is one of the best programs that encourages Scouts that might be "headed in the wrong direction" to change their ways to become useful members of society.

Parent's/Guardians cooperation in this matter is expected.

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