

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 82 POLICIES

## I. ADULT LEADERSHIP FOR ALL EVENTS

All overnight adult leadership for camps, outings, and lock-ins shall be currently registered members of the Boy Scouts of America. The only exception to this is for Webelos and their parents camping with the troop and for Boy Scout/Parent camps. Registered merit badge counselors may attend events but may not remain overnight at event, camp or lock-in.

- This policy tells everyone that youth protection is a high priority for our program.
- It follows the policy of Zumbro Lutheran church for adults working with youth.
- All families will know that those adults leading the boys have been approved and their references checked by ZLC and the BSA and that the leaders have been trained in all areas including youth protection (sexual harassment).

At the same time, parents are *always* welcome to observe any troop meeting or activity. Visits must be coordinated through the Scoutmaster.

## II. SCOUTS' ACCOUNTS

1. Scout accounts are provided by Troop 82 through troop fund raisers as a way to help a member Scout earn his own way.
2. The money in the Scout's account is to be used for Scout expenses such as camp fees. Account funds can also be used for related items, such as uniforms or camping equipment.
3. For reimbursement, present qualifying receipts to the Troop Committee Treasurer.
4. Once a Scout is no longer registered with Troop 82\*, funds remaining in his account shall revert to the Troop 82 treasury. If desired, excess funds can be designated to the Troop 82 Scholarship Fund set up to help qualifying families pay for camp.

\*Registration ends yearly on February 28/29.

## III. DISCIPLINE

Discipline problems at troop meetings and camps will be dealt with as outlined in the "BEHAVIOR GUIDELINES", adopted by the Troop 82 Patrol Leaders Council and Troop Committee. All parents and Scouts must sign a copy which is kept with the troop.

## IV. CAMPS

- 1 Scouts are not allowed to use personal *tents* at troop camps. In addition, cots cannot be used inside troop tents because of possible damage to the tent floor.
- 2 At every camp, Scouts must have rain gear and *appropriate clothes* for the weather. If lack of adequate weather protection is discovered at camp, parents will have to either bring adequate protection to the camp location or come get their Scout and take him home.
- 3 Camp Food payment: Each Scout is required to make this payment *before* leaving for camp. This fee is set by the Troop Committee. Additional activity fees may be added for specific camps. Food buyers are asked to try to hold food expenses to the total collected for each patrol. See "PATROL FOOD BUYER INSTRUCTIONS" for more information.
- 4 If you signed up for camp but cannot attend for any reason, you are expected to pay for food if you do not inform the Patrol Leader and food buyer by the Wednesday evening before camp. This is because individual Scout families are buying food for each patrol

- 5 After each camp, each Scout is expected to bring home troop and patrol equipment for *cleaning*. This includes camp stoves, patrol kitchen box, pots and pans, patrol food box, etc. It is the responsibility of the Patrol Leader to fairly distribute items to be cleaned. (If he does not assign equipment, it is his responsibility to clean it himself.) Parents, for the health of our Scouts, please open up and inspect everything. It must be brought back clean, dry and ready for the next camp. Scouts should report any damage to the Troop Quartermaster. Please return equipment the Monday after camp, no later!

## **V. PATROL FOOD BUYER INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 On the Monday before camp, work with the Patrol Leader to fill out the *Camp Roster* to determine how many Scouts, *Junior Leaders and adult leaders* you are buying food for. Call patrol members who are absent to get a complete camp count. A Scout's name on this list is a commitment to pay.
- 2 The Scoutmaster or Junior Leader who is acting as "Campmaster" for the camp must approve the patrol *Menu Plan* and *Camp Roster* before the patrol can buy food. The Campmaster is responsible to review the menu for good nutrition.
- 3 Parents of Scouts who are buying food for their patrol should review the *Menu Plan* with their Scout for correct quantities and the inclusion of appropriate condiments.
- 4 Food should be bought on Thursday night. Discuss with your Scout the value of generic versus name brand products. Keep all receipts.
- 5 You can spend more than the food fee collected for your son's patrol. But if you do, it will be your "treat".
- 6 On the Monday after camp, present your receipts to the Troop Treasurer. You will be reimburse for your cost up to the fee collected for the patrol.

## **VI. LENDING EQUIPMENT**

- 1 Each request should be channeled through the Troop committee Equipment Coordinator.
- 2 Each request will be considered on an individual basis.
- 3 Equipment must be returned clean and in good condition.
- 4 If damage occurs, it is the responsibility of the borrower to pay for repair or replacement.

## **VII. NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING**

Criteria for Fee Payment by Troop 82

- 1 The portion of the registration fee to be paid by the Scout and Troop 82 will be determined by the troop committee each year.
- 2 The Scout will accept the responsibility of Troop 82 leadership if elected.
- 3 The Scout will reimburse Troop 82 for its portion of the registration fee if:
  - a. The Scout cannot attend and a replacement cannot be found;
  - b. The scout does not complete the course;
  - c. The Scout voluntarily does not remain with Troop 82.