

# Troop 172 Activity Attendance Policy

## I Overview

This document is not intended to replace the thorough BSA policies but summarizes a few that relate to attending troop activities (including camping) and to provide guidance to new parents and cub packs looking to participate with Troop 172.

The committee plays a very important role in the success of the troop's program by taking care of the administrative and supporting details so that the Scoutmaster Corps can focus on coaching and mentoring the youth leadership. This includes:

- Troop 172 Trip Registration information
- BSA Medical Forms are collected
- Activity money is collected

The Scoutmaster Corps work directly with the youth, coaching and mentoring. The Scoutmaster Corps aims to provide a safe environment for scouts to “grow” and have fun. “Grow” is defined as preparing the youth to make ethical choices for a lifetime through the values found in the Scout Oath and Law.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee Chair or Scoutmaster.

## II References

- (1) <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/gss03/>
- (2) <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/ahmr/>
- (3) [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001\\_instruction.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_instruction.pdf)
- (4) [https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/523-235\\_Ch\\_09.pdf](https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/523-235_Ch_09.pdf)
- (5) <https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16/>

(6) <https://www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/>

(7) <https://bsawcc.org/resources/pa-volunteer-background-checks/>

### **III Scout Youth**

- “All Scouts registered in troops are eligible to participate in troop or patrol overnight campouts, camporees, and resident camps.” [1]
- BSA Medical Form A, B: “All participants in all Scouting activities complete Part A and Part B. Give the completed forms to your unit leader. This applies to all activities, day camps, local tours, and weekend camping trips less than 72 hours. Update at least annually.” [2.a] *Note: this is filled out by the scout’s parent / guardian*
- BSA Medical Form A, B, C: “A pre-participation physical is needed for resident, tour, or trek camps or for a Scouting event of more than 72 hours, such as Wood Badge and NYLT. The exam needs to be completed by a certified and licensed physician (MD, DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant.” [2.a]
- A parent / guardian must complete and sign the Troop 172 Permission Slip.

### **IV Non-Scouting Friends (Youth Guests)**

- “Providing outdoor and camping experiences for young people who are not Scouting members is a good way to serve youth, help establish local credibility, and organize some new units.” [3]
- Youth guests of Troop 172 must:
  - Be eligible for Scouts BSA.
  - Genuinely interested in joining the troop.
- For the Scout’s friend to attend, the Scout must obtain consent from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks ahead of the event.
- Youth guests may not attend an activity over 72 hours.
- BSA Medical Form A, B must be completed by a parent / guardian. [2.a]
- A parent / guardian must complete Troop Trip registration form..
- It’s encouraged that the friend be accompanied by a parent / guardian.
- Attending more than one activity without registering as a Scout is not encouraged.

### **V Younger siblings of a Troop 172 Scout (Siblings Youth**

## **Guests)**

- Troop activity must be approved for siblings by the Scoutmaster Corps.
- Must be a troop activity (not a patrol activity).
- The troop activity must be age appropriate for the younger sibling.
- A parent / guardian must accompany the younger sibling.
- A parent / guardian must complete and sign the Troop 172 Permission Slip.
- Overnight Activity
  - A parent / guardian must obtain consent from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks ahead of the event.
  - Younger sibling may not attend an activity over 72 hours.
  - BSA Medical Form A, B must be completed by a parent / guardian [2.a].
  - The sibling will be housed (typically in a tent) with the sibling parent / guardian.

## **VI Webelos / Arrow of Light Scouts (Youth)**

- “A Webelos Scout may participate in overnight den camping.” [1]
  - “In most cases, the Webelos Scout will be under the supervision of their parent or guardian. It is essential that each Webelos Scout be under the supervision of a parent- approved adult.” [1]
  - “Joint Webelos den/troop campouts including the parents of the Webelos Scouts are encouraged to strengthen ties between the pack and troop.” [1]
- A Webelos / Arrow of Light den (group of youth) may attend a troop activity under the supervision of the Den Leader (adult).
- An individual Webelos / Arrow of Light scout may attend a troop activity with a parent / guardian.
- The troop activity must be age appropriate for Webelos / Arrow of Light scouts.
- A parent / guardian must complete and sign the Troop 172 Permission Slip.
- Overnight Activity
  - Webelos / Arrow of Light scouts must obtain consent from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks ahead of the event.
  - Webelos / Arrow of Light scouts may not attend an activity over 72 hours.
  - Webelos / Arrow of Light scouts will be housed (typically in a tent) with the parent/ guardian.
  - BSA Medical Form A, B must be completed by a parent / guardian. [2.a]

## **VII The Webelos / Arrow of Light Den Leader (Adult)**

- Is a registered Scout leader within the Washington's Crossing Council having completed the PA background checks, adult registration form, and the BSA's Youth Protection [5].
- Takes responsibility for the cubs within their den as the parent approved adult for each cub without an accompanying parent / guardian.
- Is responsible for collecting the cub scout permission slips, medical forms and troop permission slips.
- Is responsible for their den's prescription medication.
- Is required to invite other parent / guardians to adhere an adult to cub ratio of 1:4.
- Is responsible for obtaining consent from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks ahead of the event.
- Den leader must understand that the Scoutmaster Corps is in charge of ensuring the safety of the activity. Their decision is final.
- All adults provide their own tents to sleep in.

## **VIII Scout Parents (Adults)**

- If observing a non-overnight short troop activity: such as a Court of Honor, adults are not required to complete BSA's Youth Protection, BSA Medical Forms, or the PA background check.
- Adults are not allowed to discipline their youth on a Scout activity. If there's an issue, please bring it to the attention of the Scoutmaster Corps.
- Adults must understand that the Scoutmaster Corps is in charge of ensuring the safety of the activity. The Scoutmaster Corps decision is final.
- Driving Youth in Your Vehicle
  - Adults must complete the BSA's Youth Protection [5] and PA background checks [6].
  - Adults must be approved by the Committee. ○ Adults must have car insurance and a valid license.
  - Adults must agree to adhere to BSA guidelines and policies.
- Full Day's Activity
  - Adults must complete the BSA's Youth Protection [5] and PA background checks [6].
  - Adults must be approved by the Committee.
  - Adults must agree to adhere to BSA guidelines and policies.
- Overnight Activity

- Adults must complete the BSA's Youth Protection [5] and PA background checks [6] and be registered with Council as a member of committee or scoutmaster corps.
- Adults must be physically able to accomplish the troop activity. "Neither youth nor adults should participate in activities for which they are unfit. To do so would place both the individual and others at risk." [4]
- Adults must be approved by the Committee.
- Adults must agree to adhere to BSA guidelines and policies.
- BSA Medical Form A, B must be completed.
- Adults camp separately from the youth.
- Adults provide their own tents to sleep in.
- Non-Scoutmaster adults are not allowed in the patrol areas unless there's an emergency.
- Stay out of all youth housing (tents), including your youth's. [5]

## **IX Adult Guests**

- An Adult Guest is an adult without a youth in the troop.
- If observing a non-overnight troop activity, such as a Court of Honor, or providing a service such as an event guide, Adults Guests are not required to complete BSA's Youth Protection, BSA Medical Forms, or the PA background check.
- If the scout activity has you in a role more than observing, Adults Guests must complete the BSA's Youth Protection [5] and PA background checks [6].
- Overnight or Full Day's Activities
  - Adults Guests must complete the BSA's Youth Protection [5] and PA background checks and register as an adult leader (Scoutmaster or Committee side) prior to the trip.[6].
  - Adults Guests must adhere to "Scout Parents (Adults)" section of this document: In addition to being approved by the Committee, the guest adult must obtain consent from the Scoutmaster at least two weeks ahead of the event.

## **X Medical**

- On Troop 172 activities, prescription medications will be dispensed by a Scoutmaster. A medication administration log form is required showing dosage and timing. Medications should be given to Scoutmaster or delegate prior to departure to camp.
- Everyone with a rescue inhaler or EpiPen is required to carry it with them at all times and a Anaphylaxis Prevention form should accompany the BSA Medical Form.
- Parent / guardian must inform the Scoutmaster Corps of any medical issues that might impact

the youth on the activity.

- Parent / guardian and must inform the Scoutmaster Corps of any youth allergies on the registration form for the event.
- Adults attending must inform the Scoutmaster Corps of any medical issues that might impact their ability to function normally during the activity. Overnight activities required adults to be registered with Council.
- Adults attending must inform the Scoutmaster Corps of any allergies on the registration form.
- Be aware, when Troop 172 is attending activities over 72 hours, typically those events have their own medical guidelines that must be followed.