



Troop 73 House Rules

These rules represent the Troop's shared values and commitment to the best practices of the Boy Scouts. They are generally not up for debate although the Scoutmaster may approve a deviation for a specific circumstance.

Tenting on overnights:

All Scouts tent in pairs by patrol. The SPL and ASPL tent together. In the event that one patrol has an odd number of Scouts the PL tents solo. Under no circumstance should a Scout other than a PL or SPL tent solo.

If the Scouts can't decide who will tent with whom, the adult leaders will make tent assignments from scratch for the entire patrol.

BSA guidelines need to be adhered to:

1. Scouts are not allowed to tent with adults, unless it's a family member.
2. Scouts with an age gap of more than 2 years are not allowed to tent together unless it's a family member.

Duty Rosters

- Patrol Leaders will complete Duty Rosters prior to arriving at the Beige Box and before departing Alameda. That includes all sections of the Duty Roster: members present, tent buddies, cooking and cleaning duties.
- "We all cook, we all clean" is not a replacement for a Duty Roster.
- The SPL & ASPL are generally not assigned cooking and cleaning duties. PL's will lead and mentor the head cook and Scout in charge of cleaning to help them do a good job.
- Scoutmaster will review and approve each patrol's Duty Roster before Scouts get in cars to leave the Beige Box.

Meals while in Transit

- ASPL is responsible for the trip plan. That includes a meal plan for the drive (if required). The trip plan will tell us if everyone will stop at the same place and inform the drivers if that is the case.
- If planning for a meal in transit, the ASPL needs to plan how every car will get their meal - either pack it after breakfast and have each Scout carry their own lunch or plan for the troop to meet up along the route for a troop meal.
- Under no circumstances will the Troop go for fast food on the ride home when a meal has been planned and shopped for.

Campground Sweeps

Outdoor Ethics Guide, or designated representative, will organize campground sweeps before Scouts get in cars to depart the campsite. When the sweep is completed properly OEG will release Troop to SPL who will then release the Troop to cars to drive home.

Swearing

Never under any circumstances. If in doubt, it's a swear word. While swearing may be appropriate in certain other situations, none of these situations exist in Scouting.

Order of Eating Meals

1. Guests
2. Adult Leaders
3. Scouts assigned to clean up. They eat first so they can finish and start water for dishes.
4. Scouts from low ranks to more senior ranks
5. Scouts who cooked and served

The specific intent of this policy is to give the senior youth leadership, who plan the shopping trips and supervise meal preparation, an incentive to ensure everyone who attends a Troop outing enjoys the Troop's best effort in the kitchen.

Buddy System

The Buddy System has always been and will always be required.

Electronics

- Electronics are not allowed during meetings or events
- Smartphones and other devices are allowed for the car ride to/from event destinations.
- Electronics stay in the car upon arrival unless it is necessary for that activity such as a GPS device. Scoutmaster will announce prior to activity whether electronic devices will be necessary.

Uniforms

- Meetings - Class A uniform is required at weekly meetings - shirt, neckerchief, pants and hat
- Trips - Class A always for trip up and (where practical) for the return trip
 - Class B uniforms are allowed on the outing after the Troop arrives at the destination.
(Class Bs are any BSA or blank t-shirt. NO logo shirts/sweatshirts allowed)
- Board of Review - Full Class A with shirt, neckerchief, and pants
- Court of Honor - Full Class A with shirt, neckerchief, pants, and sash

Food on Outings

- No snacks from home allowed on outings.
- Scouts eat the food they cook for themselves as a group
- Scouts should eat the entire lunch they packed for the first day so there are no leftovers
- Exception for Scouts with special dietary needs, allergies to particular foods, vegetarians, etc. Any special needs food will be stored with the Troop supply.