

Boy Scout Troop 874

Policies & Procedures

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Introduction

These troop policies are established to promote fairness and cooperation in the running of Troop 874. It is your responsibility as a scout and parent in Troop 874 to understand and adhere to these policies. These policies are written by the Troop Committee and may be revised at any regularly scheduled Committee meeting, provided no less than 7 members of the committee are present. All votes to amend the policies shall be with a simple majority.

Please send all additions, changes and modifications to be submitted to the committee for approval to Dave Dobbs at dsdobbs@aol.com.

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Acceptance Priority - Approved Jan 1998

If the situation exists where the applications exceed available positions within the troop, then the following prioritization will ensue:

1. Legacy Scouts. Defined as brothers of boys who are presently in the troop or who were formerly in the troop.
2. Glen Mar sponsored Packs. Scouts who wish to join from Packs 874 and 692.
3. First in - First accepted. Applicants who submit applications to the Troop Committee Chairman according to the date submitted.

Advancement Requirement - Approved Jan 1998

A scout must be no more than 4 dollars behind in dues to be recommended to a board of review by the Advancement Chair.

Authorization of Scout Trips or Outings— Approved Nov 2003

1. All overnight trips to be made by the Troop that include Scouts must be reviewed and approved by the Committee. The regular monthly camping trips will receive approval by way of the approval of the yearly calendar. All other trips involving Scouts will be reviewed and approved with the following procedure.

An adult member of the Troop will take the lead on scheduling and coordinating with the Troop scout leadership and will prepare the necessary information to obtain the committees approval. This adult does not need to be actually attending the trip but must be willing to accept the responsibility for the trip through all the planning and execution phases. This responsibility may only be passed onto another Scouter with the express approval of the committee.

The adult member taking the lead will prepare a presentation for the committee that includes the following;

- Estimated number of Scouts and Scouters that will attend.
- Detailed estimate of the fees for each individual and for the complete trip.
- Detailed estimate of the fees to be charged each individual and a dated payment plan.
- Two adult Scouters who have agreed to go on the trip and act as the Troops adults in charge of the trip. They must be Youth Protection trained and have attended all basic level training for their positions including New Leader Essentials, Scoutmaster or Committee Training and Adult Leader Outdoor Training. Having completed the National Pike Wagon Wheel course will satisfy this requirement.
- A preliminary itinerary for the trip.
- A list of problems or challenges that are expected.

This presentation is to be made to the committee as soon as practicable and will be voted on and approved by a simple majority.

In the event one of the two designated adults that will go on the trip needs to drop out for any reason the remaining adult should notify the Committee Chair and the Scoutmaster as soon as possible and should make every effort to find a suitable replacement as quickly as possible and then receive the committees approval of the individual. If this is not done the approval of the committee for the trip will be assumed to have been withdrawn.

Camping Requirements – Approved Jan 1998 (Removed Mar 2000)

~~A scout must be no more than 4 dollars behind in dues to attend a campout.~~

Dues – Approved Nov 2003

1. Scouts must have all dues paid before attending their Eagle Board of Review.
2. Scouts do not have to pay dues after their Eagle Board of Review.

Dispersal of Monies from Scout Accounts – Approved Sept 2001

1. Outstanding debts (dues, etc.) to the troop must be fulfilled before any disbursements are made to the scout.
2. Scout account funds will only be disbursed for Scouting/Scout related expenses, including but not limited to:
 - Camping Fees
 - Camping Equipment
 - Entry Fees for Scout Related Events
 - Training
3. Camping fees include, but are not limited to:
 - Philmont
 - Sea Base
 - Jamboree
 - Summer Camp
 - Other Scout Related trips not paid for by the Troop
4. Training includes, but is not limited to:
 - Green Blaze
 - Den Chief Training
 - Junior Leader Training
5. In all of the cases listed in number 2, a receipt and/or some form of purchase with parental approval, needs to be presented before payment will be made.
6. Any funds remaining in a scout account will become an asset of the troop when a scout is no longer an active-registered member of the Boys Scouts of America, or upon the scout's eighteenth birthday.
7. The Troop Committee will address funds remaining in a scout account of a scout who transfers to another scout unit on an individual basis.

Diversity – Approved Dec, 2004

Troop 874 practices the values of Boy Scouting contained within the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan; and serves as a ministry within Glen Mar United Methodist Church and fulfills its administrative policies. Troop 874 welcomes all men & women of different races, religious faiths & traditions; who are willing to subscribe to these values and policies. The Leadership of Troop 874 is committed to creating a friendly and welcoming environment for all within the Troop, Scout and Scouter alike, so that the Scouts entrusted to our care receive the best possible

Scouting experience

New Scout Applications - Approved Jan 1998

New Scout applications will be accepted for consideration anytime. At the next Troop Committee Meeting after an application is received, the Committee will evaluate if the troop is able to accommodate the applicant.

During the November Troop Committee Meeting, the Committee will establish a limit of new scouts to be admitted to the troop for the upcoming year. This limit will be based on existing enrollment and projected losses for the upcoming year.

Training Reimbursement - Approved Oct 1998

The troop will reimburse the following Scouts and Scouters, in the percentage listed below, for training completed.

- 100% of Scoutmastership Fundamentals/Scouting Fundamentals for Adults (Wagon Wheel)
- 50% for Wood Badge
- 50% for Green Blaze

Two-Meeting Rule - Approved Jan 1998 (Modified Nov 1999)

A scout must attend the two meetings prior to a campout to participate in the campout.

Venture Program – Approved 1997

Scouts are eligible for the Troop's Venture Program at the start of the 9th grade.

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History of Policy Changes

1997

- **Philmont Selection**
- **Venture Program**

Jan 1998

- **Acceptance Priority**
- **Advancement Requirement**
- **Camping Requirements – (Removed Mar 2000)**
- **New Scout Applications**
- **Two-Meeting Rule**

Oct 1998

- **Training Reimbursement**

Nov 1999

- **Two-Meeting Rule modification**

Apr 2000

- **Philmont Selection modification**

Sept 2001

- **Dispersal of Monies from Scout Accounts**

Nov 2003

- **Authorization of Scout Trips or Outings**
- **Dues**

Dec 2004

- **Diversity**

Jun 2005

- **Deleted Philmont Selection**