

# BOY SCOUT TROOP 33 BYLAWS

May 22, 2018

## Preamble-Boy Scout Oath and Law

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty, to God and my Country  
And to obey the Scout Law  
To help other people at all times  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and  
morally straight.  
A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Courteous, Kind,  
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent

## Troop Bylaws

- 1) Vision
  - ◆ Experience new, fun and outdoor experiences
  - ◆ Develop habits and attitudes of good citizenship, character and spiritual growth
  - ◆ Strengthen the spirit of competition and good sportsmanship
  - ◆ Strengthen our respect for one another
  - ◆ Provide service to our community
  - ◆ Achieve the rank of Eagle Scout
- 2) Mission
  - ◆ Brainstorm
  - ◆ Decide
  - ◆ Assign Leadership
  - ◆ Plan
  - ◆ Divide responsibilities
  - ◆ Just Do It and Have Fun
  - ◆ Reflection
- 3) Membership - shall be open to all youth who are 11 years old, or has completed the fifth grade or earned the Arrow of Light Award and is at least 10 years old, but is not yet 18 years old. No prospective adult or youth member shall be disqualified because of race, color, religion, creed, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin (ancestry), disability, or marital status. We are committed to providing an inclusive and welcoming environment for all members. All members must be registered as Boy Scouts and agree to the Scout Oath and Law.
- 4) Youth Officers
  - a) The elected officers shall be Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – Gateway, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader – Campsite, and Chaplain Aide. Each Patrol shall elect their Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, and Quartermaster. The Scoutmaster shall appoint Den Chiefs. The duties of the officers shall be as described in the Boy Scout Leader Manual.
  - b) The normal term of office shall be for 6 months starting in December and in June. Elections shall be held in December and June respectively.
  - c) The Scoutmaster makes a list of qualified candidates for each position.
  - d) All contested ballots shall be secret.
- 5) Troop Parent Committee
  - a) Shall be conducted under the principles outlined in Robert's Rules of Order.
  - b) A quorum of members must be present to conduct business. A quorum is defined as one half of the membership plus one. Membership is defined as 1 family and represents 1 vote.
  - c) Voting shall be conducted at the designated monthly committee meetings as stated in 6c.
  - d) The elected Executive Board are the Chairman, Charter Organization Representative, Scoutmaster, Secretary and Treasurer. Elections are held in December of every year. The term of office shall be from January through December. Elected members be registered in BSA and must have completed Scout Leader Specific Training and Troop Committee Challenge.
    - i) Nominations for each elected office shall take place at the November Troop Committee meeting.
      - (1) Job Descriptions will be available at the October Troop Committee meeting
      - (2) During the month of December, the Key 3 (Charter Organization Representative, Committee Chairman and Scoutmaster) shall interview each nominee, explain the responsibilities of each position and determine whether the nominee is qualified for the position they are nominated for.
      - (3) All qualified candidates will be presented at the December Troop Committee meeting
      - (4) Each candidate will campaign for their position at the December Troop Committee meeting
      - (5) A vote will be taken for each position.
- 6) Meetings
  - a) Scout meetings will be held on Monday at 7:00 p.m.
  - b) Patrol Leader Council (PLC) meetings shall be held once a month.
  - c) Parent Committee meetings should be held on the last Monday of each month. The annual planning meeting should be held at the end of August each year.
- 7) Roundtable attendance - requires at least one representative from the Troop and is held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- 8) Annual Calendar - will be generated at the Annual Planning meeting as stated in 6c. The calendar is subject to change.
- 9) Dues - will be \$60.00 per year, to be paid at the first meeting in January. For new Scouts, dues will be paid within 30 days of registering in the Troop and prorated at \$5 per month based on the month of the year a scout joins.

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- 10) Troop Finances
  - a) The Troop will maintain a checking account with a banking facility in the local area.
  - b) The Treasurer will act as the primary account custodian.
  - c) The Treasurer will submit a detailed report at every Troop Committee meeting.
    - i) This report will list all activity in the account from the previous report through the Monday prior to the Troop Committee meeting.
    - ii) This report shall list all outstanding items and balance to the bank statement.
    - iii) The other accounts to be reported are:
      - (1) The total of the individual accounts
      - (2) The total of the Troop account
      - (3) The total of the campership account
      - (4) The total of the equipment account
      - (5) The total of the inventory account
  - d) The Troop Committee will be responsible for appointing a minimum of two other registered adult committee members (three total) who will be eligible to sign checks.
  - e) The Treasurer shall maintain and report individual scout accounts
    - i) The individual scout accounts will be available for review at the meetings.
    - ii) All monies in each scout's account is to be used solely for scouting events and other scouting expenses.
    - iii) If a scout transfers to another scout unit, the money in his account will be sent to the Treasurer of the receiving unit.
      - (1) If the scout leaves scouting, the money in his account will be added to the general Troop fund, unless the parent of the exiting Scout designates the money to be placed in another Scout's account in the Troop.
  - f) If supplies and equipment are needed prior to a Committee meeting, the Scoutmaster has the authority to spend up to a maximum of \$200 with approval from the Troop Committee Chairman.
  - g) Troop Camping funds
    - i) A Scout family must participate in at least 2 fundraisers sponsored by the Troop or Council.
    - ii) A Scout family must earn at least \$100 for each big trip (i.e. Philmont, Jamboree, NOAC) through fundraisers and/or on their own.
    - iii) Any Scout attending summer camp, must pay at least \$50 prior to receiving camping funds.
    - iv) Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the Troop Executive Board if exceptions to the above policy are needed.
  - h) Any Scout applying for a Council campership must participate in a Council sponsored fundraiser and contribute to FOS
- 11) Money-earning projects - must be approved by the Executive Board and must meet Boy Scouts of America requirements.
- 12) Uniforms - Troop 33 has two official uniforms: Class A Uniform, which is worn at all Troop functions, outings and related events unless specified otherwise. Class B Uniform, which is worn at specified meetings and events.
  - a) Class A is as follows:
    - Official Boy Scout Shirt (tan)
    - Official Boy Scout pants or shorts
    - Official Boy Scout web belt (olive)
    - Official Boy Scout socks
    - Required patches
    - Boy Scout Troop Hat
  - b) Class B Uniform is as follows:
    - Identical to Class A uniform except the Official Boy Scout shirt is replaced by the Troop 33 t-shirt
  - c) Troop 33 is a full uniform Troop.
- 13) Attendance Policy - In order to be considered active in Troop 33, members must participate in at least 75 percent of the meetings and 60 percent of the activities.
  - a) If not able to attend, Scouts need to contact the Scoutmaster.
  - b) If a scout misses 3 meetings, without prior consent, they will be placed on the inactive list. The scout on the inactive list must attend 3 consecutive meetings in order to be placed back on the roster.
  - c) Scouts active in other approved activities (i.e. sports, band, school plays) that require short-term absences from the troop may not be considered inactive upon notification of the troop leadership.
- 14) Use of electronics is usually prohibited at Troop meetings or Troop outings. This includes cell phones, musical devices, computer games and ipods. Cell phones may be appropriate for calling parents.