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Troop 47

Fairhope United Methodist Church

Policy and Procedures

1. Troop 47 will follow the Troop 47 Rules of Conduct that were proposed, discussed and adopted by the Patrol Leader's Council. The Scout Oath and Laws are the principles by which the troop will judge behavior.
2. Troop meetings are held every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 behind the Fairhope United Methodist Church at the Scout Lodge. Scouts are expected to attend troop meetings in Class "A" uniforms (see below) and have with them their Boy Scout Handbook, pencil and paper.
3. The troop recharter every January. A fee of \$25 for each scout and \$7.50 for each adult should be submitted by December 15th for the coming year. Failure to pay fees before the troop recharter will require that the scout or adult re-register with the Boy Scouts of America. A current registration is required for participation in all Boy Scout activities.
4. Class "A" uniform is encouraged be worn at all troop meetings if possible. This uniform includes khaki shirt with properly positioned patches (see Scout Handbook for positions of patches) and green shorts with belt and official scout stockings or green trousers with official scout stockings. At Boards of Review and Courts of Honor, a neckerchief with slide and merit badge sash or O A sash should be worn. It is the policy of the troop to wear class "A" uniform shirts whenever the troop is traveling to or from an activity. The Patrol Leader's Council will decide the specific Class "A" uniform policy to be used at summer camp. Adult Eagle Scouts may wear the Eagle medal at Eagle Courts of Honor. Uniform inspections will be conducted at certain times during the year. The Patrol Leader's council has decided that enforcement of the uniform policy lies with the patrol leaders.

The class "B" uniform is the same as above except that a Boy Scout or Troop T-shirt is worn in place of the khaki shirt with insignia. Class "B" uniforms are generally worn when the scouts are in camp or participating in activities other than troop meetings, Courts of Honor or travel to or from camping trips.

Uniforms can be purchased at the Scout Shop located at 2587 Government Blvd., Mobile, Alabama 36606, phone 478-4449.

5. Advancement for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class may be signed off by scouts who are in the leadership position of SPL, ASPL, PL, Inst., Guide, and the Scoutmasters. Sign off will be completed in accordance with BSA advancement policy. The Scout must demonstrate that he has acquired the skill or completed the task exactly as stated in the requirement.
6. Scoutmaster's conferences for the purpose of advancement are normally scheduled during the first troop meeting of every month. Scouts must present their Scout Handbooks to the Advancement Chairman for verification and updating of the troop records. A "Troop 47 Request for Scoutmaster's Conference and Board of Review" form must be completed and signed by the Senior Patrol Leader and the Advancement Chairman before a Scoutmaster's conference will be held. Forms are available from the Senior Patrol Leader, Advancement Chairman and Scoutmasters.
7. Boards of Review are normally scheduled for the second Monday of every month. The Scoutmaster is responsible for informing the Troop Committee about pending boards of review based upon completion of Scoutmaster's Conferences.
8. The Troop Committee will meet at a minimum Quarterly, the Second Wednesday (7:00 P. M.) of March, June, September, and December. This meeting is open to all parents, and regular attendance is highly encouraged.
9. Courts of honor are scheduled normally in July and December. Eagle Courts of Honor are scheduled separately.
10. Troop elections will be held the second Monday in May and November. Elected positions are Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders. The Patrol Leaders will select their assistants. Other positions of responsibility, including Historian, Chaplain's Aide, Quartermaster, Scribe, Instructors, Troop Guides and Librarian, will be appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader after consultation with the Scoutmaster. It is intended that due consideration of advancement requirements for leadership positions be taken into consideration while making the appointments.
11. Order of the Arrow elections will be held in the Spring each year. These elections will be coordinated with the Order of the Arrow, Woa Cholena 322 Lodge.
12. The Patrol Leader's Council will meet monthly. The schedule will be flexible to accommodate troop and other conflicting activities. Attendance by the elected leaders is mandatory. Failure to regularly attend will result in not receiving credit for the leadership position held.
13. Following election, all members of the newly elected Patrol Leader's Council and appointed junior leaders will be required to attend troop Junior Leader Training.
14. The troop will conduct a Troop Operations Workshop (TOW) on the second Wednesday in September of every year. The TOW will plan activities for one year, except for summer camp and high adventure activity.

15. During the troop meeting following summer camp, the troop will vote on where to attend summer camp the following year. Summer camp fees are about \$90.

16. Troop fund raising is done for the troop as a whole, not for the individual scout. This usually consists of the Popcorn sale and other opportunities that come to the attention of the Troop Committee.

17. On campouts, the troop furnishes two man tents (you may also bring your own). No cots are allowed because they damage the floors of the tents. Patrol boxes containing cooking gear are also provided. Each scout will accept responsibility for care of troop equipment and is expected to repair or replace damaged troop equipment.

18. The National Scout Jamboree is held every four years (1997 and 2001, etc.). Go this time, there may not be a next time.

19. The Troop 47 campout routine is as follows:

Always use the patrol method.

Always meet at the Scout Lodge at 5:30 PM., unless otherwise stated.

Always assume that the campout will take place as scheduled, even in inclement weather.

Always follow the Quartermaster's directions. He is responsible for loading the trailer and assuring the proper troop gear is brought on the campout.

Always bring a sack dinner for Friday evening meal.

Always bring \$5 for Sunday lunch/snack unless otherwise stated.

Always follow the Outdoor Code on a camping trip.

Always wash personal gear first and save the greasy patrol gear for last.

Always scrub out the wash tubs after each use.

Always plan sandwiches or other quick meal for Saturday lunch. Plan hot soup if the weather is cold.

Always pack meats that will bleed and other things such as fresh fruit and vegetables in clean plastic bags. Keep the ice in the cooler clean so that it may be used for drinks.

Always travel to and from the campout in class "A" uniform.

Always have a troop and patrol duty rosters before leaving on the campout.

Always plan to cook (as opposed to heat) Saturday breakfast, Saturday dinner and Sunday breakfast.

Always have patrol menus approved by the Senior Patrol Leader.

Always buy groceries on Thursday evening and have an adult accompany you. Food should not be more than \$12 per boy on each campout.

Always buy butter, mustard, ketchup and mayonnaise in squeeze bottles.

Always make sure the patrol has brillo pads, dishwashing liquid, paper towels, bleach, aluminum foil, toilet paper, garbage bags and salt & pepper in their patrol box.

Always get the adult leader's permission before leaving the camping area.

Always leave the camping area with a buddy and stay with him at all times.

Always plan on returning to the Scout Lodge 1:00 P.M. Sunday, unless otherwise stated.

Always stay at the Scout Lodge until all the troop gear has been properly stored and you have been dismissed by the Senior Patrol Leader.

Quartermaster inspects all troop property prior to storage under his guidance.

Never bring the following:

- Sheath knife (not allowed by Boy Scout regulations, and not needed).
- Aerosol cans (bug repellent)
- Electronic entertainment (Walkman, Gameboy, etc.)
- Bows, arrows, firearms (including BB guns) or ammunition, illegal substance
- Never bring soft drinks and candy for meals.
- Never use an ax, saw or knife without your Totin' Chip in your possession.
- Never use matches without your Fireman Chit in your possession.
- Never ask the Scoutmaster first, ask your Patrol Leader.
- Never fold up a Troop tent until it has been inspected by the Quartermaster.