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High Road to Adventure

Handbook for Scouts
And Parents

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Introduction

What Is this Handbook?

This is a handbook for Scouts and their parents. It explains the things you should know about Boy Scout Troop 439. The topics include a troop history, description of outings and activities, our summer camping program, what equipment is needed by each Scout and what is provided by the troop, requirements for Scout advancement, and how to prepare for a Board of Review. In addition, Troop 439 policies on uniforms, attendance, conduct and discipline are included.

Parents should review this manual with their son. A "Participation Contract" is provided at the end of this manual, which must be signed by each new Scout certifying that he has read the manual and agrees to abide by the rules contained herein. There is also a place for a Parent or Guardian to sign.

Family Support: A Scout troop, with the high level of programs, outings, advancement, and service that Troop 439 provides, requires the support of many families and friends. No single person can do it all. It is expected as an obligation of membership that each family in Troop 439 will support the activities of the troop in some way during each year. Please think about how you can best help.

This manual is dedicated "to all the great Scoutmasters and all the great Scouts," who have made Troop 439 the outstanding organization it is today. Without their spirit and dedication, combined with the assistance and support of numerous parents, friends and the Desert View Bible Church, the many activities, outings and programs summarized in the following pages would never be reality. Troop 439 has always relied on the support of troop families and friends to achieve its goals. We expect this support will continue as part of your commitment to Troop 439 and in return we commit our efforts to continuing the positive methods, aims and traditions of Scouting for our boys.

Thank you.

The Troop Committee and Scoutmasters of Troop 439.

Troop 439 Traditions

- Go camping every month
- Attend Summer Camp for one week each summer
- Never camp twice in the same place within a year
- Always cook by patrol
- Be capable of camping in bad weather as well as good weather-we do not cancel outings because of bad weather.
- Have a special week long adventure trip every two years
- Do a service project for the Desert View Bible Church at least once a year
- Give each patrol a distinctive campsite, slightly apart from others
- Learn new scouting skills (or improve skills) on each campout
- Have at least one bike, backpack and canoe outing each year
- Earn the Quality Unit Award and National Camping Award each year
- Have many more Scouts than average who earn the rank of Eagle.
- Have two scouts each year attend Philmont National Junior Leader Instructor Camp
- Have a large allotment of fun and high adventure

Troop Organization

Introduction: The Desert View Bible Church of Desert Hills, Arizona graciously allows Troop 439 to meet at the Church facility. The responsibility for Troop policies and organization lies with the Troop Committee. The Troop Committee meets monthly and is comprised of many parents and friends of the Troop as well as the Chartered Unit Representative. The Scoutmaster reports to the Troop Committee.

The Troop Committee welcomes suggestions and comments from the "Troop 439 family" at all times. While we work very hard to make Troop 439 the best troop possible, there is always more that can be done and ways to improve. All Scouting activities are open to parental visitation. There are no "secret" organizations with the Boy Scouts of America. We need and expect parental involvement and support as an ongoing benefit of membership in Troop 439.

Annual Dues: The yearly Local dues for Troop 439 are \$75.00. Although BSA charges National Dues of \$10.00, the boys do not have to pay this directly; instead, it is paid from the troop treasury. Scouts may subscribe to Boy's Life Magazine at an additional cost. This is payable in November of each year. The dues, along with other funds derived from our major fund raising activity (holiday Mistletoe sales) are used for special outings, troop equipment, and operating expenses.

Youth Leadership and the Patrol System: Every Boy Scout Troop is made up of patrols, groupings of six to eight boys who work together as a team. Each patrol has its own leader. The patrol leaders, with the senior patrol leader in charge, form the Patrol Leaders' Council. It is this council's job to plan and run the troop program.

Each patrol leader represents his patrol on the council and interprets to his patrol the decisions of the council. Patrols have their own meetings, elect other officers, and carry out their own activities. Scouts are expected to be responsive to directions given by patrol leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader.

The troop is comprised of patrols based on the experience level of the scouts. It has been the troop's experience that this method lends itself best to encouraging scouts to develop within their own peer group and facilitates the skill instruction during the troop meetings. New scouts are mixed in with the regular scout patrols. The most experienced scouts; usually 16 and older, are part of the Leadership Patrol and hold many troop leadership positions.

Patrol Reorganizations: Learning to work with other members of a team is an important part of Scouting, so we do not want to change patrols lightly. Nevertheless, there are typically two patrol reorganizations during the year: in March, as new Scouts join (crossing over from Cub Scouts); and in October,

as we start a new program year. A Scout who has a good reason to want to change patrols should make his desire known to the Senior Patrol Leader and to the Scoutmaster, preferably in January or August.

Troop meetings: Troop meetings are held every Monday from 7:00-8:30 pm during the school year. The troop does meet during school vacation weeks and usually conducts a special activity. During July and August the troop usually meets every other week. Scouts are given a summer meeting schedule at the June Parent's Night.

A typical troop meeting includes thirty minutes of skill instruction by experienced scouts and Assistant Scoutmasters. The Senior Patrol Leader is responsible for the meeting and delegates duties to patrols for opening and closing ceremonies, skill contests, troop wide fun games, service duties (setup and clean-up). Each patrol also meets briefly to schedule a patrol meeting date or plan for upcoming events.

Advancement during Troop Meetings: Scouts are encouraged to complete advancement requirements at anytime during the troop meeting. A sign-up sheet is available on the table near the kitchen at each meeting for any scouts wishing to complete a requirement. (If the sheet is missing, or if you can't find it, ask the Senior Patrol Leader, or any uniformed adult, for assistance.) Assistant Scoutmasters are available at any meeting to work with a scout.

Venture Patrol: A venture patrol is for those scouts who are fourteen years old or older and generally have achieved the rank of Star Scout. While participating in most troop activities and helping the troop through instruction and setting a good example, they also plan and implement their own activities. The venture patrol is organized around a central program theme for a three-month period culminating in a high adventure trip. These activities are considered a supplement to the regular troop program to appeal to the interests of the older scouts. Participation on these activities is considered a privilege based on participation and example during the troop activities.

Attendance: The scouts have a variety of extracurricular activities to choose. Our attendance policy can be found on page 42. Basically, the expectation is that unless you have a formal conflict (such as a school or church obligation), you will be at the Troop activity. Attendance is especially critical for Youth leaders (Patrol Leaders, Assistant Patrol Leader, Treasurer, etc). We work to obtain commitment on how active each scout and his family plan to be and then structure the patrols and leadership positions based on these commitments.

Web Site and Email: The Troop website is <http://www.troop439.org/> Click on "Contact Us" in the upper left corner to find others' email addresses, and to find out how you can be added to the list. You are highly encouraged to have at least one family member on the distribution list.

Sample Troop Meeting Program

Time	Description	Leader Description
7:00		Pre-opening and Set-up Patrol Leader (PL)
7:15		Opening Ceremony PL
		Inspection, Review Agenda SPL
		Patrol Corners, collect dues PL
7:30		Skill Instruction PL or Junior Leader
8:05		Skill Game #1 Junior Leader
8:15		Closing and Announcements SPL & SM
8:30		PLC/ Scouts Go Home SM & SPL

Outdoor Program

Outings Program

The Troop has about ten weekend outings during the year and in addition schedules a one-week session at Camp Geronimo during the summer (see below, page 12). The Troop also schedules a high adventure expedition every year (see page 13).

During a program year September through August, a Scout who attended every outing or expedition with the Troop would have spent over 20 nights camping! For this level of outdoor activity, Troop 439 can earn the National Camping Award every year.

Our outings fall into several classifications. There are campouts where the main theme is to work on advancement --particularly for the ranks leading up to First Class. Then there are the fun type outings that tend to repeat themselves each year such as bicycle trips, Canoe Trips and Ski Trips. Other outings may include trips to the Green Howard Tank Camporee, weekend backpack trips in the White Mountains, rock climbing, snow events, mountain biking, and the traditional "Blue and Gold Campout and Banquet" at New River's Kiwana's Park.

Additional activities are planned by the Venture Patrols.

Advancement skills are reviewed on most campouts. The troop typically camps within two hours of Desert Hills, in places such as Flagstaff, Payson or similar areas. The troop will also travel any distance to attend a worthwhile event. Camping is in troop owned tents by patrol. The winter campouts (December-March) are held in areas with warmer climates. Schedules and locations vary from year to year since trips are planned for the year by the Patrol Leaders' Council and approved by the Troop Committee.

Transportation to and from Outings

AS AN OBLIGATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF THEIR SON IN TROOP 439, PARENTS ARE EXPECTED TO SHARE DRIVING AND CHAPERONING OF SCOUTS ON CAMPOUTS. (See also below, p.49,"Frequently Asked Questions On Camping with Troop 439").

A few important things to remember for Scouts regarding transportation to and from events:

- Permission slips are required for all events and must be signed and returned by the date indicated on the form. This is necessary to ensure proper patrol menu planning and to secure transportation.
- Scouts should be sure to carry on their person sufficient money for a meal or snack on the trip if this has been specified on the permission slip. It is not fair for drivers to pay for lunch or snacks and try to be reimbursed later.
- Scouts should be careful in the cars--they are guests of the driver. A "thank you" is appropriate and always appreciated by the driver. (A Scout is Courteous!).
- Scouts are discouraged from driving themselves on outings. If a scout does drive, it is the national policy that other scouts may not ride with him.
- Scouts are not to leave meetings or outings early without prior parental consent that should be communicated to the Scoutmaster.
- Finally, friends of scouts who are not members of Troop 439 may attend an outing prior to joining with permission of the Scoutmaster.

Summer Camping Program

Camp Geronimo is the major summertime activity for the troop. Typically, about ninety percent of the boys in the troop attend each year. The camp program runs for 7 days -- starting on a Saturday and finishing on a Saturday. We schedule our session the previous summer so parents know when their son will be at camp well in advance of other vacation plans. Please refer to the troop calendar for the date of summer camp.

Camp Geronimo is located about 12 miles north of Payson, Arizona. Camp Geronimo's program is based on the patrol method. Scouts cook their meals and participate as a patrol for advancement and activities. The camp has developed into one of the finest scout camps in Arizona. An outstanding camp staff, quality program, and upgraded facilities have given our troop a super week every year.

Camper-ships are available for boys who could not otherwise attend for financial reasons.

The camp program is organized and directed by a Staff of highly qualified and motivated scouts and scouters. Each year this group spends numerous hours to design a program to meet the needs for over 1000 scouts.

Camp Geronimo's program is designed to build your son's self-confidence and self esteem through a highly motivating environment of accomplishment and recognition. This program is built entirely around the patrol method. This includes patrol cooking, program activities by patrol and the opportunity for the scouts to earn over twenty merit badges.

In addition to attending Camp Geronimo for a week each summer, the troop encourages scouts to sign-up for an additional week at Camp Raymond, near Williams, Arizona. Each camp offers a unique experience.

Additional programs at Camp Geronimo and Lake Pleasant include Eagle Trail. The Lake Pleasant offers programs in kayaking, canoeing, soil and water conservation, cooking and geology.

High Adventure

Troop 439 offers high adventure trips for the older and more experienced Scouts.

These trips take a lot of energy, strength and stamina; (the Scout must be First Class rank or higher and be at least fourteen years old). A one-week trip may cover 50 miles in the mountains or on river. These trips are a chance to see and be in the wilderness. More importantly, these trips represent one of the hardest weeks physically (and sometimes emotionally) that participants have ever encountered. It is a tremendous boost to a young man's self-confidence to discover he can accomplish it and have fun. Scouts are screened carefully prior to the trip to assure that they will have a successful experience.

Family / siblings on high adventure trips: Troop adventure trips to our National Parks (Grand Canyon and Yosemite) may be organized to also appeal to non-Scout family members. Scouts undertake more vigorous adventure while other family members may be day hiking and sightseeing.

Adult leaders and parents are absolutely crucial to high-adventure outings. Pulling off a trip such as the Canyon requires major effort, including adults dedicated to transportation planning, food, equipment, permits, money, Scout training, route mapping, shopping, communications, budgeting, etc, etc, etc. The major need for adult effort is one reason we allow siblings on these trips: that way, your volunteer effort to help make the trip happen can benefit other family members, as well as your Scout son.

Equipment

Bring List Troop 439 Activities

All personal equipment should be labeled with a Scout's name and "Troop 439." The troop quartermaster has an engraving tool for labeling metal objects.

The Troop 439 Scout Essentials

Pocket Knife (with Totin-Chip Card) Personal First Aid Kit
Matches in Waterproof Container Flashlight with Good Batteries
Rain Gear Emergency Rations (Patrol Box)
Compass (& Map if indicated) Whistle or Signaling Device
Water Bottle (Filled) Extra Clothes-based on weather
and area

This is a minimal, "survival" list. If you do not have these items along with you on any Troop 439 campout or hike trip, then you are not "prepared," according to the Scout motto. The Permission Slip includes a detailed packing list based on the specific activity.

Personal Overnight Camping Gear:

Clothes for season and area: Refer to the Boy Scout Handbook and the permission slip for additional information.

- Toilet Kit:
- Toothbrush and
- Tooth paste, comb, soap, towel, and toilet paper
- Foam sleeping pad or air
- Mattress · Scout Handbook
- Plastic ground cloth ·
- Paper and pen
- Sleeping bag with stuff sack ·
- Extra plastic bags to keep securely strapped to keep clothing dry
- Backpack for hiking · Spending money
- Plastic trash bag to line ·

Optional items may include:

- sleeping bag and stuff sack ·
- Camera and film
- Mess Kit: Knife, Fork, and · Insect repellent
- Spoon, Plate, Bowl, and Cup · Sunscreen
- Watch · Ten feet of cord or rope

Patrol Equipment

Troop 439 has an extensive inventory of camping equipment. Patrol equipment normally includes the following:

- Tents · 2-Quart Plastic Container
- Dining Fly · Camp Saw
- Two-burner propane stove · Patrol Flag
- Backpacking stoves and fuel · Patrol Box
- Eight-person cook kit · Food*
- Chef's cooking utensil set · Matches*
- Griddle · Cleanup kit* to include dish
- Dutch Oven soap, scrub pads, Towels,
- Wash Bucket Baggies, plastic garbage
- Rinse Bucket bags
- Water Containers

*These items are consumables that are to be supplied by the patrol and should be checked periodically by the patrol quartermaster.

Prohibited Items

- Personal snacks (only patrol food and snacks are permitted)
- Firearms
- Portable Radio or Walkman
- Sheath Knife (or any blade greater than 4 inches)
- Flammable Materials (except matches)
- Butane Lighters
- Alcohol and Tobacco products (Adults please note)

Troop Owned Equipment

PATROL EQUIPMENT

Patrols are issued camping equipment in Patrol Boxes for the use of the Patrol. It is the Patrol's collective responsibility to return the equipment to the Troop in good condition. If items are broken or lost, each Scout is responsible for his pro-rata share of their replacement cost.

At the conclusion of each camping trip the troop quartermaster and patrol quartermasters assign cooking equipment for a final and thorough cleaning. Tents and dining tarps are assigned for drying and airing out.

A few instructions on proper care:

- Aluminum chef kits should be scrubbed with steel wool and soap to remove excess grease and campfire soot. The dishwasher will not do a thorough wash but can be used once they have been scrubbed. The utensil kits and plastic containers can be done either way.
- Cast iron equipment (griddles and Dutch ovens) are to be wiped clean with paper towels and then oiled inside and out while the oven is warm. If for some reason the oven or griddle is sticky or has food build up, wash it out with mild soap and water, rinse, then dry. While it is still warm (heating it in the oven works best) wipe it with oil as previously described. For normal care never scrub with harsh detergents or abrasive pads. A very mild scouring pad should only be used to remove rust or baked on food only when necessary.
- The troop tents represent a substantial investment (\$300.00 each). Each tent must be set up to properly air dry as soon as possible. Having a tent rolled damp with moisture for a couple of days can start mildew growth and ruin the nylon fabric. The tent should be swept clean and if necessary the floor cleaned with a damp sponge. Care should be taken that the tent floor is completely dry on both sides. All tent poles, stakes, stuff sacks and ground cloth should be accounted for and repacked for the next outing. The dining fly can be dried on a clothesline or spread on the ground.
- Camp stoves need to be “degreased” by using soap and water.

Camping Hints

- Customize your gear--bright cord on zippers to find and grab. Mini-carabineers to hang and hold gear on tent and pack.
- Keep your pack and tent organized. Flashlight and rain gear should be the last items packed to be within quick reach without a lot of searching. Always store your gear back in your pack when you are done using it.
- Your tent should be the first and last thing to unpack and pack at campsite. Put it up immediately while you are still fresh and the sun is out. Store your gear inside. Take it down just as you leave--it will dry while standing and give you and your gear shelter if the weather changes.
- Take care of the tent. It is your home and you are responsible for its upkeep. When entering and leaving the tent the zippers must be opened all the way. Squeezing through only jams zippers and tears fabric. It's best to take your shoes off outside the tent to keep the tent clean. The tent floor will not last if pack frames and gear are dragged along it.
- Put your gear in the same place all the time. Same spot in the tent or same place in your pack. Put all your ditty bags and stuff sacks in one sack in your tent. You will easily find them when you repack.
- Fill lantern, stove and canteen at home or at church. Then they will be ready when you arrive at camp. Always fill after cooking so they are ready for next meal and do not run out of fuel in the middle of cooking.
- Chemical stoves and lanterns can only be used with knowledgeable adult supervision.
- Put your name on all gear.
- If you put your ground cloth under the tent make sure you tuck all edges under the tent. Otherwise, it will collect all the rain from the tent and funnel it under you. Also make sure there is drainage around your tent--do not put in a depression where water will collect. Make sure the tent is properly staked out to prevent rain from settling on the sidewalls. Finally, "ditching" around a tent is no longer allowed.
- Clean up and put away your gear at night. Most important do not leave food out. If it rains the gear and food will stay dry, the raccoons will not get into it, and you will know where it is.
- If it is raining or snowing--think ahead. Keep all wet things in one corner of tent. Think about what you are going to do before you do it.

- Do not burn garbage while you are cooking. The odor will get in your food. Garbage is either burned after you have finished cooking or properly disposed of in the trash bags. It is never buried.
- Zip lock bags are great. You can see what is inside and it keeps things dry. They are cheap ditty bags.
- Dry out all gear after every outing. Air out sleeping bag and tent to prevent mildew--even when they did not get wet.
- Bring a garbage bag to cover pack and put your gear in. Also can keep wet boots in tent away from other gear.
- Keep everything pre-packed in your pack between outings. Take out inventories, old food and extra clothing.
- Take the ten essentials--they are really "essential."
- Soap bottom of cooking pans used over an open fire. It will make the soot easier to remove.

Mistletoe Sales & Scout Accounts

Mistletoe Sales

Q. How does the Troop find the money to buy a \$300 tent or a \$60 hiking stove?

A. From the Annual Rummage sale fundraiser.

The Rummage Sale provides the major portion of the operating funds to run the troop. The funds that are generated by the effort pay for troop hiking and camping equipment; some camping fees; troop trailer maintenance & registration; BSA National registration; and some Scout personal equipment, as described below.

The Annual Rummage sale effort is a required activity for all Scouts. Please mark these on your calendar:

B. The Mistletoe Sales is a fun and quick event that has historically created a substantial amount for the Troop.

- Dates in November are determined each year for kickoff day.
- There will be an assembly day.

Starting in November, the troop sells Mistletoe. The Mistletoe is assembled with ribbons and pine cones by the scouts. There are a number of ideas of how to do this and the fundraising committee will advise the Scouts and Parents in advance.

Parent participation: The Annual Rummage sale effort and the Mistletoe sales puts the Scouts on “front line” of salesmanship, but there are numerous roles for adults in the background, including:

- Material collection
- Kickoff day: territory mapping, training, clipboard assembly
- Printing: brochures
- Party preparation (prizes for top sellers!)
- Publicity
- Drivers!

“Many hands make light work”. Please consider how you might be able to help with the above list, and let the Fundraising Committee know about your interest. (See “Troop Committee”, p. 67)

Scout Accounts

The Troop 439 "Scout Accounts" are moneys held by the adult Treasurer which are designated for certain spending purposes described below.

Money is inserted into Scout Accounts once a year based on how well the Troop does, and how well each individual Scout does,

Money can be taken out of Scout Accounts for:

- Scout Camp.
- Troop 439 major trips (e.g. Yellowstone, Grand Canyon...).
- Scouting goods (Scout store, or Scout department of other store).
Present a copy of the receipt to the adult Treasurer.
- Boys Life (at re-registration time).
- Personal equipment listed on a permission slip, which you do not already own.

EXCEPTION: Some items are rarely used by Scouting, such as the kayak in a once-in-a-blue-moon kayak trip, or the skis for a once-a-year ski trip. In such cases, the Scout account can be used to rent an expensive piece of equipment, but not to buy it.

Q. What about other equipment (not listed on permission slips)?

A. Other proposals can be made by Scouts to the Troop Committee; such proposals will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Q. Can the account be used for food for a camping trip?!

A. No: there are too many small transactions here, which would drive the treasurer crazy; and the boys need to learn how to plan their own menus and do their own shopping, taking responsibility for the money and the food purchase and cooking.

Q. Can the account be used for dues?

A. No. The Scouts should be earning an allowance at home, and paying for it out of that; or otherwise taking responsibility to obtain the \$1 each week.

Q. What happens when a Scout leaves the Troop?

A. If a Scout is not part of re-chartering in December, the money in that Scout account reverts to the general Troop treasury, to be applied to overall Troop needs.

Advancement

Advancement

Advancement through the ranks is one of the most important parts of Scouting. The extent to which a boy participates in the advancement program largely governs the benefit he gains from membership and the length of time he stays in Scouting. Boys join the troop as a Scout and then advance through the ranks in the following order: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life and then Eagle.

Parents Note: Parents are cautioned, however, that advancement should not become the sole reason a parent keeps a Scout in Scouting. Parents should encourage their son to make advancement in scouting his own personal goal rather than his parents' goal. Scouts, not parents, should make the routine telephone calls to Troop Leaders and Merit Badge Counselors concerning advancement, appointments and attendance. Part of the Scouting experience is for the Scouts to learn how to deal with adults. For some further thoughts on this topic, please refer to "Expectations For Potential Eagle Scouts", page 30.

New Scouts: Scouting has determined that if a boy reaches the First Class rank within the first 12 months after he has joined the Troop, he is likely to stay in Boy Scouting longer. The Scout will also benefit and enjoy his Scouting experience more if this objective is attained.

There are five areas of concentration that each Scout will work on towards his

First Class Rank:

Outdoor

Physical Fitness

Citizenship

Patrol and Troop Participation

Personal Development

Other requirements for advancement include a conference with the Scoutmaster and a Board of Review (see page 33). Young scouts are frequently frightened at the prospect of these last two steps and need some support from home as well as the troop leadership to take the plunge. Generally, after their first exposure to these two requirements, they take

subsequent conferences and boards in stride.

During the first year Scouts can achieve the rank of First Class if they actively participate in Troop activities. If they are not First Class by the time of attending summer camp, they can often achieve it during camp, if they conscientiously work at it.

The requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are set forth in the Boy Scout Handbook. The Assistant Scoutmaster for the First Year Program will schedule a portion of the Troop's activities around these requirements.

Advancement during Troop Meetings: Scouts are encouraged to complete advancement requirements at anytime during the troop meeting. A sign-up sheet is available on the table near the kitchen at each meeting for any scouts wishing to complete a requirement. (If the sheet is missing, or if you can't find it, ask the Senior Patrol Leader, or any uniformed adult, for assistance.) Assistant Scoutmasters are available at any meeting to work with a scout.

It is the scout's responsibility to sign-up at the start of each meeting to be tested on a given skill once he feels he has mastered that skill requirement.

Star, Life and Eagle: After the rank of First Class the Scouts work on Merit Badges. Other requirements for advancement include tenure in rank (time interval at a given rank to acquire Scouting experience), leadership experience, service hours or project, a conference with the Scoutmaster and a Board of Review. A summary of the complete requirements for each rank can be found in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Parents can help their son get started on the right track by:

- Making sure your son has a Boy Scout Handbook with his name boldly marked on the outside and inside.
- Sitting down and reviewing the requirements of his next rank with him. Do not sign off the requirements, but help him learn them.
- Encouraging your son to go on as many campouts and other troop activities as possible. Hiking, camping and cooking need to be done on weekend campouts
- Encouragement also means he will need some camping equipment. This need not be acquired all at once; however, he will need a warm sleeping bag almost immediately.
- Making sure he attends summer camp (See "Summer Camping Program", page 12). A large percentage of the troop advancement typically occurs during the weekly summer camp session. The program is well organized and the mixture of outdoor experience, personal achievement and learning offered at camp is unmatched elsewhere.

- Not using Scouting as a disciplinary measure or as a reward for getting good grades in school. Scouting is as much an educational program as school or work. If you feel you must restrict your son's participation, please discuss it with the Scoutmaster. The troop is a team effort, and if one of the key players is going to be missing, the troop leaders need some advance warning.
- By making sure that when the time comes for your son to advance to the next rank that he has made an appointment with the Scoutmaster (he should make the appointment, not you) and that he has studied and thought about the list of topics to be covered during the Board of Review (see page 33).
- Establishing a little momentum early on. If your son advances through the First Class Rank during the first year, he will generally gather momentum to carry him through Star and beyond. The sense of personal accomplishment tends to cultivate a desire for more. On the other hand, it is much more difficult to rekindle interest in advancement after a long period of inactivity.
- Once your son has advanced to First Class, he will have figured out the system and will be at ease in approaching the troop leaders for advice or counseling. From then on, periodic encouragement is really all that is necessary to keep him going all the way to Eagle.

Merit Badges. Troop 439 maintains a library of Merit Badge pamphlets and a list of Merit Badge Counselors for the Four Peaks District. Scouts should contact the Troop Librarian for assistance in this area. Families are encouraged to donate unneeded merit badge pamphlets to the Troop 439 library.

When a Scout has decided to pursue a merit badge he should obtain a "blue card" from the Scoutmaster that should be signed by the Scoutmaster before the Scout meets with the merit badge counselor. Thereafter, the Scout should contact the merit badge counselor to review the requirements and establish an approach for that specific merit badge. After this first meeting, the Scout should follow the program that has been determined for that badge and meet as appropriate with the counselor. Only Counselors registered with the Grand Canyon Council may approve merit badges.

Becoming a Merit Badge Counselor. If you would like to register as a merit badge counselor, the troop Advancement Chairman will provide you with the application form. The prerequisite is to have an expertise in the subject matter from either your vocation or hobby. Youth Protection guidelines (p. 47) must be followed in which a scout is not alone with an adult. Scouts must have another person with them at each meeting with the merit badge counselor. This person can be another Scout, their parents or guardian, a brother or sister, a relative, or a friend.

Parents/guardians that are registered as merit badge counselors shall serve as counselors for their son for no more than two merit badges per family. This policy is to prevent potential issues arising during the Eagle Scout Application Process with a parent signing off excessive merit badges for their son. Furthermore, the existing troop policy does not allow a parent to sign-off a requirement for Tenderfoot, Second Class or First Class Advancement. The requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class are signed off by the troop's Assistant Scoutmasters and approved Junior Leaders.

Leadership Projects. Leadership projects are an alternative to a leadership position for Scouts earning the Star and Life ranks. (It does not qualify for the rank of Eagle.) The specific requirement is "to carry out a Scoutmaster-assigned leadership project to help the troop."

The purpose of this alternative is to provide an opportunity to learn and practice leadership skills for a Scout who is active at Troop meetings and outings but does not have a standard leadership position. The purpose of this provision is not to take the place of attendance at Troop meetings and outings. The project must be meaningful and be the equivalent in time, energy, planning, organization and leading of Scouts to that required in the standard leadership roles.

All leadership projects require the prior assignment and recommendation of the Scoutmaster. In addition, all leadership projects will be reviewed by the Troop Committee to ensure that they meet the standards set forth above, before any commitment is made to the Scout. It is our policy that a Scout may achieve only one rank (i.e. either Star or Life, but not both) through this method.

Service Projects. A service project used for advancement shall be a service project not normally expected of a boy as part of his religious or school activities. The work may be done by the scout alone, or with other scouts, his patrol or troop. The service should not be part of a project the Scout is already doing outside of scouting. The idea is to get the scout to do things not normally expected of him as a troop member or as a member of his family. He should be reaching out in new ways to help others.

Expectations for Potential Eagle Scouts

This Section is to ensure that all of our First Class and above scouts (senior scouts) in Troop 439 have a clear understanding of my expectations regarding advancement toward the rank of Eagle. We want each of you to realize that as a senior scout, how you carry out your responsibilities to the troop is important for advancing in rank and for the troop to successfully continue delivering a high quality program. During the last year our troop has grown tremendously and at times giving individual attention to each scout is difficult. Communicating my expectations in writing will eliminate the possibility for any misunderstanding.

We encourage each of you to work hard toward the Eagle rank. You and I are very fortunate in having the most capable and supportive troop committee and Assistant Scoutmasters in the District! You will not find a more dedicated group of volunteers willing to go the extra distance to help you and the troop, provided you make the same effort. However, there are a few key items regarding advancement that you need to keep in perspective.

First, it is not a requirement of the Boy Scouts of America or Troop 439 for you to become an Eagle Scout. The troop philosophy is that your leaders will help any of you who desire to achieve scouting's highest rank. We will guide you through the process, give you moral support but in the end it is something that you complete. Don't expect others (including your parents) to do the work. This means you make the phone calls to merit badge counselors, talk to your leaders if you have questions on advancement, recruit scouts and adults to help with your project, etc.

Second, once you have reached the rank of First Class, We do not expect to have to deal with any discipline measures. You have been in the troop long enough to know the routine. In fact, the example of good conduct should be set by you for the other scouts to follow. If we can't rely on our senior scouts to set the example, we will be unable to continue delivering the high quality program Troop 439 expects.

Third, although earning merit badges represent a significant part of the requirements for Star, Life and Eagle, they do not comprise the Eagle badge in and of themselves. I have noticed an increased emphasis by scouts in completing all the merit badges for a rank based on a misconception that the leadership and scout spirit requirements is taken for granted for completion. The leadership and scout spirit requirements for the last three ranks are extremely important and I urge you to take note and not dismiss them lightly. In fact, they carry an equal if not higher weight than the merit badge requirements.

As you advance in rank from First Class to Star, Life and Eagle, my expectations increase at each rank. You are older, more mature, and more skilled as you progress through each rank. Naturally, I expect more from a Star Scout than a Second Class Scout.

Active participation for rank advancement is an element of the scout spirit requirement. My expectation is that you will attend a vast majority of the troop meetings and activities while fulfilling the scout spirit requirement. Let me restate this to be perfectly clear, to become an Eagle Scout in Troop 439 requires a dedicated and committed participation level. Scouts lead our program with adult guidance. Obviously this can only work when you attend troop meetings and activities. If you intend to become an Eagle Scout, this will undoubtedly conflict from time to time with your other activities and interests. You will have to refocus your priorities to meet the Eagle requirements for advancement. Occasionally you are entitled to miss a meeting or activity on account of a scheduling conflict, with the understanding that you are attending a vast majority of the meetings and outings.

We realize that all of us have other interests than scouting. In fact, We am glad to see a diverse group of talented and creative scouts in our troop. It is not meant to be an easy challenge to reach the Eagle rank. To excel in sports, earn good grades and participate in school clubs also require a high level of commitment and effort. To make the all star team in soccer or baseball or be a starter for the high school team takes work. You are expected to be there for the practices and to continually refine your skills. You don't show up for the big game and expect to start. The same applies to getting good grades in school, participating in band, and working to save money for college or earning a black belt in karate. It requires a focused dedication to reach a goal. To reach Eagle also requires a focused dedication. At times you may need to reassess your commitment to scouting and to Eagle and make a decision on whether or not to continue toward Eagle or be satisfied at a lesser rank and continue your other extra-curricular activities. You must determine what is the right balance of activities and how important becoming an Eagle Scout is to you.

In addition to the scout spirit and participation requirement, you must assume an active leadership role. Simply showing up at troop meetings and helping out when asked is appreciated but it does not complete the requirements for leadership and scout spirit. My expectation is that during your leadership term you discharge your duties effectively. The effort you make in preparing for troop meetings and events is just one measurement of your leadership effectiveness. This year all of our senior scouts will be presenting skill demonstrations to the troop. The effort you make in this area (while not the only area) is critical in meeting the leadership requirement. One of the eleven skills of leadership we have reviewed at our Junior Leader Training sessions

is planning. This is one area where I expect to see improvement by all of us. The days of a patrol leader or any junior leader coming to a meeting and “winging it” for skill demonstrations are over. Each meeting has a purpose and I expect you to take your responsibility seriously. The job responsibilities for each troop position are clearly defined in the Parent-Scout Handbook.

I will not sign any applications for Star, Life or Eagle unless a scout clearly demonstrates this level of commitment for scout spirit and leadership. If you have any concerns regarding this matter, I encourage you to discuss them with me.

Only you can decide if it is worth it to become an Eagle Scout. Some of you may realize it is worth it only when it is too late. I will support any scout along the trail to Eagle provided that you make the commitment in scout spirit and leadership. The Eagle rank is held in the highest esteem by colleges, employers, military and the general public. The award represents the highest honor that you can achieve in scouting. In fact only two out of every one hundred scouts in the US earn this award. We need to ensure that this high standard is maintained in our troop.

Yours in Scouting,

Scoutmaster Troop 439

Board of Review

The purpose of a Board of Review is to fix the Scout's experiences in his memory and to let the Scout express his understanding of each requirement in his own words. It is not the intent of the Board to reexamine the requirements for merit badges or ranks but to allow the Scout to demonstrate his comfort with the basic Scouting skills and concepts.

Troop 439 runs the Boards of Review through the rank of Life while all Eagle Boards of Review are conducted at the district level. In an effort to close the loop on proper uniforms, troop forms, dues, and library books we review the status of each at the Board of Review. Scouts will be in full uniform for the Board of Review. Boards of Review are scheduled once a month and scouts can sign up for them in the same manner as any advancement requirement

To prepare for a Board of Review the Scout should refer to the Scout Handbook and review the requirements in earning each rank. Attention to having a thorough understanding of scout skills is important. Equal attention to the principles of the scouting ideals, particularly scout spirit is critical. The scout must demonstrate that he has practiced these and not simply know what they mean.

First Class, Star, and Life candidates should show increasing familiarity with the requirements. In particular, they should be at ease with all aspects of first aid, map and compass, knots and lashing, camping and cooking and have in-depth awareness of flag protocol and citizenship as well as the history of Scouting. Leadership performance will be reviewed in accordance with the advancement policy in the Appendix.

A Board of Review can also be scheduled if a scout's advancement or participation is in need of encouragement

Boy Scout Advancement Program

The purpose of the Advancement Program in Scouting is to encourage a scout to learn, to achieve and to mature. There are four steps to Boy Scout Advancement and they apply to all six ranks.

Step 1-The Scout learns. He learns scouting skills by taking an active hands-on part in troop and patrol meetings and outdoor programs. The Troop Instructors, Patrol Leaders and Assistant Scoutmasters do skill teaching for the first three ranks. Scouts who are First Class or higher will be working on merit badges with merit badge counselors and outside experts.

Step 2-He is tested. When his leaders see that he has mastered a given skill and satisfied a given requirement, they tell him so and record his achievement. Boy Scout advancement is a program in which a scout's progress is a natural outcome of his regular scouting activities. When a leader recognizes that a scout has mastered a certain skill and satisfied a given requirement, he will tell the scout so and record his achievement. Scouts are encouraged to sign-up on a troop meeting night or campout to be tested in the requirements. Patrol Leaders and members of the "Leadership Patrol" (senior scouts) can record achievements for Tenderfoot and Second Class. First Class requirements are tested and signed off by the Assistant Scoutmasters.

Step 3 -He is reviewed. When a scout completes all requirements for a given rank, he appears before a board of review composed of members of the troop committee. The purpose is not to retest him, but to make sure he has met all of the requirements, to chat with him how he feels about scouting, and of course to encourage him to keep advancing. The purpose is to make sure the scout has met all requirements for the rank, learn how he feels he is doing in the troop and with scouting. The session gives the scout a chance to bring up any questions or problems and a chance for the board to talk about important matters as goals, scout spirit, and personal growth and of course to congratulate him on his progress and urge him to keep going. Or, if necessary, to frankly discuss with him his lack of progress, and try to help him get on track.

Step 4 -He is recognized. When the board of review has certified the scout, he is awarded his new badge of rank as soon as possible, normally at the next troop meeting. He should be recognized again at the troop's next Court of Honor.

Guidelines To Pass Requirements

Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class Requirements

- Test on one requirement at a time rather than taking a “final exam”.
- Scouts are tested individually within the rules of the buddy system and youth protection guidelines.
- Advancement is a process. Scouts will not learn skills and be tested for achievement during the same meeting or event. Knowledge retained over a period of time shall indicate sufficient learning has taken place. This time period varies based on the complexity of the requirement. For example, knot tying can be demonstrated a week after it was learned. However cooking or fire building skills may involve several campouts and attempts before the scout can demonstrate proficiency.
- The language of the requirement determines the kind of testing. If it says; tell, describe or explain, words alone will suffice. If it says; show, demonstrate, or identify the scout must do that. Telling is not enough. He must do that.
- The Assistant Scoutmasters are responsible to test the scouts on most of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class. On occasion a Patrol Leader or a junior leader may test the scout with approval from the Scoutmaster.

Conduct

Conduct And Discipline Policy

Scouts should strive to uphold principles in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is realized that Scouting is a learning experience. Mistakes will be made and unacceptable behavior will manifest itself from time to time. Scouts should, as much as possible, be given the opportunity to learn from their errors.

Troop policy is not to insist on a rigid code of conduct, but to ensure a measure of orderliness and control that is necessary for: safety to troop members and others; assuring troop meeting goals are achieved; and creating a fun and learning experience for all participants. One-to-one activities between youth members and adults are not permitted; personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

Scouts are expected to be responsive to directions given by patrol leaders and the senior patrol leader, backed up by the Scoutmaster or troop leader. Failure to join in planned activities and/or obstructive behavior will be addressed by the following successive measures:

1. A warning by the Patrol Leader or Junior Leader to the scout for the first infraction.
2. A second warning issued by the Patrol Leader or Junior Leader for the second infraction. Issuance of a second warning will require the Scout have a 15-minute time out period away from the troop.
3. A third warning will result in the scout reviewing his actions with the Scoutmaster. Parents will be expected to meet with the Scoutmaster to discuss the situation.

The Scoutmaster after consultation will decide an appropriate course of action that may include; temporary isolation from the rest of the troop or removal from the troop event by asking the boy's parents to take him home. Dangerous activity will not be tolerated, and will be stopped by the Scoutmaster or troop leader by any means necessary. It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster to inform the boy and his parents of unacceptable behavior; discipline is the parents' responsibility. Parents and the leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.

Certain actions will be cause for a boy's immediate removal from a troop activity: disrespect of a Scoutmaster or parent; willful law violation; actions immediately harmful to himself or others; threats to cause substantial damage to the environment. Parents will be notified, and may be asked to take the boy home. This will apply to outings as well as troop meetings. A Scout may be suspended or removed from the troop only with the Scoutmaster's recommendation and concurrence by the Troop Committee.

Troop Rules

- . Respect Others
- . Obey the Scout Sign
- . Do your best in following the Scout Oath and Law

TROOP MEETING RULES

- . Follow meeting agenda set forth by the Patrol Leader Council (PLC).
- . Class A Uniform to be worn
- . Bring Boy Scout Handbook to all Troop Meetings for updates and advancements.
- . Disruptions will not be tolerated at any time during the meeting.
- . Scouts will remain in meeting room unless a member of the PLC grants permission.
- . Be polite to all present (verbally and otherwise).
- . Cursing and name-calling will not be tolerated at any time.
- . Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times.
- . Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason.

TROOP OUTINGS RULES

- . Every Scout must not owe more than \$5.00 in troop dues to be eligible to attend the outing.
- . Every Scout is expected to help set-up, maintain and tear down camp.
- . Every Scout is expected to fulfill their assigned Patrol Duties.
- . Every Scout is expected to participate in "scheduled" activities.
- . Scouts will remain at campsite unless the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters grants permission or other designated trained leaders.
- . Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters are to be aware of the whereabouts of Scouts outside the camp area at all times.
- . Stealing or damaging property will not be tolerated.
- . No Scout or persons shall enter a tent without permission of the person assigned to that tent and an adult present at the time of entrance.
- . Scouts, at no time, shall PLAY with the fire.
- . Disruptions will not be tolerated at any time during a structured activity.
- . Be polite to all present (verbally and otherwise).
- . Cursing and name-calling will not be tolerated at any time.
- . Keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times.
- . Fighting will not be tolerated for any reason.
- . Scouts are expected to observe quiet time.
- . All Scouts will adhere to the Outdoor Code.

Uniform And Uniform Policy

UNIFORM POLICY

The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth that believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

1. Troop Meetings: The complete "Class A" Uniform is the only acceptable uniform for weekly troop meetings. After a scout has been given reasonable time to acquire a uniform, and fails to do so will have his patrol leader bring the matter up to the Senior Patrol Leader. Initially the scout will not be allowed to participate in the troop wide fun game for improper uniforming. Scouts who persist to be in improper uniform will not be admitted to the troop meeting and, if necessary, will be sent home.

2. Outings: Scouts are expected to wear uniforms on Troop 439 outings. If the uniform is to be worn for departure for an outing or to be brought along for the outing it will be listed on the permission slip.

3. Other Activities: Scouts should be in full uniform at the following activities:

Troop Meetings

Boards of Review

Courts of Honor

Scout Sunday

Camporees

Summer Camp (evening meals and formal activities)

Color Guard in Flag Ceremony

Other activities as specified by Scoutmaster

We strongly suggest that all articles of clothing be labeled with a Scout's name and "Troop 439."

Troop 439 Class A Uniform

Refer to the Scout Handbook's inside cover for actual placement instructions.

Short or long sleeve Boy Scout shirt with:

- Red shoulder loops affixed to epaulets
- American flag on right shoulder
- Patrol medallion on right shoulder
- Quality Unit Award on right shoulder
- Grand Canyon Council patch on left shoulder snug to seam
- Troop 439 numerals on left shoulder snug to council patch
- Troop badge of office on left shoulder snug to troop numeral
- Den Chief Cord (if earned) is worn over the left shoulder and under Epaulet
- Scout rank ("Scout" badge for new Scouts) on left pocket
- Arrow of Light Award (if earned) below rank badge
- World Crest (round purple and white patch) above left pocket
- Optional activity patch on right pocket

Boy Scout pants

Boy Scout belt

The Summer Uniform consists of the Scout shorts and scout socks (no exceptions) along with the scout class B shirt and belt. The red or gray activity shirt can be worn with the summer uniform when announced by the Scoutmaster. The summer uniform is not required but many scouts choose to have this for summer camp.

The troop has a troop T-shirt available to all troop members and this is considered part of a Class B Uniform along with scout pants/shorts, belt. On occasion the PLC will notify the scouts that the Class B uniform can be worn at certain activities.

The troop maintains a supply of recycled uniforms that the scouts have outgrown. They are available to everyone. Donations of outgrown uniforms are welcome.

Scout uniforms can be purchased through the Troop.

Uniforms can also be ordered by mail from the Council Office.

Attendance Policy

Troop 439's attendance policy has evolved around certain objectives of Scouting. First, and most important, Scouting should be fun to the boy. If it isn't fun for him, let him do something else. Second, Scouting uses the patrol system and focuses its activities around outdoor challenges. A patrol is as important, as complicated and requires as much loyalty as any other team. Finally, Scouting is unique in offering young men the opportunity to learn and practice leadership in this challenging outdoor environment.

Our ultimate objective for Troop 439 is for the Scouts to run the Troop.

We would like nothing better than to have the Scouts plan their outings, meetings, and Patrol Leader Councils with only the slightest direction from the Scoutmasters. Scouts should be able to discipline themselves, create a fun-filled healthy environment, and become good citizens by being good leaders and followers.

Troop 439's policy on attendance can best be described as one of reasonable expectations. On the one hand, we understand and accept the fact that our youth will have competing demands on their time. School work, organized sports, formal family commitments and commitments to church or synagogue are important in the overall objective of developing our youth. We have not wanted to get into evaluating reasons for missing an activity or meeting, whether it is a commitment to athletics, to a homecoming dance, to a family reunion, or to "it's not in my lifestyle."

On the other hand, our meetings are focused on learning skills and planning for outings--if the Scout is not going he loses interest, becomes a disruptive bystander and the meetings suffer. Additionally, if the leader does not go, his friends in the patrol frequently do not go. If the older scouts in a patrol do not go, the younger ones are left in mid-air or they do not go. If the majority of Scouts in each patrol do not attend, the patrol system will be ineffective. If the older scouts do not actively participate in the meetings and on the outings, there is no way the Scouts can run their own troop!

In discussions, the Troop Committee has decided to set forth its expectations on attendance for Youth Leaders and the Troop as a whole. Fundamentally, it is the expectation of the Troop Committee that all Scouts will attend all Troop outings and activities unless they have a conflict with school, athletic, religious or formal family obligations. We hope the parents and Scouts, in understanding our objectives and the importance of the whole group participating, will make every effort to attend Troop outings and activities. The quality of Troop 439's programs will be directly proportional to the active participation of its members.

Required Activities:

With respect to "Required Activities" we note the Troop has designated very few; namely, Mistletoe Sales, and Church Service Projects. If an absence from any Required Activity is absolutely necessary, the Scout should call the Scoutmaster in advance. See page 44.

Summary: We recognize this policy still leaves Troop 439 somewhere in the middle. It positions us behind school, athletic, religious and formal family obligations but somewhere ahead of "nothing else to do" or "I'm tired, can I just stay home". However, the policy hopefully establishes a climate where attending meetings, activities and outings are the expectation of Troop members and not the unguided option.

Basically, the expectation is that unless you have a formal conflict (such as a school or church obligation), you will be at the Troop activity.

Attendance Requirements for Leadership Positions: For the ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle, there is a leadership requirement that is, in part, to "serve actively for a period" of x months in one or more of a defined list of leadership positions. At Troop 439, we have defined active as attending during each month the major activity for that month--and not earning credit for any month if that activity is missed. Under unusual circumstances a scout who has missed a required activity may petition the committee for an exception to the rule. (Note: Den Chiefs are required to attend Troop activities to fulfill the "be active in your troop and patrol" requirement). Under this policy, candidates for youth leadership positions are asked to commit in advance to attending the scheduled activities. If a Patrol Leader can not make an outing we will endeavor to have the Assistant Patrol Leader take charge and give the Assistant Patrol Leader the leadership credit for that month. During the summer months leadership credit is earned only for those positions that are "active" during a given month.

Attendance for advancement in rank: Advancement in rank generally requires that a Scout be active in his troop. It is Troop 439's policy that a Scout attends at least 70% of the troop activities and all of the required activities for the specified time period specified in the Boy Scout Handbook.

Required Activities

As mentioned in the section “Attendance Policy”, p. 42, it is understood that there are other things that compete for a Scout’s time. But there are certain activities during the year, which Scouts are required to attend as members of Troop 439.

These required activities are:

Mistletoe Sales
Church Service Projects
All Courts of Honor

- ANNUAL RUMMAGE SALE – Equipment and programs receive major funding from the Rummage sale effort, described on page 21. Mark these dates on your calendar
- CHURCH SERVICE PROJECTS -Periodically; the troop conducts service projects for the church. As with Scout Sunday, this is a way of thanking the church for its support and the availability of the facilities of the church for scouting activities. These projects are typically held on a Saturday.
- COURTS OF HONOR – Several times per year, we gather to recognize achievements by all members of the Troop. Please attend to honor your fellow Scouts, as well as to receive any awards that you may be eligible for.

These activities are the few times that the Troop Committee has specified that Scouts must attend as a requirement of continued membership in Troop 439.

Scouts who cannot attend are asked to call the Scoutmaster in advance to discuss their reasons. Required events are important to the morale and operation of the Troop. If you want to be on a winning team you need to commit to attend the championship games, the trophy ceremonies and help fulfill the organizations' obligations. It is not the troop’s policy to suspend scouts for failure to participate in the aforementioned activities. However, scout spirit and active participation are part of the rank requirements from Tenderfoot to Eagle. During the Scoutmaster Conference held at each rank advancement, the Scoutmaster and scout reviews the participation level and determines if it has met expectations. Please refer to the troop activity calendar to plan ahead.

Health And Safety

Troop policies for health and safety are based in The Guide to Safe Scouting. The troop has a copy in the library for your review. The guide includes information on adult leadership, water safety, camping, substance abuse, emergency preparedness, first aid, fuels and fire prevention, guns and firearms, hazardous sports and activities, inspections, medical information, special precautions, transportation, winter activities, and youth protection and child abuse.

Medical Forms: The troop keeps a copy of the medical information based on the application you filled out when your son joined the troop. Additionally, the permission slips for each activity request current medical information and authorization for treatment. The Scoutmaster keeps a copy for each Scout so prompt medical attention can be obtained for a Scout in an emergency. No Scout will be allowed on an outing without a permission slip.

Special Needs: The Scoutmaster should be notified in writing if a Scout has special medical needs, allergies, or medicines. Please do not put this kind of information on the consent form. If it is a potentially life threatening condition, please make a copy and hand it personally to the Scoutmaster. If in doubt, please ask.

Youth Protection

Extensive guidelines for Youth Protection may be found in the Guide to Safe Scouting at <http://www.scouting.org> . Here is a brief extract from that site:

- Two-deep leadership. Two registered adult leaders or one registered leader and a parent of a participant, one of whom must be 21 years of age or older, are required on all trips and outings.
- No one-on-one contact. One-on-one contact between adults and youth members is not permitted. In situations that require personal conferences, such as a Scoutmaster's conference, the meeting is to be conducted in view of other adults and youths.
- Respect of privacy. Adult leaders must respect the privacy of youth members in situations such as changing clothes and taking showers at camp.
- Separate accommodations. When camping, no youth is permitted to sleep in the tent of an adult other than his own parent or guardian.
- Proper preparation for high-adventure activities. Activities with elements of risk should never be undertaken without proper preparation, equipment, clothing, supervision, and safety measures.

- No secret organizations. The Boy Scouts of America does not recognize any secret organizations as part of its program. All aspects of the Scouting program are open to observation by parents and leaders.
- Appropriate attire. Proper clothing for activities is required.
- Constructive discipline. Discipline used in Scouting should be constructive and reflect Scouting's values. Corporal punishment is never permitted.
- Hazing prohibited. Physical hazing and initiations are prohibited and may not be included as part of any Scouting activity.
- Junior leader training and supervision. Adult leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and ensure that BSA policies are followed

Adult/son Outings

Welcome! ... and Please Give the Scouts Some Space

- Welcome to the Troop 439 outdoors program. We are glad to have you. If you haven't camped for a while, or you're not sure whether you want to join us, please be sure to read "Frequently Asked Questions On Camping with Troop 439", page 52.
- Remember Scouting is for Boys--let them do the work, plan the trip, cook the meals, etc. Please work as much as possible through the youth leadership. If you take the lead, they will never learn how to do it themselves. It's OK if they don't do it the "right way" or "your way"--they will often learn more by doing it their way. Thus, we try to do everything possible through the youth leaders--but stand ready to support them when necessary.
- Give the Scouts some space. If you are in the middle of everything, you have to deal with everything. It is better to keep your distance and deal only with those issues you wish.
- We emphasize the patrol system. The troop is too large to camp, hike, etc., as one large unit. Also the patrol system is fundamental to Scouting. Thus, all activities are planned around patrols and each patrol should have its own campsite--slightly apart from the others. (But not so far apart that the Scoutmasters cannot keep track of them.)
- Do not smoke in the presence of Scouts.
- Alcohol is never allowed at a Scouting event.
- Dads, Moms and Legal guardians are encouraged to camp with the troop.
- Normally, you will camp with the other adults, in the "adult patrol". In an emergency (e.g. a tent has been damaged or lost), an adult may share a tent with his or her own son. An adult may never sleep in a tent with any Scout except his or her own son.

Safety on Outings

If you believe that you see an item of clear, immediate danger – such as a Scout misusing an ax, saw, or knife -then by all means speak up immediately.

But for lesser risks, please recall that Troop 439 activities are designed to provide new experiences and challenges to Scouts.

- While safety is always a prime objective, our activities by their very nature involve a certain element of risk.
- We want the boys to learn and teach safe procedures themselves. For example, if you think that a safer location could be chosen for the campfire, look for a youth leader – the Senior Patrol Leader, a Patrol Leader, or just pick a tall one. Ask him, “What do you notice about that proposed campfire location? How could the location be improved before they light it?”
- If you are in doubt, please check it out with the Scoutmaster, or with the designated responsible Assistant Scoutmaster for that trip. They have experience in scouting activities in the outdoors, and know what standards are appropriate for a large number of boys in the context of Scouting.
- “Follow the lead” from the Scoutmasters as to whether a proposed activity is safe and within the guidelines of Scouting.
Set a good example. Parents who either do not know or do not follow the practices of safe Scouting undermine the Scoutmasters’ authority very quickly. Some Scouts are very quick to do as adults do, not as they say.
When in doubt, please ask.

Troop policies for health and safety are based in The Guide to Safe Scouting. The troop has a copy in the library for your review. The guide includes information on adult leadership, water safety, camping, substance abuse, emergency preparedness, first aid, fuels and fire prevention, guns and firearms, hazardous sports and activities, inspections, medical information, special precautions, transportation, winter activities, and youth protection and child abuse.

Frequently Asked Questions On Camping with Troop 439

Having just returned from another fun Troop 439 campout, I got to thinking about why more people don't volunteer for an opportunity to spend the weekend with their son and experience the scouting experience first hand. Which then got me to thinking even more that maybe it's because the parents don't know what to expect or have questions about it and don't know whom to ask. With so many new scouts joining this year, I'd thought I'd put together a short list of FAQ's -or Frequently Asked Questions -that might give people considering volunteering some assistance. If after reading these responses you still have questions about a scout campout, feel free to give me a call. If I don't know the answer, I'll find someone who does.

Hope to see you some weekend soon!

1. I've never camped before and would not know what to pack.
 - A. Don't worry, for every campout an equipment list is distributed with the permission slip. All you need to do is follow the list. Also, during the past few weeks the scouts have been reviewing packing a pack and basic camping skills. Your scout can assist you with what to bring and more importantly, "what to leave at home"!
2. I don't own a sleeping bag, tent, etc., etc., etc.
 - A. There are many people in the troop who would lend you a sleeping bag for the weekend, as well as the all important (at least for us "older campers") sleeping pad -(trust me, it makes all the difference in the world!). The troop can supply a tent for you.
3. What will I eat?
 - A. The scouts always cook by patrols. They are responsible for their own meal planning, food shopping, and cooking. Likewise, the adult leaders shop and cook their own food. Sometimes it's the same menu as the scouts, other times it is very different.
4. I can only cook with a microwave!
 - A. Sorry, the microwaves have to be left at home. To "leave no trace" on the environment, the scouts most always cook with either propane gas two-burner camp stoves; or on backpacking trips, fueled backpacking stoves. Cooking kits are provided by the troop as are cooking utensils.
5. Who will cook?
 - A. There is always an experienced leader along who can show you the ropes of outdoor cooking. You will not starve and whatever food is cooked will taste like you're in a five star restaurant! If you still are uncomfortable cooking, you can always volunteer for cleanup detail!
6. I haven't camped/backpacked since I was in high school/college and that was so long ago I wouldn't remember how.
 - A. It was twenty-five years between backpacking trips for me. I can attest first hand that it is "like riding a bike" and you don't forget. After the first hour on

the trail or the first day in camp you catch on fast. You will be surprised at the positive advances in the equipment since your last trip. Everything seems to be lighter or more efficiently made.

7. My son never tells me when the trips are until he is walking out the door and never asks me to chaperone.
 - A. In my experience this is a common occurrence among teenagers. Here are a couple of suggestions for you to find out the information ahead of time and determine which event you might want to chaperone.
 1. Attend the last twenty minutes of any Tuesday night scout meeting. Important announcements are made at this time and up-coming activities are discussed.
 2. Attend a troop committee meeting. They are open to all the third Tuesday of the month at the Desert View Bible Church
 3. Obtain a troop calendar of events. If you do not have access to the troop 439 web site, ask one of the scout leaders for a copy. The updates throughout the year are e-mailed and noted at the Troop meetings.
- As for "my son doesn't want me to go" statement - "Don't Believe It!" Look at the weekend as quality bonding time with your teenager. No phones, Nintendo, computers, radios, CD's, or television, makes for some great conversations. You will be surprised at the diversity of subjects discussed in one weekend. You will also learn a very important lesson for yourself. Teenagers are very similar, and yours is more similar than he is different. They all almost always give you a blank stare when asking them a question, and they automatically answer "what" when they actually do hear you! The best thing you will learn from your son after one weekend is what a great kid he really is and he really did appreciate you being there!!

Now some questions for the mothers or women volunteers in the troop.

8. Camping is such a "guy thing" especially with a Boy Scout troop. I will be out of place on a camping trip with the boys and the male leaders.
 - A. I will admit there could be, and are, some awkward moments, but scouting is about providing opportunities and determining solutions. I would much rather show the scouts that women can be as an effective role model in the back woods as they can be in the kitchen, home, or office. It is great to show the scouts first hand that a woman can put up a tent, start a fire, hike ten miles, or tie a square knot.
9. "But I'll get stuck doing all the cooking or cleaning up and I can stay home and do that!"
 - A. You won't get stuck with all the cooking or cleaning. The patrol method (even the adult "patrol") relies on teamwork. The job is not done until it's done, no matter who does it. The goal is to work together for the good of all.

"For the ladies only"

The best thing about accompanying the boy scouts on a camping trip -"No lines in the ladies room!" This past trip, I never once had to wait for a toilet or the shower at the campground. Oh, the little things in life that can give us pleasure!

10. OK, you convinced me I might want to give this a try, how do I get started?

A. GREAT WELCOME!!

Here are some things to get you started:

1. Come to the parent's night in October and get a copy of the calendar of events for the year.
2. Determine which of these events might fit into your busy schedule. You might want to start with one overnight to "get your feet wet". Oops! wrong cliché -it never rains on a scout camping trip!
3. Let the committee chairman or Scoutmaster know you're interested in chaperoning the event. They can put you in touch with the adult coordinator for the event who can then provide you with more details.
4. Determine what equipment you'll need. The best way to find out if you can borrow someone's equipment would be to email the Troop 439 distribution list and ask for the equipment you'll need to borrow.

Finally, once you're there-

Relax and Have Fun! Enjoy the outdoors and the conversations. You'll come home with a better appreciation of the scout program, the outdoors, and best of all, some special memories of you and your son sharing an experience that can never be duplicated.

Good Luck and Happy Camping!

Scoutmaster

Job Descriptions

Troop And Patrol Organization

All Youth Leaders are expected to:

- . Set a good example
 - . Wear the uniform correctly
 - . Live by the Scout Oath and Law
 - . Attend all Troop functions
 - . Earn advancement
 - . Complete Troop 439's Junior Leader Training Program
- In addition each respective Junior Leader has the following specific duties:

Junior Assistant Scoutmaster

- . Function as an Assistant Scoutmaster
 - . Accomplish any duties assigned by the Scoutmaster
- Senior Patrol Leader
- . Preside at all troop meetings, events, activities, and annual program planning conference
 - . Maintain the spirit of the troop and encourage scout enthusiasm and active participation for all activities
 - . Chair the Patrol Leaders' Council
 - . Coach Patrol Leaders on their duties
 - . Name appointed boy leaders with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster
 - . Assign duties and responsibilities to other leaders
 - . Assist the Scoutmaster in training junior leaders
 - . Must have been a Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
- . Responsible for training and giving direct leadership to the following appointed junior leaders: scribe, librarian, troop historian, instructor, quartermaster, and chaplain aide
 - . Help with leading meetings and activities as called upon by the Senior
- Patrol Leader.**
- . Take over troop leadership in the absence of the senior patrol leader
 - . Perform tasks assigned by the Senior Patrol Leader
 - . Function as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council
 - . Support the Senior Patrol Leader

Venture Crew Chief

- . Develop an active program for the Venture Crew
- . Provide leadership to a selected crew high-adventure activity

- . Keep crew members informed
- . Represent the crew at all Patrol Leader Council meetings
- . Encourage crew members to take part in all troop activities
- . Locate and secure resources necessary for crew's activities
- . Develop crew spirit
- . Work with troop leaders to make the troop run well

Troop Treasurer

- . Record attendance at each troop meeting, outing and activity
- . Record dues at each troop meeting
- . Distribute activity beads based on attendance at outings
- . Maintain and distribute notepads and pencils at meeting
- . Attend and keep a log of Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- . Maintain bulletin board
- . Work with the Troop Treasurer (Committee Member)
- . Appoint an Assistant to collect dues and record attendance in his absence

Troop Scribe

- . Gathers information from patrol scribes for the troop newsletter
- . Works with patrol scribes to publish monthly newsletter

Troop Quartermaster

- . Keep records of patrol and troop equipment
- . Keep equipment in good repair
- . Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order
- . Suggest new or replacement items
- . Work with the troop committee member responsible for equipment

Troop Historian

- . Gather pictures and facts about past activities of the troop and keep them in scrapbooks, wall displays, or information files
- . Take care of troop trophies and keepsakes
- . Keep information about troop alumni
- . Photograph trips and meeting activities
- . Prepare slide show for Parent Night presentation
- . Assist with troop public relations
- . Maintain troop awards

Troop Librarian

- . Establish and maintain a troop library
- . Maintain library of merit badge pamphlets
- . Maintain list of Merit Badge Counselors
- . Maintain library of audio visual material
- . Keep records on literature owned by the troop
- . Add new or replacement items needed
- . Have literature available for borrowing at troop meetings
- . Keep system to check literature in and out
- . Follow up on late returns

Troop Guide

- . Help Scouts meet advancement requirements through First Class
- . Advise patrol leader on his duties and his responsibilities at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings
- . Attend Patrol Leaders' Council meetings with the new Scout
Patrol Leader
- . Prevent harassment of new Scouts by older scouts
- . Help Assistant Scoutmaster train new patrol leader when he takes office
- . Guide new Scouts through early troop experiences to help them become comfortable in the troop and the outdoors

Den Chief

- . Serve as the activities assistant at den meetings
- . Meet regularly with the Den Leader to review the den and pack meeting plans
- . If serving as a Webelos Den Chief, prepare the boys to join Boy Scouting
- . Project a positive image of Boy Scouting
- . Assist the Den Leader

Chaplain Aid

- . Assist Chaplain or religious coordinator in meeting the religious needs of troop members while on activities
- . Tell members of the religious emblem program of their faith
Patrol Point System

Order of the Arrow Representative

- . Communicate to the troop OA membership information from the lodge and chapter . Represent the troop at OA meetings and events

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- In addition each respective leader has the following specific duties:

Patrol Leader

- . Plan and lead two patrol meetings or patrol activities each month
 - . Keep patrol members informed
 - . Assign each patrol member a job and help them succeed
 - . Display your patrol flag at meetings and activities
 - . Represent the patrol at the monthly Patrol Leader Council meeting and at the annual program planning conference
 - . Prepare the patrol to take part in all troop activities
 - . Develop patrol spirit and control
 - . Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well
 - . Know what patrol members and other leaders can do
 - . Support advancement for the patrol
 - . Coordinate patrol outings
 - . Keep track of all patrol members on outings
 - . Strive to earn the Baden Powell Patrol Award (ref. Junior Leader Handbook p.41)
 - Patrol Spirit · Advancement
 - Patrol Meetings (2 per · Membership month) · Uniform
 - Outdoor Events · Patrol Leaders' Council
 - Service Projects
- Strive to earn the Troop Honor Patrol Point System

Assistant Patrol Leader

- . Assist the patrol leader in:
 - o -planning and leading patrol meetings and activities
 - o -keeping patrol members informed
 - o -preparing the patrol to take part in all troop activities
- . Take charge of the patrol in the absence of the patrol leader
- . Represent the patrol at the Patrol Leader Council meetings in the absence of the patrol leader
- . Help develop patrol spirit
- . Work with other troop leaders to make the troop run well

Patrol Treasurer

- . Reports attendance and dues to troop scribe

Patrol Scribe

- . Provides patrol information to the Troop Scribe for publication
- . Assists with the production of the monthly newsletter and Web page

Patrol Quartermaster

- . Maintain and inventory patrol equipment
- . Keep equipment in good repair
- . Issue equipment and see that it is returned in good order
- . Suggest new or replacement items
- . Maintain patrol flag

Troop Adult Leadership

Scoutmaster

- . Conduct all activities under qualified leadership, safe conditions, and the policies of the chartered organization and the Boy Scouts of America
- . Train and guide boy leaders to run their troop
- . Work through and with responsible adults to bring scouting to boys
- . Help boys to grow by encouraging them to learn for themselves
- . Guide boys in planning the troop program
- . Help the troop committee recruit Assistant Scoutmasters
- . Conduct Scoutmaster conferences
- . Member of the troop committee
Assistant Scoutmaster

All Assistant Scoutmasters:

- . Assist the Scoutmaster in the weekly meetings.
- . Work with the youth leaders in administering troop operations
- . Assist with the troop's participation in council and district activities
- . Provide guidance and leadership for troop and patrol activities
- . Advise troop leadership on special tasks
- . Attend training courses
- . Member of the troop committee
- . Coordinate special functions such as:

Troop Meeting Scoutmaster

- . Take responsibility for planning Troop Meetings with the Patrol Leaders' Council
- . Support the Senior Patrol Leader in obtaining materials for the meeting.
- . Support the Senior Patrol Leader in running the meeting.

Outings Coordinator

- . Support the Patrol Leader's Council in the planning of the event
- . Help in securing permission to use camping areas
- . Prepare and distribute permission slips for the event
- . Coordinate transportation arrangements
- . File a tour permit with the Council Office
- . Prepare a map and directions for each driver
- . Work with troop treasurer in maintenance of all attendance and dues records
- . Coordinate medical consents annually and updates during the year
- . Make sure the permission slips have been distributed and collected for the event

Eagle Coordinator

- . Help Scout advance to the Eagle Rank
 - . Meet periodically with Eagle candidate and their parents to inform them of requirements and monitor progress
 - . Coach in the Eagle Scout service project selection and implementation
- Membership/Webelos Den Resource Person
- . Work with Webelos Den Leaders of dens related to Troop 439
 - . Coordinate joint Webelos den-troop activities.
 - . Assist in training and coaching of den chiefs.
 - . Arrange for proper welcome of Webelos graduating into troop
 - . Coordinate orientation for parents of new members.
 - . Serve as liaison with pack committees in orderly transition of Webelos to Scouts

Advancement Coordinator

- . Facilitate advancement sign off at troop meetings
- . Coordinate with the various merit badge counselors to provide courses and resources where needed
- . Provide list of merit badge counselors and application cards to scouts
- . Work closely with the Advancement Chairman to arrange Boards of Review
- . Advise Scoutmaster of areas for additional emphasis and training so Troop 439 Scouts are well prepared for each rank of the First Year Program
- . Supervise the program for First Year Scouts

- . Work with Scoutmaster in scheduling advancement activities for First Year Scouts at troop meetings and on outings
- . Coordinate the scheduling of First Year Orientation Campout in the spring of each year
- . Supervise the activities of the Troop Guides
- . Maintain records for advancement in the First Year Program
- . Coordinate with Advancement Committee Member to obtain badges and certificates.

Troop Committees

Committee Chairperson

- . Key person in the operation of the troop committee.
- . Call, notify, organize and preside at monthly committee meeting
- . Work closely with Scoutmaster in preparation of agenda for troop committee meeting
- . Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed.
- . Maintain a close relationship with the Chartered Unit Representative
- . Ensure troop representation at monthly roundtable
- . Secure topflight, trained men for camp leadership
- . Make sure adult leaders are properly trained and registered
- . Arrange for charter review and recharter the troop annually
- . Recruit parents and other adults to serve actively on the troop Committee

Treasurer

- . Establish and supervise the operation of the troop budget
- . Keep financial records
- . Maintain troop funds and pay all approved bills
- . Present the financial report at the committee meetings
- . Work closely with the Troop Scribe in dues collection

Advancement Chairperson

- . Arrange troop Boards of Review, monthly
- . Conduct Boards of Review
- . Recruit committee to participate on Boards of Review
- . Maintain troop advancement records
- . Interpret national and local council policies to Troop

Secretary

- . Send out committee meeting notices
- . Keep minutes of meetings
- . Collect and maintain copies of Troop Participation Contracts
- . Conduct the Troop Resource Survey annually
- . Direct the troop efforts in obtaining funds to support the Daniel Webster Council
- . Forward money donated to the Scout office
- . Maintain tradition of strong financial support
- . Plan the annual Mistletoe sales with the Troop Committee.
- . Obtain proper authorization from Council
- . Supervise the bagging of Mistletoe
- . Manage the youth leaders as they coordinate and supervise the sales of Mistletoe

Chartered Unit Representative

- . Help recruit troop leadership
- . Serve as liaison between Troop 439 and Pilgrim Congregational Church
- . Assist with unit rechartering.
- . Encourage recognition of leaders
- . Cultivate resources to support Troop 439
- . Stimulate troop goodwill and service projects in the church
- . Urge participation in appropriate programs in the church

History

Troop History

Troop 439 registered on January 5, 2008 with nine scouts and twelve adult leaders. The Scoutmaster was Mr. Brian Weiland for the first year.

SCOUTMASTERS:

2008- Mr. Brian Weiland

EAGLE SCOUTS:

Appendices

Appendix A

PATROL EQUIPMENT

- . Tents, Poles, Stakes
 - . Ground Cloth
 - . Patrol Flag
 - . Propane Stove and Stand
 - . Propane
 - . Lantern
 - . Backpack Stove and Fuel
 - . Chef Cooking Kit
 - . Chef Utensil Set
 - . Cast Iron Griddle
 - . Dutch Oven
 - . Two Quart Plastic Bottle
 - . Water Container
 - . Wash Bucket
 - . Rinse Bucket
 - . Hot Pot Tongs
 - . Camp Saw
 - . Fire Grate
 - . Trash Can Fire Lid
 - . Plastic Sheets
 - . Menu and Duty Roster
 - . Troop 439 Cookbook
 - . Patrol Box
 - . Cooler with Ice
 - . Food
 - . Scouring Pads
 - . Paper Towels
 - . Toilet Paper
 - . Garbage Bags
 - . Dish Soap
- Patrol Checklist For Outings

TROOP EQUIPMENT

- . Permission Slips
- . Tour Permit
- . Reservation Card
- . Trip Pamphlet
- . Lanterns
- . Lantern Stand
- . Fuel and Mantles

- . Bleach
- . Firewood/Charcoal
- . Wrench
- . Extra Rope
- . Whipping Twine
- . Troop First Aid Kit
- . Scout Medicines
- . Leather Gloves
- . Shovel
- . Duct Tape
- . Repair Kit
- . Troop and US Flags
- . Coffee Pot
- . Ax
- . Hatchets
- . Sharpening Files and Stones
- . Fieldbook
- . Advancement Aids

Appendix B Personal Equipment Checklist

- Liner Socks Long Underwear Scout Handbook Sun Screen
- Wool Socks Upper-Body Layers First Aid Kit Repair Kit
- Hiking Boots Lower-Body Layers Compass Pad & Pencil
- Camp Shoes Wind Suit Map Sunglasses
- Gaiters Rain Gear Flashlight Toilet Paper
- Bandana Shorts Water Bottle Whistle
- Belt Day Pack Eating Utensils 1/4" Nylon Rope(25')
- Brim Hat Backpack/Duffle Plate, Bowl, Cup Pocket knife
- Warm Hat Sleeping Bag Trash Bags Matches
- Gloves/Mittens Sleeping Pad Toilet Articles Watch
- Scout Uniform Bug Dope

This checklist is included with every permission slip. Items will be marked with an "X" to denote what is required for the event

The Troop 439 Ten Essentials

- Pocket Knife (with Totin-Chip Card)
- Personal First Aid Kit
- Matches in Waterproof Container
- Flashlight with Good Batteries

Rain Gear Emergency Rations (Patrol
Box)
Compass (& Map if
indicated)
Whistle or Signaling Device
Water Bottle (Filled) Extra Clothes-based on
weather and area

Troop 439 Participation Contract (Scout's Copy)

Troop 439 of the Boy Scouts of America provides a high quality, very active program of Scouting adventure and numerous wilderness trips. In order to accomplish the Troop's programs and goals in the best Scouting tradition, it is important that all Scouts understand and acknowledge certain Troop standards as an ongoing obligation.

By signing below each Scout (with the support of his parents or guardian) acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. That he has read and understands the Troop 439 Manual.
2. That he will abide by the Scout Law and Outdoor Code.
3. That he will support the program of leadership from his peers.
4. That he will do his best to comply with the policies of Troop 439.
5. That he understands the rules on using knives, axes and saws and will use them only if he has attained the rank of First Class (or above) or has a Totin' Chip card.
6. That he will support the troop and patrol program in Troop 439 by actively participating with his patrol in activities.
7. If applicable, as a boy leader, he must set an example by meeting the expectations of his leadership position.

Date: _____

Scout Signed: _____

Scout Printed _____

Parent or Guardian Signed: _____

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