

ASM's

- * Fill in for SM when needed
- * Mentor assigned patrols.
- * Webelos Resource Person
- * Lead certain Introduction to Leadership conferences
- * Train Den Chiefs
- * Oversee Venture patrols
- * Adult quartermaster
- * Grubmaster for parents/adult leaders on outings if required
- * Expert skills trainer for Junior Leaders as needed
- * New family orientations
- * Merit badge Counselor
- * Properly trained up through ITOLS
- * Understand the concepts of the patrol method
- * Understand the troop organization
- * Understand the youth run concept
- * Special duties for program and trip support /transportation
- * Program support, service projects, new ideas & other programs (admin support by committee)



Adult participation on Troop 629 Scouting Activities

1. All scouting activities are to be A SPECIAL PLACE where we try to present "Scouting at its best. " The rules are the simple ones taught in the program - the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. We create a safe haven, a place where everyone should feel physically and emotionally secure. We do this in several ways:
We set the example for ourselves and others by always behaving as Scouts/Scouters should. We all live the Scout Oath and Law each moment of each day, to the best of our abilities.
We refuse to tolerate any kind of inappropriate putdown, name-calling physical aggression or hazing.
We communicate our acceptance of each scout and each other through expressions of concern for them and by showing our appreciation whenever possible.
We create an environment based on learning and fun. We seek the best from each scout, and we do our best to help him achieve it
2. The leader of the activity is responsible for overall health and safety. Scouts seem to find unique and unusual ways to get hurt or develop problems. While we can not anticipate what will happen we need to remind everyone of some basic rules that need to be observed.
3. Use common sense. If something looks dangerous, it probably is; if someone dares scouts to do a stupid thing, it probably is a stupid thing to do and could result in injury.
4. Report all injuries. If a scout has a scrape get it looked at. First aid items are available with the leader in charge and it is important that one individual be aware of all injuries and medication requirements particular to an individual scout.
5. Adults need to do safety checks before each meal and helping secure the propane or other fuel tanks being used. Exercise caution with these propane bottles and equipment and report any problems to the leader in charge.
6. It is important that we adhere to the patrol method as much as possible. The patrol leader gets his direction from the SPL. Adults should not get involved in any set-up, instruction or event unless specifically asked for by the SM, SPL or PL. Otherwise let the lesson is learned by doing except in extreme safety issues, and then of course you can step in for corrective behavior. Otherwise sit back on the lawn chair and read a good book.
7. On trips we encourage family style cooking and eating. Adults are guests of patrols as detailed by the SPL posted roster who are invited to attend the meal when it is ready. Adults bring their own eating utensils but all other food is provided by the patrol. Patrols should clean the guest utensils but that is the adult's choice. They are to eat all at once after grace and cooks explain what is available for meal. Purpose is to ensure everyone gets fair share and promote discussion during meal. Patrols are suppose to all have the same meal plan so that any cross leveling of supplies is easier throughout the troop. Preparation and style is up to the patrol. Clean up by patrol is to take place right after the meal and that is suppose to be fair share as detailed on a roster by the patrol leader. All patrol members are to be in their own patrol sites during preparation and clean up.
8. Parents of scouts on trips are to try to leave their boys to fully participate in the patrol area and not interact directly. This includes that scouts sleep with their patrols and that the scout takes care of his needs like the parent is not on the trip.
9. The two adult rule applies for any breakout that takes boys away from the main activity area. However, many times the scouts are allowed to venture out on their own as long as they have made prior coordination with the SPL and SM and use the buddy system.
10. The troop does not tolerate the use of tobacco or alcohol products by the scouts and can not allow the adults to consume any alcohol at all during the entire trip and refrain from tobacco use in the presence of any scout.
11. Adults will sleep in a separate area away from the patrols and will have their own area for minor snacks, coffee, etc. Meals should not be prepared separately but special events are allowed on a case by case basis approved by the SM or designated leader in charge.
12. The intent during travel is that each driver knows the designated route and stops but not to convey so that drivers avoid trying to beat lights to keep up. There should always be a designated lead and designated follow up vehicle with those pulling trailers never being in the rear.
13. Any corrective behavior that is needed or suggestions other than extreme problems should be turned over to the SPL or SM for resolution.
14. The use of foul language is not to be tolerated by any individual including adults on any scouting activity. Inappropriate behavior such as pulling pranks and harassing scouts is not to be tolerated. The safe haven approach is the rule. Adults should be addresses as Mr. or Mrs. during all activities by all scouts. Common courtesies should be observed by all.
15. All adults should work through the SM and SPL for any recommendations or assignments. During an activity adults that stay for the entire trip may venture out on their own for other personal needs but coordination with the SM is needed to ensure the two deep rule can be maintained for the event in their absence.

Assistant Scoutmaster (Patrol Mentor)

- From the side, observe patrol meetings during troop meetings. Ensure items SPL wants covered are being handled, scouts talk and handle any advancement issues they need and discipline/safety is being maintained. Concerns or issues should be brought to PL's or SPL's attention off to one side from the patrol members.
- Spot check patrol assignments from the SPL for meeting to ensure PL is prepared before the meeting for his assignments (opening or closing ceremony, game responsibilities or instructional assignments). For games that your patrol is responsible for, ensuring that they are being run correctly, fairly and have proper controls to avoid injuries of scouts.
- If patrol assigned as service patrol that they are actually prepared for and providing the support required for the meeting and the whole patrol, proper clean up of meeting area before departure after each meeting assigned.
- Help patrol members understand procedures to obtain merit badges. Point them in right direction to obtain counselors, help obtain the reference material (they need to read the merit badge book first) and follow through on assignments.
- Spot check during week as necessary that PL is calling his patrol for details or information he is suppose to be putting out or gathering
- For outings, ensuring the PL has a plan and follows through on obtaining food and patrol equipment. Those scouts who appear not to be participating should be brought to the attention of the SM.
- Encouraging the PL and members to have a patrol flag and cheer.
- In conjunction with QM and PL that the patrol is taken care of its assigned equipment and that it is being clean and serviced before storage after each trip.

Personal Growth: As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development: The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting. In the troop or District, normally once a year, a special Junior Leader Orientation Workshop (JLOW) is available to selected scouts and attendance at the council week long Junior Leader Training Course (JLTC) is recommended by the scoutmaster. Additionally many troop positions are available to help those scouts fulfill their leadership requirements for advancement towards their Star, Life and Eagle ranks. The scouts elect some key position and others are appointed. It is the desire of the Troop to retain its best youth leaders as long as possible. Generally, the SPL and PL's should be at least graduates of both a JLOW and JLTC course as well as meeting the minimum age (13 yrs) and rank (first class) requirements. SPL's should be at least a Star scout. The desire of the Troop is also to have an adult assigned as a mentor for each patrol who can help develop the individual patrol leader as the scoutmaster develops the SPL and PLC.

Uniform: 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 who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to properly wear the badges that show what they have accomplished. Troop 629 supports the full uniform wear policy for all scouting activities, meetings and boards of review. However, taking into account that scouts at this age are growing and going through growth spurts, it is only necessary to invest in as a minimum a scout shirt, a scout belt and a scout "T" shirt. There is no official hat or neckerchief and while pants and or shorts with socks are encouraged they are not necessary. A scout name tag will be provided by the Troop. When a scout goes for his eagle board of review he would then be expected to be in full uniform. The adult leaders are expected to set the example at all activities and should obtain and wear a full uniform as soon as possible.