

High Adventure Policy Manual
Troop 629
Established and Adopted by High Adventure Committee

High Adventure Policies

Purpose-Establishes guidelines, policies and procedures regarding High Adventure trips and fund-raising events. This policy may be changed without notice at the discretion of Troop 629 High Adventure Committee. The Troop 629 High Adventure Committee reports to the Troop 629 Committee.

1. High Adventure Trips

- a.) **Financial Commitment**-High Adventure trips require a financial commitment from the troop and parents months or years in advance. Parent(s) of scouts participating in High Adventure trips are responsible for 100% financial commitment for that scout. Parent(s) are required to make the requested initial deposit determined by the High Adventure Committee by the required due date. If the deposit is not received by the due date, the scout's slot is no longer reserved and may be reassigned by the adult leader(s). Failure to pay subsequent payments will be reviewed by the High Adventure Committee and the slot may be reassigned at the committee's discretion. Initial **deposits for High Adventure trips are non-refundable!** Subsequent payments towards that High Adventure trip may or may not be refunded based on specific circumstances including the enrollment of a suitable replacement. Parents having problems meeting dates should discuss the problem with one of the group leaders for special arrangements.
- b.) **Personal High Adventure Accounts**-An individual High Adventure account will be established when your scout enrolls for his first High Adventure trip. The account and funds belong to the troop, but can be used by the scout for High Adventure payments. This individual account is funded from the proceeds from Troop 629 High Adventure fund-raising events. Scouts are required to participate in all fund-raising events to receive their equally divided share of the proceeds. The leader in charge of that event will determine the level of participation and earned funds from that event. In addition, a scout may participate in High Adventure fund-raising events without being enrolled in a current High Adventure trip. Parents may request that the troop creates a personal account for their scout for future use and that his participation in fund-raisers be applied to their account. That earned balance can be carried forward until used or until the boy leaves scouting or the troop. Unused accrued funds will be returned to the troop at that time.
- c.) **Only scouts and trained adults are allowed on High Adventure trips**- High Adventure trips are designed for your boy to have an exciting, safe and unique experience in scouting. These events require much planning and training so that the scouts and adult leaders become physically and mentally prepared for their High Adventure trip. Therefore; parents, siblings or friends are not permitted to participate, or interact with the scout or adult leaders at or during a High Adventure trip with the exception of a family emergency. A minimum of two trained adults is required on every high adventure trip. Training requirements vary with each trip. Adults who have volunteered to go on the trip but do not complete the required training must find a suitable replacement. Additionally those adults have had to participated on regular outings ahead of the trip to ensure compatibility with the scouting program requirements. Scouts will be expected to participate in any pre-adventure training. Pre-adventure training is conducted to ensure team compatibility and preparedness for the rigors of the trip Participants are expected to attend all activities in preparation for the trip.

2. Fund Raising Events

- a.) **Parent Participation**-Parent participation is required to support and prepare your scout for his planned High Adventure trip. Prior to High Adventure trips, much preparation and training is required by scouts, adult leaders and parents. At least one parent of the High Adventure scout is expected to participate in one or more of the scheduled fund-raising events. Parents time and participation does not substitute, accrue time or provide any credit for the scout for fund raising events. The participating scout must participate as required equally with the other High Adventure scouts. The troop will provide opportunities for fund-raising events. Parents and scouts should feel free to present additional fund-raising ideas to the Committee.
- b.) **Scout Participation**-At any given High Adventure fund-raiser, a scout must perform all of the required duties stated by the High Adventure leader. Equity for every participating scout is essential when dividing the proceeds to their individual accounts. If a scout misses fund-raiser, no credit will be earned. If the scout arrives late or leaves early, partial credit will be considered. All decisions will be the responsibility of the adult in charge of the fund-raising event. Appeals can be made to the High Adventure Committee or Chairperson.

3. Active Participation-A scout is expected to be actively involved in other troop activities while preparing for any High Adventure activity. At no time should any scout be purely in the program for High Adventure alone as scouting is for developing youth into being good citizens. Maintaining progress on advancement in other troop outings, meetings and service projects is expected.

4. Discipline-The scout oath and law serves as a basis for all scout personal behavior issues. Failure to follow basic

rules and policies by any scout is grounds for immediate removal from the activity. All additional expenses required to transport a scout back home early because of discipline problems will be at the parent's expense.

5. **Uniform:** The official FULL scout uniform is expected to be worn during all travel portions of the outing while in the public view. This includes BSA shorts with socks or pants and could include a designated special T-shirt which all scouts and adults are to wear to show a "uniformed" unit. Exceptions are only allowed by the SM and is not left to the crew leaders decision.
6. **Passport:** Families are responsible to ensure each scout has a valid passport for the entire trip for those trips heading of the country at any time during an activity.
7. **Health Forms:** Only the specified BSA health form will be utilized and the indicate the participant is fully capable of handling all potential requirements for the trip and not subject the crew to decrease intensity expected for the full experience intended. The health form must be within a year of the entire activity dates to be valid.