

# TROOP 99

## *Parent Information Handbook*

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Quapaw Council

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## **WELCOME TO TROOP 99!**

Scouting is an adventure for a boy that is without equal in today's world of today. It is a splendid mixture of fun and excitement on one hand, education, achievement and leadership training on the other. The Scouting experience will stimulate the maturation process and nurture your son physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Your son will be forever changed in a very positive way.

Troop 99 is recognized and respected throughout the Mohawk District as a "model" troop with several distinctive characteristics: a Christ-centered atmosphere; a troop where boys lead; and a high percentage of Eagle Scouts. Over its relatively short history, Troop 99 has produced an impressive number of Eagle Scouts and has made a difference in the lives of hundreds of boys and young men.

We are an active troop; offering scouts a wide variety of opportunities for fun and adventure, personal achievement and advancement, and service and good will to our community, our nation and our world. We are proud of Scouting and we are proud of our troop.

We realize that scouting with Troop 99 is a new experience and you probably have many questions. That's why we created this Parent Information Handbook, which is yours to keep. In this handbook, we hope we have anticipated some of those questions and provide you with some answers. Undoubtedly, you will have other questions. Please feel free to contact the troop committee chairman, Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters or any Troop Committee member. If these leaders do not have the answer to your question, they will find the answer.

Please familiarize yourself with this resource. In fact, we encourage you to go over it with your son. Consider it the parental addendum to The Boy Scout Handbook, which is another excellent source of information for the parent of a Boy Scout.

Welcome to Troop 99! We wish you Good Scouting!

## SCOUTING – “99 STYLE” AND THE PARENTS’ ROLE

Scouting is for boys and in turn, scouting in Troop 99 is for boys. All of our programs and activities are for boys with two primary objectives: 1) to entertain; 2) to educate. In scouting, we entertain in great part so that we can educate. We then reinforce by recognizing and rewarding.

It is the goal of the troop committee and the Scoutmaster and his staff to offer to your son a good scouting program. Scouting is to be fun. It has to be. Therefore, we do the things that boys like to do. In fact, much of the troop activity planning is done by boys - for boys. We have games and fun activities at meetings and outings. We camp outdoors and the boys are able to participate in a lot of exciting and challenging activities.

“...Scouting is a game with a purpose...”

*Lord Baden-Powell  
Founder, Boy Scouts*

At the same time your son is doing the things he likes, we strive to teach him key values like responsibility, good citizenship, ethics, concern for others, concern for the world in which he lives and concern for himself - physically, mentally, spiritually... all through a Christian world-view.

The role of the parent is one of support, encouragement, motivation and involvement. There will be times when his interest level lags. He may even want to quit. **Such is normal.** That’s when you need to nudge him. Do whatever it takes, push a little or pull a little, walk behind him or walk beside him. Do everything but carry him. He will only appreciate his accomplishments if they are in fact, his accomplishments.

Show an interest in what your scout is doing. After each meeting or any scouting activity, ask your scout what he did. Ask him often, “**What’s next?**” and “**What do you need to do to be prepared?**” When his patrol leader or any leader calls, ask your scout about the call. Help him to remember to do what needs to be done. Encourage him. Ask him what he is doing toward his next rank, his next merit badge. When he is assigned a leadership position, ask him what he needs to do and then, help him remember to do it.

Your scout will need your help if he is to attain the greatest achievement in scouting - the rank of EAGLE. That is a lofty achievement. Nationally, 2% of boys who join scouting attain the rank of EAGLE. He will need lots of encouragement!

Be a cheerleader for your son. Revel in his accomplishments. Show to him your pride in him. Watch him go and watch him grow. Remember, if he is to do his part, you must do yours -- support, encourage, motivate and appreciate. Another word to consider -- participate. More about that... next!

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION AND PARENT TRAINING**

Participation. To many parents, just the word, “participation,” strikes fear and trembling.

Scouting to most parents is a new experience and as such, an unknown. Most of the time we avoid the unfamiliar. As a result, we avoid participating in scouting. And we miss out on some real memories with our sons.

Correspondingly, many fathers feel they have to be expert campers and know all there is to know about scouting, camping, conservation and nature and be able to tie at least twelve different knots in order to participate. Also, they feel they must own a wealth of camping equipment and at least a pickup truck or van.

That’s exactly how we all felt at the outset of our adult scouting experience. But we’ve learned those feelings are in error. Fact is the only camping equipment needed by fathers on routine troop campouts is personal gear – tent, sleeping bag, water bottle, mess kit (although our Patrol boxes have plates, cups, silverware when we take them), flashlight, toiletry items and usually food. All else will be furnished by the troop (tents for the boys, patrol boxes, cooking gear, etc.).

Another fact is that you learn just by involvement. You’ll be of immense benefit to your scout and the other scouts of the troop, and still have fun and fulfillment. Reading the Scout Handbook, keeping your ears and eyes open, observing experienced scout leaders, and asking questions of those experienced scout leaders will give you tremendous knowledge and insight.

To participate in camping opportunities with our boys, the Troop Committee highly recommends you attend YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING (usually one evening and offered several times each year by the Mohawk District). From there, if you like, the Quapaw Council offers opportunity after opportunity for training as adult scout leaders. One course, basic leader training, is offered twice annually. The course involves only a few sessions of classroom training, a couple of hours each, and then an overnight campout for further training and practical application.

Ask any troop committee member about training or for that matter, ask any question about scouting. You’ll find them anxious and willing to help.

If you do not participate, you will be depriving your son and yourself! Please, share in your son’s scouting experience. You will be glad you did.

## THE TROOP COMMITTEE

Character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness are the aims of Boy Scouting. These aims are achieved in a Boy Scout troop through the use of eight methods: The Ideals of Scouting, The Patrol Method, Advancement, Uniform, Outdoors, Leadership Development, Adult Male Association, and Personal Growth.

The Boy Scouts of America charters a community-based organization to operate a troop as a service to youth and to help meet the organization's own youth objectives. The troop committee is appointed by the head of the chartered organization to guarantee the achievement of its objectives and to support the effective operation of the troop.

The responsibilities of the troop committee are several: select a scoutmaster and assistants and help them get training, provide adequate meeting facilities; advise scoutmaster on policies relating to the program and the chartered organization; carry out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America; encourage leaders in carrying out the scouting program; be responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements; obtain, maintain and care properly for troop property; provide adequate camping and outdoor programs; ensure the presence of adult male leadership at all scouting function; and operate the troop in such a way as to ensure permanency.

The Troop 99 Bylaws covers in much more detail what Troop Committee Membership is about and that's why we've included the Bylaws in this handbook.

The troop committee functions by democratic process. Parliamentary procedure is utilized, but only to the extent necessary to maintain order, to allow full participation by everyone in attendance and to ensure that the objectives of the committee are met. No one need be intimidated by parliamentary procedure as exercised at meetings of the Troop 99 Committee.

The meeting is a business meeting and is open to all parents. Everyone in attendance may pose questions, raise issues and participate in discussions. However, voting privileges are limited to committee members. Attendance at these meetings is recommended in order to keep abreast of what is happening in the troop, and to have a voice in the planning and working of the troop. A wide base of input will assure a quality, well rounded scouting program.

The troop committee meets regularly throughout the scouting year with meetings scheduled in the Troop calendar and also communicated via email and face-to-face meetings. However, the meeting schedule is influenced by troop activities and troop needs. Our Troop Committee meeting place is at Covenant Presbyterian and the meetings usually coincide with Troop meetings. This is another way to PARTICIPATE. Call the committee chairman or any member for information about committee meetings.

## REGISTRATION AND DUES

Each member of the Boy Scouts of America must (after initial registration), re-register annually as part of the troop. This is done as a troop in January in a process known in Scouting as **re-chartering**. At that time we collect the membership fees for the Boy Scouts of America, subscription fees for Boy's Life, and membership dues for Troop 99. Adult leaders must also re-register. Often and when possible, Troop 99 covers the registration and re-registration fees of adult leaders. This decision is reviewed annually by the troop committee and is dependent on available funds.

Membership fees for the Boy Scouts of America and subscription fees for Boy's Life are, of course, established by the National Office and the publisher respectively. The dues for Troop 99 are established annually by the troop committee.

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ First Scout fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Subsequent Scout(s) fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Fee reduction assumes the household desires to receive only one edition of "Boys Life" magazine.

Scouts may join at any time of the year and the fees are then prorated. The troop treasurer will gladly answer questions about registration or re-registration fees and procedures, and will furnish the appropriate forms.

We do not want any boy to be excluded from scouting because of tight finances. Scholarships may be available so please contact any adult leader.

# TROOP 99 HISTORY AND TRADITIONS

Troop 99 has a rich history during which we have developed a number of “traditions” and “idiosyncrasies.”

We share in the scouting spirit of our sons by attending Scout Parent activities and functions.

We show patriotism and respect for the American Flag and the nation the flag represents by observing proper flag etiquette. The Scout Handbook will tell you all that you need to know.

Each mother will be furnished a “Mother’s Ribbon” by the troop committee. Mothers are encouraged to wear their ribbons at formal scout functions (i.e. Court of Honor).

When a Scout receiving a rank advancement at a Court of Honor does not have a father/mother combination in attendance, another troop parent will stand in. Parents should call the scoutmaster, the committee chairman or the advancement chairman to make appropriate arrangements.

We revel in the accomplishments of each and every scout in our troop family. We attempt to attend all Courts of Honor. Courts of Honor are supposed to be meaningful and memorable, and thus, the size of the audience is important. Also, unless absolutely necessary, we do not leave any Court of Honor until the Court is completed. We want to value all of our scouts!

## **SERVICE TO OUR SPONSOR – OUR OBLIGATION**

Each Boy Scout troop must have what is called a chartering or sponsoring institution. Troop 99 is proud to have Covenant Presbyterian Church as our chartering institution.

The church opens its doors graciously and selflessly for our meetings and other functions so that we can pursue adventures in scouting and the ethics of scouting. The church asks nothing in return. We attempt to show our gratitude to the church by reverence within the church and respect of the physical plant. Additionally, we have church services on our campouts and attempt in other ways to administer to the spiritual needs of our scouts. Troop 99 is a youth and outreach ministry of Covenant Presbyterian.

On a more tangible plane, Troop 99 attempts to show gratitude by participating in some maintenance of the church grounds several times per year. The church does not view this as an obligation, BUT TROOP 99 DOES.

We perform our maintenance work by patrols. Each scout is expected to participate with his patrol and this participation is taken into consideration for rank advancements as part of Scout Spirit. If each scout does his share, no one will be overworked. It's not fair when one scout shirks his share and other scouts have to cover.

Another opportunity to serve our Chartered Organization is to provide a "service patrol" for and attend Scout Sunday, typically the first Sunday in February. This is the day that Covenant Presbyterian Church "celebrates" Scouting.

# UNIFORM

The Boy Scout uniform makes all scouts just that, “uniform.” Competition between scouts should be on the basis of skills, not clothes. Scouts should view one another as peers, as friends, as equals. Designer jeans, or the lack thereof, should not mar that view. The uniform helps in self-esteem and it is essential that every scout have a full uniform.

## Class “A” Uniform

- Scout long pants (scout shorts with scout socks in summer)
- Scout belt
- Scout shirt with proper and appropriate patches and epaulets
- Neckerchief (official BSA or issued by the troop)
- Neckerchief slide
- Troop 99 cap or BSA cap (optional)
- Merit badge sash must be worn on all dress occasions including scoutmaster conferences, boards of review, courts of honor, school/community flag ceremonies, and at other times as designated. Merit badges and ONLY merit badges are to be worn of the front side of the merit badge sash. BSA allows merit badges to be worn on the sleeve of long sleeve BSA shirts as well.
- The Scout Handbook should be carried to all meetings as if a part of the uniform.
- Patches are to be positioned on the uniform in accordance with the specifications set forth in the Scout Handbook.

***Class “A” uniforms are worn the first troop meeting each month for inspection. They are also worn to Board of Review and to Court of Honor events. Class “A” uniforms may be required for certain events such as Merit Badge University or camping events such as Camporee. Patrol Leaders will always know this in advance.***

## Class “B” Uniform

- Scout shorts or pants
- Troop 99 t-shirt (or any scouting t-shirt)
- Scout socks
- Scout belt
- Troop 99 cap or BSA cap (optional)

Boy scout uniforms are excellent in quality. They are well made and made of durable materials. That’s the good news. The bad news, this quality is not cheap. WAIT! MORE GOOD NEWS – The Troop 99 Mother’s Council is working toward what we call the “Experienced Scout Clothes Box.” Many scouts outgrow their scout clothing long before they wear out the clothing. Articles of used or shall we say, “experienced” scout clothing are sometimes available at no cost. If your scout grows out of his class “A” or “B”, please donate them to the “Experienced Scout Clothes Box!” – PENDING.

# EQUIPMENT

One of the primary methods of Scouting is the Outdoor program. Your scout will be going on overnight campouts as part of his scouting adventure. Needs vary from campout to campout, but on a typical campout, the troop will furnish for your scout a tent, a ground cloth for the tent and cooking utensils for patrol or troop cooking. Your scout will need only personal camping gear along with a few other items for his safety and a reasonable level of comfort. The following is a list of the essentials.

- Good quality sleeping bag
- Rain gear or poncho
- Flashlight
- Eating utensils (fork, knife & spoon) {in patrol boxes}
- Non-breakable drinking cup {in patrol boxes}
- Cook kit {cooking gear in patrol boxes}
- Canteen or water bottle
- Good hiking boots (you might consider buying a little large to allow for growth). Also, a 2nd pair of roughhouse shoes to ensure dry feet. And remember, hiking boots should be “broken-in” for at least 30 days before a hiking campout.
- A carrying bag for camping equipment (consider a gym bag or duffel bag, or a backpack [if the latter, purchase a good quality one for the comfort of your scout]).

As mentioned, these are the essentials. When your scout has shown a high level of interest and involvement in camping, you may want to equip him more fully (BSA Handbook pages 224 – 227).

NOTE: Our troop is extremely interested in the environment. Therefore, we avoid “disposables” such as plastic eating utensils, Styrofoam cups and plates, etc. as much as possible. We stock our patrol boxes with washable and reusable utensils, cups and plates and in purchasing supplies; we try for those items that are biodegradable or recyclable. We are engaged in “low impact” camping in accordance to the LEAVE NO TRACE program (BSA Handbook page 244).

The principles of LEAVE NO TRACE are:

- 1) Plan ahead and prepare;
- 2) Travel and camp on durable surfaces;
- 3) Dispose of waste properly (pack it in, pack it out);
- 4) Leave what you find;
- 5) Minimize camping impacts (especially with fire);
- 6) Respect wildlife;
- 7) Be considerate of other visitors.

# TROOP MEETINGS

Troop 99 meets on Monday evenings at Covenant Presbyterian Church, Chenal Parkway in West Little Rock. We start at 7:00 p.m. and finish at approximately 8:30 p.m. Typically, our troop meetings follow this format and schedule:

- 7:00 p.m. Opening by designated patrol followed by announcements concerning activities for the evening.
- 7:10 p.m. Split into patrols or what is called 'Patrol Corners.' Here, the scouts make plans, discuss & conduct patrol business, and study.
- 7:45 p.m. Inter-patrol activity.
- 8:15 p.m. Circle up (announcements, information, recognitions).
- 8:25 p.m. Closing

Troop meetings abound with activities other than the above – Scoutmaster's Conferences, and boards of review, planning meetings and conferences with the advancement chairman for checking records, and recording rank advancements and other awards. With all of these activities, we need help from fathers at troop meetings. The investment of time is small and the dividends are great. Please come to meetings and be a part of the Scouting adventure.

REMINDER - No meetings on Holidays as shown on the Troop calendar.

# PATROLS

Scouting is famous for its utilization of the patrol method. Each scout is assigned to a patrol and each patrol has its own hierarchy of leadership so that each and every scout “belongs” and each and every scout has a job.

Patrols function independently in most ways. For example, the ideal troop camps by patrols on most overnights. Each patrol is responsible for making, maintaining and striking its own campsite. And each patrol is responsible for its meals. The patrol must plan the meals, purchase its foods, gather its firewood, sometimes build its own fire, cook its meals and clean up after the meals. Patrols have their own flags or and have their own patrol yells to provide for spirit, enthusiasm and constructive competition.

Patrol leaders are elected by their respective patrols for an approximate six-month term of office. Patrol leaders appoint their own assistant patrol leader, scribe and patrol chaplain. The patrol leader may also create within his patrol the number of jobs necessary so that each scout has a job. Patrols might also have quartermasters, yell leaders or spirit leaders, cooks, fire builders to name a few.

**“The ‘PLC’ is the BSA youth program’s ‘Board of Directors’**

In the patrol setting, scouts are taught to work together as a team. They learn that each job is important, that the whole is nothing more than the sum of its parts. Patrol members develop mutual respect and hopefully, friendships that will endure the test of time.

The Scout Handbook is an excellent source of information on the patrol method.

The Patrol Leaders Council or PLC is the “board of directors” for the Scouts. The PLC consists of the Senior Patrol Leader(s) and the Patrol Leaders and, in some cases, the Assistant Patrol leaders. If your boy is selected by his peers to lead, PLEASE encourage him to be a part of these meetings, usually monthly and 30 minutes prior to regular Troop meetings. The Senior Patrol Leader in collaboration with the Scoutmaster determines the length and meeting dates of the PLC.

## TROOP LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

The attached Bylaws detail these youth leadership positions as well but in the “ideal” troop, here are some of the positions and responsibilities of key roles:

*SENIOR PATROL LEADER (SPL)* - The senior patrol leader is the senior scout leader. He presides over the Patrol Leader Council (PLC), which is made up of all patrol leaders. The purpose of PLC meetings is to make plans for troop functions, coordinate activities and address and solve problems within the troop. The SPL presides over troop meetings and troop activities. The senior patrol leader is elected by the troop for a six-month term of office.

*ASSISTANT SENIOR PATROL LEADER (ASPL)* - The ASPL is the SPL pro tem and is appointed by the SPL for a six-month term. He presides and leads in the absence of the SPL. He sits on the PLC and performs duties within the troop at the request of the Scoutmaster and SPL.

*PATROL LEADER (PL)* - Patrol leaders preside over their patrols in patrol corners and at all patrol meetings and activities. He maintains order in the patrol and assigns patrol positions and duties. His fellow patrol members elect the patrol leader for a six-month term of office.

*TROOP SCRIBE* - The troop scribe takes the roll at troop meetings and activities. He handles troop correspondence and is responsible for taking the minutes at PLC meetings. His adult advisor is the Troop Committee Secretary. The troop scribe is appointed by the SPL with the advice and approval of the PLC for a term of office of six months.

*TROOP LIBRARIAN* - The troop librarian maintains the troop library of merit badge; books. He keeps the library current and reports deficiencies to the PLC. His adult advisor is the Troop Committee Quartermaster. The scribe is appointed by the SPL for a six-month term of office.

*TROOP QUARTERMASTER* - The quartermaster works closely with his adult advisor, the Troop Committee Quartermaster. The troop quartermaster is responsible for maintaining troop equipment. The equipment is to be inspected after use and stored neatly. If unclean, he is to coordinate and supervise cleaning by the patrol or other group that returned the equipment unclean. He is to inventory the troop equipment and to report deficiencies to the Troop Committee Quartermaster. The troop quartermaster is to determine the needs of patrol quartermasters for campouts and be sure that the needed equipment is available and in satisfactory condition. The quartermaster is appointed by the SPL for a six-month term of office.

*TROOP HISTORIAN* - The troop historian is the official photographer, recorder and chronicler for the troop. The historian, from time to time, takes, or causes to be taken, photographs of the troop during troop activities for the sake of posterity. He writes a summary of troop activities and highlights for the six months of his term of office. The historian is appointed by the SPL.

## **PATROL LEADERSHIP POSITIONS**

*TROOP YELL LEADER* - Spirit is an extremely important part of Scouting. Thus, the position of yell leader is extremely important. The yell leader encourages spirit by leading troop yells and causing the patrols to display their patrol yells and patrol flags. The senior patrol leader appoints the yell leader for a six-month term.

In the "ideal" BSA troop, leadership positions at the patrol level parallel the positions at troop level. In many ways, service in a patrol leadership position can help train for service in the parallel troop leadership position.

### *DEN CHIEFS*

The purpose of a den chief is to assist pack den leaders at Cub Scout den meetings, pack meetings and other pack functions. Scouts are eligible to become den chiefs if they receive the rank of 1st Class. Den chiefs should be scouts who are capable being good examples and good role models for the cubs they will serve. He should have strong leadership skills, and good scouting skills. He helps Cub Scouts to develop skills that will prepare them to become successful boy scouts.

Den chief patches are given by the troop while the den chief cord is presented to the den chief by the pack. The Den Chief Handbook lists the requirements for a special award available to den chiefs, the Den Chief Award. When the den chief has fulfilled the requirements, he receives a certificate from the pack and a Den Chief Service Award Cord from the troop.

# **RANK**

The purposes and goals of scouting are many. Among the most important of the goals are those of educating boys and young men, and imparting values to them. Learning is done best when there are incentives and awards. Thus, scouting has an extensive system of awards and recognitions. One of the foremost parts of the system is that of rank advancement. "Rank" reflects the accomplishments of the scout and by doing so, encourages the scout to accomplish even more. It is the Scoutmaster Corp's responsibility to present duly qualified boys for rank advancement to the Troop Committee.

The specific requirements of each rank are set forth quite clearly in the Scout Handbook. However, there are some terms about which you may have questions. A few frequently asked questions are...

## **What is a "Scoutmaster's Conference?"**

It is a time of agreement on the Scout's personal growth. A Scout or his parents may request a Scoutmaster's conference at anytime with any member of the Scoutmaster's Corp. When done as part of rank advancement, the two discuss the Scout's goals and progress as a scout. They reflect on accomplishments since the previous conference and discuss goals to be accomplished by the time of the next conference. They establish an agreement for growth in scouting. In the meeting, the two get to know each other better and hopefully, if there are any problems with the scout that might hinder his advancement or cause a loss of interest in scouting, these will come to light. Scouts should always dress in Class "A" uniform for Scoutmaster's Conferences, when the conference is being done as a part of rank advancement. A scout may request a Scoutmaster's Conference any time he has a problem, wants to check on something or just needs to talk. Parents may also request parent/scoutmaster conferences.

## **What is a "Board of Review?"**

In this, the scout vying for advancement appears before minimum of two adult scout leaders for a review. Ideally, these are members of the Troop Committee. The group is called a Board of Review. The board asks questions of the scout over information and issues covered in the specific requirements set forth in the Scout Handbook for the rank being sought, and over general scouting issues. Scouts should always dress in Class "A" uniform for a Board of Review. The final decision as to whether the scout advances in rank is made by the Board of Review members. There is a special review process for Eagle rank and this will be discussed later in this handbook.

Scout Appraisal Forms are used in our troop for promotion to Star and Life ranks. An educator, a religious leader and a parent must complete appraisal forms. These forms are available with the scoutmaster or advancement chairman.

# MERIT BADGES

Merit badges are part of the advancement program with certain merit badges and a certain number of “elective” merit badges being required for each of the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle. The merit badge program is meant to be both educational and fun. And it is. Merit badges are offered in a wide array of fields over a wide array of subjects. Surveys have shown that many adults who were scouts in their youth, chose careers in a field after having had their first exposure to the field in earning a merit badge. Many more adults who were scouts in their youth enjoy hobbies and recreational interests they first experienced in pursuing merit badges.

The merit badge program is to provide: 1) opportunities for Boy Scouts to plan and carry out projects toward their own growth and development; 2) opportunities for Scouts to learn about many subjects including Scout skills, career, hobby, cultural and service fields; 3) enough orientation in these fields to serve as a springboard for further exploration and to help a Scout discover his talents; 4) useful skills in many subjects leading toward capable, participating citizenship; 5) involvement in activities of interest to boys.

## *STEPS TO SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING A MERIT BADGE:*

1. The scout should secure a merit badge card (Application for Merit Badge) from either the Advancement chairman or the scoutmaster. In either case, the scoutmaster or an assistant scoutmaster or the advancement chairman must sign the card.
2. Obtain a merit badge booklet. Booklets on many subjects are available in the troop library and may be checked out via the troop librarian. Or booklets may be purchased at the Scout Shop at the council office or at most of the stores authorized to handle scout materials and equipment.
3. Read the requirements listed in the merit badge booklet. If any of those requirements state that prior approval from the merit badge counselor is necessary before undertaking those requirements, the scout should contact the counselor (see paragraph #5) and tell him or her of the desire to seek the merit badge and then request the necessary prior approval. It may be necessary to meet in person with the counselor to obtain the prior approval, or the counselor may tell the scout to proceed. NOTE: The scout should have another scout ~ with him (scout buddy system) or a parent at each meeting with the Merit Badge counselor.
4. Complete the requirements stated in the merit badge booklet.
5. Select a merit badge counselor. Ideally, a list of counselors is available through the advancement chairman and usually the scoutmaster. Check the list for counselors near your home for the sake of convenience. Call the counselor and make an appointment.

## **MERIT BADGES (continued)**

6. Be on time for the appointment. If the scout cannot keep the appointment, the scout should call as soon as possible to let the counselor know. Remember the counselor is a volunteer and is giving his or her time just to help young men in scouting. Wear the Class "A" uniform and look sharp. Organize and take all of the papers and materials that were completed at home. In so many words, "Be prepared!" Remember the magic words, "sir" or "ma'am," and by all means, "thank you." Courtesy goes a long way.

7. Obtain the completed card from the counselor. The counselor will sign the merit badge card in the appropriate places when the scout has completed the merit badge requirements. The card has three sections separated by perforations. One section (counselor's record) is for the counselor to keep for his or her records. Another section (applicant's record) is for the scout to keep as proof of completion of the merit badge until he receives the badge and the merit badge certificate (Customarily, the scout will receive the merit badge and certificate at the next Troop Court of Honor)~ The third section is retained by the advancement chairman as a means of verification that the application has been checked for completion and recorded into the Progress Record of the scout.

More on merit badges can be found in the BSA Handbook pages 285 – 193.

## COURTS OF HONOR

Courts of Honor are special events in our troop family. The key word is "honor." We gather as a troop family - scouts and scouters in Class "A" uniform, parents, brothers, and sisters, along with grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends, to "honor" those scouts who have advanced in rank or earned other recognitions in scouting such as merit badges. We "honor" by our presence, and obviously, the larger the attendance at Courts of Honor, the greater is the sense of achievement for those being recognized. A large audience emphasizes to those who are not being advanced that we, as a troop family, are committed to the advancement program and the enthusiasm of a large audience may well stimulate some of the less active scouts to a higher level of achievement.

At our Courts of Honor, we tell of the achievements of the scouts being recognized, and at the same time, we attempt to inspire and motivate the scout toward his next rank, his next merit badge. The job of the scout is not done until he wears the rank of Eagle. And even then, there is a job to be done.

Courts of Honor in Troop 99 are held three, or sometimes four times yearly and are published in the Troop calendar. Traditionally, one is held in September, January, and in May.

All scouts (including those knowing they will receive no awards) and parents should make every effort to be present at all Courts of Honor. This provides ample opportunity to bask in the accomplishments of each member of our troop family. Certainly a special effort should be made to be present when your scout is being recognized. If a parent is unable to attend the Court of Honor at which his or her scout is to be recognized, please notify the scoutmaster or committee chairman to make arrangements to have another parent stand in.

## **EAGLE RANK**

This is the pinnacle in scouting. Only two of every 100 boys entering the scouting program persist in scouting to earn the Eagle rank. The rank is one of prestige and the holder is marked as a member of an elite group. Listed on a resume', the rank of Eagle is a strong endorsement. Eagles are known to have qualities of leadership, citizenship, reverence, perseverance, dedication, loyalty, and on and on the list of superlatives and positives goes.

Achieving the Eagle rank should be the goal of each and every scout. The troop leaders of 99 will work diligently, tirelessly and faithfully with any scout to afford him the opportunity to achieve the rank of Eagle, BUT we will not give this rank away. To do so would diminish the significance of the Eagle rank to that boy and to all others who are Eagles or who someday will be. The scout must earn the rank and must deserve the rank. We want to be proud of Troop 99 Eagle Scouts.

As the scout approaches the final steps to Eagle, he should obtain an Eagle application packet from the scoutmaster. The packet contains vital and helpful points of information. It also contains reference forms, which must be completed.

The requirements for Eagle rank are set forth in the Scout Handbook. Certain requirements merit special mention. To qualify for the rank of Eagle, the boy while a Life Scout, must plan, develop and give leadership to others in a service project to a religious institution, school, or community. These projects must, of course, conform to the wishes and regulations of those for whom the project is undertaken. The scout must demonstrate his leadership by planning the work, organizing the needed personnel, and directing the project to its completion.

Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered, should not be and will not be considered. An Eagle service project should be of significant magnitude to be special. Total amount of time involved must be considerable and should represent the candidate's best possible effort.

In order to ensure that the service project for Eagle is noteworthy, the scout must secure the prior approval of his scoutmaster and his troop committee. The project must be reviewed and approved by the district or council advancement committee or the designee to make sure that it meets the stated standards for Eagle Scout service projects before the project is started. This pre-approval of the project does not mean that the Eagle board will accept the way the project was completed.

The Mohawk District Advancement Committee has assigned an Eagle advisor who will need to be consulted on and will ultimately approve the Eagle service project.

Upon completion of the project, a detailed report must be submitted with the Scout's Eagle application to include the following information: 1) what was the project? 2) How did it benefit others? 3) Who from the group benefiting from the project gave guidance? 4) Who helped carry out the project? 5) What materials were used and how were they acquired?

Although the project idea must be approved before work is begun, the Eagle board of review must determine if the project was successfully carried out. Questions that must be answered are: 1) did the candidate demonstrate leadership of others?

2) Did he indeed direct the project rather than do all of the works himself? 3) Was the project of real value to the religious institution, school, or community group? 4) Who from the group benefiting from the project may be contacted to verify the value of the project? 6) Did the project follow the plan or were modifications needed to bring it to its completion?

All the work on the project must be done while the candidate is a Life scout and before the candidate's 18th birthday, unless a time extension has been granted by the national Boy Scout Committee (rarely granted). The Eagle service project is an individual matter; therefore, two Eagle candidates may not receive credit for the same project.

As a candidate considers ideas for a project, he should determine: Is the project big enough, appropriate, and worth doing? For ideas and opportunities, the scout can consult people such as school administrators, religious leaders, local government department directors, or a United Way agency's personnel. The Quapaw area council's website posts possible local projects and the future Eagle should also inquire as the possible needs of our Chartered Organization, Covenant Presbyterian Church. The district advancement committee can be helpful by identifying possible projects. The candidate is encouraged to be creative and innovative, and to seek out his project in an area of personal concern and interest.

After the candidate has completed his service project and his report on the project along with all other Eagle requirements, he, the Eagle candidate will have a Scoutmaster's conference. He is subject in that conference to be asked to demonstrate scouting skills and may be questioned on any and all aspects of scouting. Sound tough? It is, but don't sell your kid short. By this time he has had scouting drilled and drilled into his being and scouting is a part of his life. If he has worked hard, he will do just fine.

When the scoutmaster has given his approval to the candidate, an Eagle board of review is convened. This board consists of the Eagle guest chairman and three members of the troop committee. The board will question the candidate at some length and then issue a recommendation. If their recommendation is favorable, the Eagle application is completed and sent to Quapaw Council Headquarters to be submitted to National Scout Headquarters for approval. When those papers are returned with approval from National Scout Headquarters, the candidate is eligible for his Eagle Court of Honor.

Eagle Courts of Honor in our troop are elaborate affairs. The Eagle rank is awarded, and the new Eagle Scout and his family are honored. The Eagle Court of Honor is a very special time in a young man's life as rightfully it should be in that the young man has achieved the highest goal in Scouting. Eagle Courts of Honor are tremendous incentives for scouts who have not yet achieved Eagle. The entire troop, parents included, is invited to participate. This is an event that no one in the troop family should miss.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** There is a mistaken mindset that an Eagle Scout is now done and his Scouting career is over. Nothing could be further from the truth. And although we realize there are growing demands on their time, they are perfectly positioned to pour all they've learned back into the younger Scouts. There are advancements earned "post-Eagle" that Troop 99 leadership are thrilled to award!

## **CAMPING**

Troop 99 conducts an overnight campout or some weekend event or activity every month during the year. Summer months are somewhat less active except for a few special events, summer camp planning and related experiences.

The types of overnight activities and themes vary from month to month relative to the plans established by the Patrol Leaders Council.

There are several non-variables to be kept in mind for weekend activities and campouts:

1. Scout uniforms must be worn to and from the activity (for insurance reasons). The Senior Patrol Leader will determine whether Class A or B uniforms are to be worn and when.
2. Be on time. Some campouts require significant travel. The troop will establish times to meet for each activity and a time to leave.
3. Bring enough money to cover previously discussed fees for camping and transportation (spending money, fast food, etc.) There may be fees payable for camping sites.
4. Bring the proper clothing and equipment.
5. Parents should be on time to pick up their scouts after the activity. The troop will establish for each activity as specific and as definite as possible a time for our return from the activity and as such, a time for parents to pick up their scout following the activity.
6. Medications. If the scout is on a medication, please let a troop leader know about the medication and send instructions.
7. If parents plan to be away from home the weekend of the activity, please let troop leaders know. If a problem should arise requiring cancellation of the campout and causing a premature return home, or an emergency such as an injury to the scout, we may need to contact the parent.
8. Troop 99 follows the 12th point of the Scout Law, "A Scout is Reverent." Working with the Troop Chaplain, the Chaplains Aides will develop a "Scouts Own Service" to offer on Sunday mornings when we are out on campouts.

Overnights are extremely important in Scouting. These teach skills for outdoor self-reliance, and also skills in working, playing and living together. Scouts learn to function as a team. They learn to follow, and they learn to lead with a spirit of cooperation and respect in either role.

## **CAMPING (continued)**

### ***What About The Weather?***

Usually we go, rain or shine. Adults are troubled by the weather a lot more than youngsters. Attitude makes the difference. And with a good attitude, fun can be had, rain or shine, and lessons can be learned, rain or shine. Equipment makes a difference also, and we do want our scouts prepared for the weather with the right equipment, rain or shine, hot or cold. However, there are times to stay home. If we feel that the weather conditions would make travel or camping unsafe or unbearable, we will cancel or adjust the schedule. Parents should use judgment in this regard also. If your scout already has the sniffles, and the weather is atrocious, camping in the great out of doors will do nothing but make him worse. Keep him home. There will be other campouts when he can go and have a good time.

### ***Troop Committee Recommendations for Patrol Cooking***

As mentioned previously, Troop 99 frequently does cooking by patrol. That is, each patrol decides its own menu, purchases its own food and does its own food preparation and cleanup. This makes for fun and is definitely educational. Unfortunately, patrol cooking costs money and there have sometimes been problems in collecting the money for food purchased by the patrol for campouts.

Consider the following (This is hypothetical, but the point of the scenario has been repeated again and again): A patrol has eight boys and the patrol leader asks how many are going on the upcoming overnight. All eight say that they are. The patrol plans their menu and either the patrol leader, the patrol quartermaster or some other designee, figures the portions and goes shopping for groceries. Food is purchased for eight scouts. The food bill comes to \$40, and the shopper for the patrol is out-of-pocket \$40. Each patrol member is asked to bring \$5 for food. However, at the overnight, only four scouts show up. Each of the four has brought \$5 for a total of \$20. There is a deficit of \$20 and the shopper for the patrol is out-of-pocket \$20. See the problem?

It is unfair to ask the four scouts at the campout for \$10 each to cover the \$40, even if you split up and distribute evenly the surplus groceries. That "split" is impossible most of the time anyway. How do you "split" the balance of a gallon of milk, a carton of eggs, a box of pancake mix, a package of bacon? It is also unfair for the shopper and his family to bear the burden of the \$20 deficit. It is not sufficient to think that the purchasing family will be able to consume the surplus food supplies and that is a satisfactory benefit to make up for their \$20. What parent will want to take home for consumption portions of foodstuffs opened by scouts out in the great outdoors? Think again of a partial gallon of milk, carton of eggs, box of pancake mix, package of bacon. Obviously, leftovers, albeit uncooked and unused, are not suitable or satisfactory to cover a monetary deficit after purchasing patrol foods. Thus, the following process is being suggested:

## **CAMPING (continued)**

Patrol leaders, or other scouts-in-charge, shall, at the troop meeting TWO WEEKS PRIOR to the scheduled campout, poll each of the members of the patrol as to whether each plans to attend the upcoming campout. Preferably, scouts will confirm their intentions via a sign-up sheet, which shall then serve as the list to be used to determine portions for food purchase. Any scout committing his signature to the sign-up sheet or stating orally his intentions in the presence of two or more scouts, shall be obligated to pay his share of the patrol grocery expenses unless notification of a change of intention is given prior to the purchase of groceries for the patrol. Extenuating circumstances shall be given due consideration in an appeals process, first, by the patrol; next, by the Patrol Leaders Council; and last, by the Troop 99 Committee.

Any scout who is unsure as to whether he will be able to attend the scheduled campout two weeks prior should, when asked about his attendance at the campout, give his answer in the negative. If, then, he finds he will be able to attend, the scout shall attempt to contact the scout responsible for purchasing the groceries and advise that he will attend the campout.

**IMPORTANT:** If groceries have already been purchased making it too late to simply purchase a larger quantity, the Scout shall purchase and bring to the campout his own groceries which shall, whenever possible, be an individual portion of each of the foods planned on the patrol menu. In this way, the scout will be able to participate in patrol cooking, rather than having to cook his own meals on his own. His portions can just be “added to the pot” so to speak.

**ADULT LEADER PORTIONS:** The typical patrol should bring food to serve 2 guests (adult leaders) at each meal. Adult leaders usually do not pay for food (because we have to eat it!). From time to time, Adult Leaders form the Papa Patrol and cook for themselves. This determination will be made two weeks prior to each campout so as not to interfere with Scout Patrol planning.

## **SCOUT CAMP**

Troop 99 attends Scout Camp each summer. We attend camp at Gus Blass Scout Reservation in Damascus, Arkansas and at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation in Osceola Missouri between Springfield and Kansas City.

This is one of those classic scouting events from which and of which great scouting memories are made. Seven to ten days in the great out of doors; days of learning and working on merit badges; days of laid-back camping; days of hiking and swimming and all of the things a boy likes to do; days that will never be forgotten.

Your son will miss a great experience in Scouting, if he misses Scout Camp.

The troop attempts each year to offer moneymaking projects to scouts to help them finance their way to Scout Camp. If these projects fall short and your scout needs additional money in order to attend camp, please contact the Committee Chairman. In cases of financial hardship, there are various grants, both full and partial, for camp fees. These are available through the troop and the Quapaw and Heart of America Councils and private sources in our own troop. No boy should be denied the adventure and pleasure of Scout Camp.

Adults also are required to attend scout camp. Meeting each reservation's "scout to parent" ratio (Two-Deep) is critical. Not meeting the ratio could mean a boy desiring to attend would not be able to go because there are not enough leaders. You may be called on to help!

## ORDER OF THE ARROW (OA)

Scouting offers many adventures for older members. The wisdom and experience of older Scouts can be an excellent role model for younger boys. The challenge is keeping older boys interested, challenged and engaged when so many “non-scouting” interests are demanding attention (perfume and gasoline).



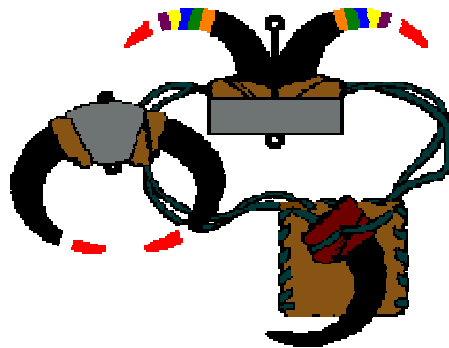
One of the programs created to engage older Scouts is the Order of the Arrow. OA is the Official Honor Camping Society of the BSA. The Boy Scout Handbook has more details.

The Quapaw Council of Arkansas has a very active OA program. Many of our older boys are members having been selected by their peers as one who best exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. The OA program is a youth-led program of BSA and it's basic function is to foster camping traditions.

Segue to Mic O Say: One of the basic functions of OA is to foster camping traditions. The Mic O Say program at Camp Bartle is a firmly established tradition .....

## TRIBE OF MIC-O-SAY

Another program for older Scouts is the Tribe of Mic-O-Say, an H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation honor camping program. This firmly established tradition, Mic-O-Say is based upon the intensification of the principles and ideas of Scouting. Offered as part of the Summer Camping program at H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation, this program offers dynamic programs that have through the years been extremely successful in keeping older Scouts involved. Exclusive to the Heart of America Council, Mic-O-Say's purpose is to provide recognition for boys who have demonstrated and proven their devotion to Scouting even beyond the extra mile. It is a boys program guided and inspired by adults.



Adult leaders are brought into the Tribe so that they may interpret and encourage the use and application of those principles in the lives of boys.

## **DISCIPLINE**

Troop 99 is privileged to have a group of boys and young men who believe in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. They have been taught in their homes the principles and necessities of good moral conduct and citizenship. Scouting is an extension of those teachings.

Still, boys will be boys, even when those boys are Boy Scouts. We recognize that. We appreciate that. We even tolerate that—within certain limits. But there are limits. We cannot and we will not allow the “good time” of one boy to ruin the good time of another boy or leader. We expect our scouts to follow the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and we expect scouts to respect the rights and property of others.

When minor problems arise, it is the duty of the Patrol Leaders and Senior Patrol Leader to handle those problems. If the problem is of a more serious nature, the Scoutmaster or another adult leader will intervene.

There are a few rules upon which we insist:

1. NO alcoholic beverages at any scouting event (by scouts or leaders).
2. NO illegal or illicit drugs or drug paraphernalia at any scouting event.
3. NO smoking by anyone at any scouting event. We encourage adults to abstain from tobacco consumption at scouting events. We are role models.
4. NO gambling.
5. NO fighting.

Infringement of these rules will result in immediate and effective action by the adult leader in charge.

Occasionally, situations arise which require discipline. Discipline, to Troop 99, is the training of scouts to act in accordance with rules. Decisions on discipline are left to the Scoutmaster and/or other adult leaders in attendance and charge. BE IT UNDERSTOOD, the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 99 have strict policies against any physical abuse or physical touching of a scout by a leader. Violations of that policy should be reported to the Scoutmaster, the Committee Chairman or some other authority or official at the earliest possible time after the violation.

# **Troop 99 Bylaws** *(adopted 2/10/03)*

## **Section 1 -- Organization and Charter**

1. Troop 99 is a Boy Scout Troop as defined by the Boy Scouts of America.
2. Troop 99 is chartered to Covenant Presbyterian Church by Quapaw Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America
3. Troop 99 is one of the Outreach Ministries of Covenant Presbyterian Church and is under authority of the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

## **Section 2 -- Definition and Rules for Bylaws**

1. These Bylaws serve to document several operating details and serve as a reference document for routine oversight and operations.
2. Adoption – The initial approval of these bylaws will be by action and recommendation of the troop committee and then approval by the Session. These Bylaws will take immediate effect upon Session approval.
3. Modification -- Once approved and in effect, modifications to the bylaws will require approval of the Session. When submitting a troop initiated proposal for change to the Session, a 2/3 majority vote of the troop committee is required.
4. Exception or Deviation -- Once approved and in effect, deviations from the bylaws will require approval of the Session. When submitting a troop initiated proposal for deviation to the Session, a 2/3 majority vote of the committee is required.

## **Section 3 -- Membership**

1. Youth – Youth members join by application on the standard Boy Scouts of America youth application form. Youth must pay the appropriate fees to the troop upon joining.
2. Adult -- Adult members are registered leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. All other adults are welcome as guests at troop meetings and troop committee meetings, but have no formal authority or membership status. Parents who are non-members do have approval to supplement registered leaders.

## **Section 4 -- Youth Leaders**

- 1) Elected Offices are
  - a) Senior Patrol Leader
  - b) Patrol Leader
    - i) Term -- Elected officers serve until the next election.
      - (1) Elections normally held in October and February.
      - (2) The actual date and frequency of election will be determined by the youth and adult leadership of the Troop. (For example a vacancy occurring in December could be filled by electing a replacement to both complete the remaining term and to serve the upcoming term in order to prevent extra organizational shuffling.)
      - (3) Exact transition timing for new officers is determined and announced during the election meeting.
      - (4) Temporary absences or vacancies are Handled by Appointment as needed.
    - ii) Term Limits
      - (1) Senior patrol leader – two terms (consecutive or otherwise)
      - (2) Patrol leader -- no limit (rotation of this position is recommended when multiple qualified candidates are available)
      - (3) Exception – Exception to the term limit rule can be made if other qualified candidates are not available to serve. These exceptions do require troop committee approval but are not considered Exceptions as stated in Section 2, i.e. They do NOT require Session approval.
    - iii) Election Process
      - (1) Qualified members are determined by the Scoutmaster and assistant Scoutmaster(s).
      - (2) Candidates for election are nominated by youth members.
      - (3) Election is by written ballot.

- (4) Counting of ballots and announcing results is conducted by adult leadership.
- c) Appointed offices are
- (1) Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
  - (2) Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
  - (3) Assistant Patrol Leader
  - (4) Quartermaster
  - (5) Scribe
  - (6) Historian
  - (7) Troop Guide
  - (8) Troop Instructor
  - (9) Chaplain Aid
  - (10) OA Representative
  - (11) Other as necessary.
- ii) Term -- Appointed Officers serve a term as determined by the length of term of the elected leader making the appointment. Appointments may be made as needed to replace officers who have moves, or are ill, or will be temporarily absent for a specified period of time.
- iii) Term Limits – There are no term limits for appointed offices.
- iv) Appointment Process
- (1) Junior assistant Scoutmaster appointments will be made by the Scoutmaster in consultation with the assistant Scoutmasters.
  - (2) Troop officer positions (Other than junior assistant Scoutmaster) will be appointed by the senior patrol leader in consultation with the Scoutmaster, assistant Scoutmasters, and existing junior assistant Scoutmasters.
  - (3) Patrol officers will be appointed by the patrol leader in consultation with troop leadership.

## **Section 5 -- Adult Leaders**

All leaders must meet the membership requirements established by the Boy Scouts of America and the chartered organization, Covenant Presbyterian Church.

- 1) The chartered organization representative will
  - a) be a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church
  - b) be the recognized head of the church's scouting program
  - c) be appointed by the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church

- d) serve as liaison between Covenant Presbyterian Church and Troop 99
- e) be the official Covenant Presbyterian Church representative on the district committee
- f) be the voting delegate at the local council's annual meeting

The representative may also

- g) serve the same role for all scouting units of Covenant Presbyterian Church e.g. Pack 99
- h) serve in a second leadership position within the Troop.

2) Troop committee

- a) Definition –The troop committee may be seen as a “board of directors” of a troop.
- b) Minimum Size -- The committee is composed of a minimum of three members, one of whom serves as Chairman. There is no maximum number of committee members serving at a given time.

c) Responsibilities:

- i) Select quality leaders for the troop (Subject to the requirements of the BSA and CPC as well as the approval of the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church.)
- ii) Develop community service projects
- iii) Arrange transportation for outings
- iv) Plan and assist in fund raising
- v) Provide for special needs and assistance for individual scouts
- vi) Serve on boards of review and courts of honor
- vii) Maintain records of troop finances and advancement
- viii) Assist in the charter renewal process
- ix) Help with the annual Friends of Scouting Campaign

d) Qualifications

- i) Parent (including Step Parents) or guardian of boys in the troop or a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church who is interested in youth programs  
All parents who are not on the scoutmaster team are encouraged to apply for committee membership.
- ii) Meets the membership requirements established by the Boy Scouts of America and by our chartered organization, Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- iii) A scoutmaster may not also serve as a member of the troop committee.
- e) Approval -- Approval by Covenant Presbyterian Church is signified by the applicant signing Covenant Presbyterian Church's statement of faith and the chartered organization representative's signature on the Boy Scouts of America application form.
- f) Term of Service -- All Committee Members serve in position for as long as they remain in active service to the troop and remain approved by the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- g) Chair -- The committee chair is appointed by the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church. The appointment will normally be based on the recommendation of the Troop

Committee. The appointed individual will ordinarily be a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

h) Scoutmaster Team

- i) Parents and other adult volunteers who are able to be active participants in Troop activities are encouraged to register as assistant Scoutmasters and to seek training and assigned duties within that role.
- ii) Approval by Covenant Presbyterian Church is signified by the Chartered Organization Representative's signature on the Boy Scouts of America application form.
- iii) Term of Service -- All scout leaders serve in position for as long as they remain in active service to the Troop and remain approved by the session of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

i) Scoutmaster

- i) The Scoutmaster is appointed by the Session of Covenant Presbyterian Church.
- ii) The scoutmaster appointment will normally be based on the recommendation of the troop committee.
- iii) The appointed individual will ordinarily be a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church.

## SECTION 6 -- CEREMONIES

- 1) Prohibition - The Masonic Lodge or any of its affiliate organizations may not participate or be represented in any manner in ceremonies conducted by Troop 99.

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