

Troop 626

Policy – Adult Participation and Fee Policy for non-Tomahawk and non-High Adventure Camp Outs

Philosophy: To establish and communicate the Troop's policy for determining the acceptable number of adults on any given campout, who can go on the campout, and to define those expenses incurred by the Troop for which adult participants are expected to pay on any given campout.

This policy is not meant to exclude guardians of Troop 626 scouts who wish to view their scouts participating on campouts. It is meant, rather, to communicate how Troop 626 intends to follow the established guidelines and policies of both the charter partner, St. Odilia Catholic Parish, and the Boy Scouts of America. If a guardian of a Troop 626 scout wishes to view their scout on a campout, and does not wish to fulfill the obligations detailed in the following sections, that guardian is encouraged to make arrangements with the Troop 626 Committee Chair.

Adult Camp Out Participation Policy

Section 1: Among other applicable policies, the Boy Scouts of America requires that the Troop must follow the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting and maintain "two deep" leadership at all times on all campouts. Adults other than registered Adult Troop Leaders can attend a Troop campout, but all participating adults must be familiar with applicable sections of the "Guide to Safe Scouting" - <http://www.northernstarsbsa.org/About/GuideToSafeScouting.asp>. All participating adults must have completed the BSA youth protection training and must have proof of this training on file with the Troop Committee Chair - All participating adults are expected to assist in ensuring these safety requirements are followed.

Section 2: All adults on a campout must have a current Class 2 Health Form on file with the Troop and, if required, a campout specific health form filed with the Troop. Adults other than registered Adult Troop Leaders do not need an annual physical completed with their health form on file with the troop. However, this may be a requirement of specific BSA camps that the troop attends.

Section 3: All adult participants on a campout are expected to be able to drive themselves, and assigned scouts, to and from the campout location according to

all applicable laws. Travel expenses such as mileage or fuel costs incurred will not be reimbursed by the Troop.

Section 4: The Troop desires to maintain an adult to scout ratio on campouts of 1 adult per 4 scouts. In the event the number of interested adults exceeds a desirable level, the Troop Camping Coordinator will determine the adults who will attend the camp out. Priority will be given in this order: applicable merit badge counselors, registered adult Troop leaders, other adults with expertise in the campout activity and other adults.

Section 5: All adults participating in a campout are expected to be active participants assisting in guiding and coaching the scouts and assisting in campout activities as may be requested by the Adult Trip Leader or Scoutmaster.

Adult Camp Out Expense Policy

Section 6: It is the Troop's goal to minimize the campout expense incurred by participating adults since they are expected to assist in campout transportation, and travel expenses will not be reimbursed.

Section 7: Each campout, with the exception of the Fall campout with the Webelos, is expected to break-even. The Troop operates under a targeted budget of \$20 for food per participant, and a targeted lodging/camp rental fee of \$7.50 per participant. Therefore, the scouts on a trip are covering a \$27.50 per adult cost as a part of the expense the scouts incur to participate in that adult supervised campout. If too many adults attend, the cost of a campout may be prohibitive for the scouts or the Troop loses money on the campout. If too few adults attend a campout the transportation, training and supervision resources are insufficient. Each campout is a balance of reasonable scout expense and transportation/training/supervision resources.

Section 8: The Troop Camping Coordinator sets the scout campout registration fee for a given campout and also determines if an adult registration fee is warranted. The Troop Camping Coordinator will determine whether or not an underlying expense required for a specific activity on a campout will be charged to participating adults. The adult registration fee may be limited to the cost of that activity expense only. The adult registration fee, if one applies, will be shown on the registration form.