

Troop 626 Communications Policy

It is the goal/intent of the Troop to follow the recommendations/procedures of the parish (our charter organization) as it relates to communications with parents. To that end we are adopting the parish policy as it relates to Joint Legal Custody (and related) Communications.

The parish recommends that the troop require any exceptions to the customary joint legal child custody be submitted to the troop in writing. If these situations exist the troop should require the parent to provide the troop with the proper legal documentation supporting these situations including any restraining orders if applicable. Verbal or written requests not supported by the appropriate legal documentation would not be accepted. The troop should be completing two mailings in cases where the customary joint legal child custody applies. This is done in an attempt to not limit communication between parents and children. In situations where joint legal child custody does not exist, scout communications should be limited to the appropriate custodial parents.

The troop should also keep a list of these situations on file. This list should be distributed to adult leaders to advise them of any limitations on the distribution of information.

The parish also recommended that our registration forms ask for the name of anyone who is prohibited from picking up the child in our program and the relationship that person has with the child. If anyone is listed on the registration form the troop should obtain the appropriate legal documents to verify the restriction if it involves a legal parent. If there is a restraining order or other restriction on the physical custody of a scout, that information should be shared with the adult leadership so as to properly advise them of any limitations on the adult pickup of scouts.

NOTE: This will be done annually as part of the scout re-charter and webelo scout transition process.

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