



Troop 337 Scout Agreement

Welcome Troop 337 Scouts!

You are now a part of a high adventure Troop with a great purpose and with high expectations of Scouts as well as Adult Leaders. This is what makes our Troop stand out from the rest! The following outlines those expectations:

- **UNIFORM** – Class-A Uniforms are to be worn at all Troop meetings and events. For campouts, Class-A Uniforms must be worn on travel and at ceremonies, all other times the Class-B Uniforms may be worn. Class-A Uniform is dress shirt, pants or shorts, and socks. Class-B Uniform is Troop T-Shirt, pants or shorts, and socks. Close toed shoes are required at all times.
- **ATTENDANCE** – Scouts are expected to attend all Troop meetings and campouts. If there is a pre-existing, direct schedule conflict, or an unexpected conflict of an important event, Scouts are to contact both their Patrol leader, and the Scoutmaster well in advance to let them know which event they will miss, and to let them know the reason why. Scouts are asked to attend all Troop Fundraisers, Service projects, and other Troop events, as possible.
- **BOOKS, NOTEBOOKS & DUES** – Both Scout Books and Troop Notebooks with pen should be maintained and brought to every Troop Meeting. At the meetings, Scouts are expected to take notes about upcoming events, and things to do at home, and to share these with their families when they get home. Scouts should earn their own dues at home and are responsible for turning in their own dues (or request to take from Scout account) to their Patrol Leader during the Patrol Meeting portion of the Troop Meeting. Dues handling is boy run.
- **RANK ADVANCEMENT** – Scouts may work at their own pace, but are encouraged to obtain First Class within the first year, and continue on to Eagle. Scouts are responsible to get their own achievements signed off by approved Scouts, or the Scoutmaster or one of his Assistants. As a Scout nears rank completion, they should make an appointment with the Scoutmaster for a Rank Scoutmaster's conference. After this conference, they should make an appointment with the adult Advancement Chair for a Board of Review, at which time the Advancement Chair will log the Scout's achievements in the Troop records. In order to be recognized at a Court of Honor, all records must be updated with the Advancement Chair at least two weeks prior. One week prior to the Court of Honor, the advancement chair will send out a list of awards for the Scouts to review.
- **MERIT BADGES** – Scouts must always obtain a Blue Card, and have it signed by the Scoutmaster prior to starting any Merit Badge. The only exception is for Summer Camp classes. Blue cards may be obtained from the adult Advancement Chair. Scouts may find their own counselor from within or outside of the Troop (registered counselors only), take classes at Summer Camps, Merit Badge University or elsewhere. Additionally, classes will be offered by Troop 337 counselors and will be held outside of the Troop Meeting.



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- OUTINGS & EVENTS** –Scouts are responsible for reading event pages on the Troop website as they are posted, and following all instructions. They are expected to print and bring in information sheets, parent permission forms, and payments by the posted deadlines. Sometimes there is a need to print trail maps, or other materials as indicated on the event page. This process is to be done by the Scout, under the supervision and guidance of the parent.
- COMMUNICATION** – Troop 337’s primary means of communication is ONLINE. Scouts are expected to check for Troop, PLC, and Patrol emails at least twice per week, and are expected to visit the Troop website often for updates & announcements. Scouts needing help with online access should inform the Troop Webmaster (scout position), who will set up a training session for the Scout.
- PHYSICALLY STRONG** – Since Troop 337 is focused on high adventure, most of Troop 337’s outings will be physically demanding. Events may include extended hikes, swims, climbs, canoe treks, and physical labor. Scouts are expected to keep themselves physically strong as the Scout Law states. This way they can safely and happily participate in all Troop events.
- BEHAVIOR** – Scouts are expected to follow the Scout Law at all times, to treat other Scouts and Leaders with respect, and to be non-disruptive at all Scout meetings. If a Scout has a persistent behavioral problem: On first offense, he will be warned and parents will be notified, on second offense we will hold a conference with the parent(s), and on the third offense we will hold committee board of review which will result in a corrective action.
- PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY** – A big part of Scouting is learning independence. Scouts are expected to take personal responsibility for their own Scout careers, not parents or Adult Leaders. This means that Scouts are expected to accomplish all of the above responsibilities without having adults or other Scouts do it for them. This goes for at-home duties as well. For instance, a Scout responsible for shopping must actually do the shopping, or have an older scout meet him to show him how.
- LEADERSHIP** - As a member of Troop 337, you will grow in your ability to lead others. As Scouts gain experience, they are expected to take on leadership roles at the Patrol level, and eventually at the troop level. The ultimate test of your leadership ability will be your Eagle Service Project!

As a member of Troop 337, I _____ understand and agree to the eleven expectations outlined above, and will read the Troop Program Guide.

Scout Signature

Date

Scoutmaster Signature

Date

Parent Signature

Date