

Troop 80 Participation Guidelines

The leaders and Scouts of Troop 80 endeavor to have the best Scouting program possible. With that intention in mind, the following participation guidelines and behavior standards have been developed and approved by the Patrol Leaders Council and the Troop Committee.

1. Scouts in Troop 80 are expected to participate in 60% of official Troop 80 activities or meetings over a three-month period. There will be three 3-month periods in one year: September-November, January-March, and April-June. July, August, and December will not be counted for attendance requirements, although scouts are encouraged to attend activities during these months.
2. The senior Scouts (First Class and above) are important members of the troop. They serve the troop and develop their leadership skills by actively serving in positions of responsibility and teaching the junior Scouts. The continued advancement of the senior Scouts depends upon their active service in their leadership roles as well as their participation in 60% of official troop activities over a 3-month period as outlined in #1 above. Failure to do so by a senior Scout will result in a two-month rank advancement ineligibility.
3. The junior Scouts (under First Class) must bring their Scouting Handbook to every meeting or camping activity.
4. Conduct at scouting activities, the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan, and the Outdoor Code are the standards for Troop 80. Behavior unbecoming a Scout will not be tolerated at any troop functions.
 - a. Fighting, hazing, and the use or possession of tobacco, alcohol, or illicit drugs are not permitted. Such behavior will result in immediate dismissal from the troop function and notification of the Scout's parents or guardian.
 - b. Swearing and lewd behavior are not tolerated at troop activities. A Scout will be dismissed from the activity if such behavior persists after one warning, and the Scout's parents or guardian will be notified.
5. Troop activities are designed for the Scouts to have fun while learning new skills, sharing of friendship, and developing an appreciation for the outdoors. Certain items distract from these activity goals. Items such as slingshots, sheath knives, fireworks, aerosol cans, and electronic equipment (including, but not limited to, electronic games, cell phones, music-playing devices, DVD players, computers, TVs, etc.) are not permitted at troop functions. Electronic items are allowed in vehicles enroute to activities and must be held by a leader or kept in the vehicle at all times. There will be no use of the electronics during an activity. Inappropriate items will be confiscated until the end of the activity.
6. All Scouts are expected to attend activities with an attitude of cooperation and a willingness to share responsibilities. This is Scout Spirit, which is a requirement for advancement.
7. All Scouts must properly wear the appropriate uniform at ALL troop functions unless otherwise advised. Class A uniforms are to be worn at all meetings, unless otherwise specified. For outings, the uniform that is to be worn will be specified. The purpose of wearing the Scout uniform is to foster Scouting Spirit and to recognize members of Troop 80.
 - a. Class A (Field) uniform is a Scout shirt with all required patches, Scout pants/shorts **or** dark green dress slacks, Scout belt, Scout socks, and Scout neckerchief or Scout bolo.
 - b. Class B (Activity) uniform is the red, Troop 80 T-shirt, and neat pants/shorts.
 - c. Camouflage clothing is **NOT** permissible for any scouting functions.
 - d. If a scout wears a hat at a meeting, the hat must be a Boy Scout hat.

Repeated noncompliance may warrant a two-month rank advancement ineligibility.

8. The disciplinary action outlined within these guidelines can be applied by any adult leader. Any disciplinary matter may be referred to the Patrol Leader Council, sitting as a Troop court, at the discretion of the acting Scoutmaster.

I have read the above and as a Scout agree to follow these guidelines and behavior standards.

Scout's Name (Print)

Parent/Guardian Signature

Scout's Signature

Date