

B.S.A. TROOP 271

High Adventure Policies

Purpose

High-adventure trips can be a terrific way to accomplish many of the objectives of the Boy Scouts of America, such as developing leadership, character and outdoor skills. Troop 271 high-adventure trips will be designed primarily to achieve these objectives and should provide incentives for our older scouts to stay active in the troop.

Approval

- a. The troop committee must approve all high-adventure trips before:
 - reservations are made,
 - the trip is announced to the scouts,
 - any money is committed.
- b. For each proposed trip the committee must be informed of:
 - The approximate dates of the trip,
 - A general description of the program,
 - Approximate cost,
 - Estimated size of the group (scouts and adults).
- a. The committee will establish the participation requirements for each trip.

Youth Participation

- a. Participation in a high-adventure trip is a privilege, not a right.
- b. To participate, scouts must meet the criteria established by the committee.
- c. In addition to those requirements, scouts must have demonstrated that they are ready to participate in the event. They must have demonstrated sufficient physical ability, emotional maturity and teamwork ability for the activities of the trip.
- d. The fulfillment of these requirements, and ultimately the participation of each scout, shall be at the judgment and discretion of the **adult leaders** of the trip.

Adult Leadership

Adults who attend T-271 high-adventure trips will:

- Be currently registered as adult leaders with the Boy Scouts of America,
- Have completed Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Training, including Outdoor Leader Skills or the equivalent, and Youth Protection Training,
- Have CPR certification and Basic First Aid training or the equivalent,

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- Have demonstrated that they are in sufficient physical condition for the requirements of the trip.

Parental Notifications

- Parents or guardians of participating scouts shall receive written information regarding:
 - The trip program, including travel plans and activities, so that they can understand the potential risks and hazards involved,
 - The fees involved with the trip, payment schedule and the refund policy,
 - T-271's youth participation requirements, as described above.
- Parents or guardians of participating scouts will be required to sign permission slips that include:
 - A waiver of claims against Troop 271, participating adults, and the Boy Scouts of America.
 - An acknowledgment of their understanding of the inherent risks involved with the trip, the youth requirements, and the acceptance of the decisions of the adult leaders.

Financial Policies

- T-271 high-adventure trips should be financially self-supporting, i.e. no troop funds should be required.
 - The troop may advance money for the trip (camp deposits, travel deposits, etc.) but the participants are to repay the troop within two months of this advance.
 - Individual scouts seeking financial assistance may talk to the Scoutmaster regarding camperships.
 - The nature of high-adventure trip costs (such as camp fees and transportation expenses) often do not allow for refunds. Refund policies are to be provided in writing to participants.
 - Fundraisers are encouraged, and must follow BSA and Detroit Area Council guidelines.
 - All money will be handled by a participating adult with the assistance of a scout. A full financial report will be submitted to the Treasurer through the troop committee.

BSA Policies

T-271 high-adventure trips will follow all relevant BSA policies, including:

- Filing of proper tour permits,
- Rules regarding use of alcohol and tobacco,

- Water-safety rules, such as safe-swim defense and safety afloat,
- Rock climbing and firearms safety,
- Limits on the number of daily driving hours.

Troop 271

Policies for the High-Adventure Patrol

Definition

A patrol of scouts with similar interests in high-adventure {H.A.}activities.

Organization

This patrol will be a sub-set of Troop 271 and subject to all of the troop's rules, regulations and decisions without exception. All *H.A.* scouts are expected to participate equally under the guidance of the *H. A.* Patrol Leader, his assistant, and the *H.A.* Patrol Advisor(s). Each *H.A.* member will also remain a member of his current patrol and will participate in troop activities with them unless called out for special *H.A.* events. A scout holding a leadership position within the *H.A.* patrol may not hold any other troop leadership position.

Membership

To be eligible a scout must achieve:

- a) AGE
 - Be at least 13 years old
- b) RANK
 - Achieved at least a First Class Scout rank
- c) MERIT BADGES
 - First aid
 - Camping
- d) LEADERSHIP

- Have held a troop leadership position within the last 18 months.

e) EXPERIENCE

- Attended at least one long term (3 nights or more) campout in the last 24 months or,

- Satisfactorily completed an outing as a guest participant with the *H.A.* patrol.
- "Satisfactory completion": A determination made by the adult leaders on the outing.
- "Guest": A scout meeting all other joining requirements (a,b,c,d,f).

f. PAPER WORK

- Current (within the last 12 months) class 3 (high-adventure) physical evaluation,
 - Talent release form,
 - Copy of current medical and dental insurance cards,
 - Release of liability.

Activities

This patrol is designed to allow each scout to maximize his scouting career. All patrol members are encouraged to bring forward any ideas for activities that they may wish to do. These may include activities and destinations not available at monthly campouts or summer camp. An activity may last a few hours or several weeks and require a high degree of youth leadership.

The *H.A.* patrol will be canvassed to determine if the patrol desires to pursue the activity. If so, the Patrol Leader will assign patrol members to committees which will assist with planning the activity.

If the activity is not chosen by the *H.A.* patrol, the scout may still choose to participate in the activity. This will be allowed as long as all scouting rules are followed. The scout will be mentored by the Patrol Advisor and assisted by the Patrol Leader in putting together the desired activity.

- An example of this would be an individual scout participating with another troop in that troop's high-adventure activity.

The scouts in the *H.A.* patrol are expected to organize their own activities –UNDER THE GUIDANCE- of the Patrol Leader and Advisor(s).

Participation

Each year, the scouts of the H.A. patrol will be required to perform a minimum of six hours of community service. These hours can be accomplished with the H.A. patrol or as individuals. These hours will be tracked by the patrol leader or his assistant, and may be used as a criteria for activity participation. Service hours earned for other scouting requirements may be used to meet this requirement also.

An eligible scout is not required to join the high-adventure patrol. This patrol is for those scouts who wish to do something beyond the normal troop activities.

Any scout that joins the *H.A.* patrol but does not actively participate will be removed from the *H.A.* patrol or suspended from H.A. activities at the discretion of the troop committee.

Any H.A. member that participates only in *H.A.* activities and does not participate in Troop activities will be removed from the *H.A.* patrol or suspended from H.A. activities at the discretion of the troop committee.

A scout may petition the troop committee for reinstatement into the H.A. patrol.

Any scout that does not meet the joining criteria may petition the troop committee for special consideration for admittance into the patrol.

Permission Slip

_____ has permission to participate in Troop 271's high-adventure patrol.

Release of Liability _____ (initials)

I expressly waive all claims against the Boy Scouts, Troop 271, and any adult leaders or volunteers, voluntarily and without inducement in connection with the activities of the high-adventure patrol.

Medical Release _____ (initials)

With respect to my son's personal care and in consideration of benefits to be derived, as my agent, any adult scout leaders, local and national councils, or their representatives, shall have the power to make each and every judgment necessary for the proper and adequate care of my son. I expressly waive all claims against the Boy Scouts, Troop 271, and any adult leaders or volunteers, voluntarily and without inducement in connection with the activities of the high-adventure patrol. You have my medical authorization for his medical care as hereby consented to or implied due to an emergency medical condition. My son's medical condition is good unless noted otherwise below.

I understand that as a member of the high-adventure patrol, my son is to be examined by his doctor yearly and is required to turn in a completed class 3 (high-adventure) physical to the Patrol Advisor. Failure to do so may result in his removal from the patrol.

I also understand that the nature of some high-adventure activities may require certain physical abilities or have certain restrictions that may limit my son's participation. I agree to abide by the decision of Troop 271 as to the participation requirements of the high-adventure activities. I acknowledge that I am encouraged to attend all Troop 271 committee meetings to express any concerns I may have and to offer my input.

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Current Medication _____ Allergies _____

Talent Release _____ (initials)

I hereby assign and grant to the Boy Scouts of America the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made while a member of Troop 271 by the Boy Scouts of America, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America from any and all liability from such use and publication.

I hereby authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage and/or distribution of said photographs/film/video tapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the Boy Scouts of America and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

Emergency Contacts

Scout's Home Phone _____

Primary Emergency Contact Alternate Emergency Contact Additional Emergency Contact

Name _____ Name _____ Name _____

Phone _____ Phone _____ Phone _____

Phone _____ Phone _____ Phone _____

Relationship _____ Relationship _____ Relationship _____

Scout Signature _____ Printed Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ City _____
Zip _____

Parent or

Guardian Signature _____ Printed Name _____
Date _____

Daytime Phone _____ Evening Phone _____ Other Phone _____

E-mail _____