

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

**TROOP 824 BY-LAWS**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

In addition to subscribing to the Charter of the Boy Scouts of America, Boy Scout Troop 824 shall be guided by the following troop by-laws of operation and conduct toward the development of character, citizenship, and fitness of each member Scout. New Scouts and scouting parents presenting themselves for membership in Troop 824 shall be given a copy of these by-laws for their personal knowledge prior to concluding membership application.

## **ORGANIZATION**

A Troop Committee of scouting parents shall administer Troop 824. All parents of Scouts in Troop 824 are members of this Troop Committee, which is also referred to as the Parents Committee. The Troop Committee shall attend to the selection and support of the Scoutmaster and the provisions for a sound scouting program as set forth in the Troop Committee Guidebook by the Boy Scouts of America. The Troop Committee shall meet at least once per month to review the past month's activities and ensure that provisions are in place for upcoming activities. Minutes from these committee meetings shall be produced and distributed in a timely manner and must be approved at the next committee meeting.

## **PARENT PARTICIPATION**

Scouting parents of scouts accepted into membership in Troop 824 will be expected to offer their services in any of a variety of helping roles that may be needed and, from time to time, will be requested by the Troop Committee.

## **PROGRAM**

There shall be provision for the annual formation of a calendar of Troop activities, which shall run from September through August. Beginning in June, the Scout membership shall submit their thoughts and ideas for Troop activities in the coming year, by Patrols, through the Patrol Leadership

Council (PLC) to the Scoutmaster, who shall present this annual schedule of Troop activities to the Troop Committee for approval, organization, and provisions.

The Patrol Leadership Council comprised of the Senior Patrol Leader (and/or his assistant), the Patrol Leaders (and/or their assistants), the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster(s), if any, and the Troop Guide(s), if any, shall arrange to meet monthly to briefly critique the past month s meetings and activities, and to organize the next month s meetings and activities in keeping with activities guides and the Troop calendar.

### **SCOUT PARTICIPATION - ADVANCEMENT**

Scouts gaining membership in Troop 824 shall be expected to actively participate in the spirit of the scouting program by reasonable attendance to scheduled troop meetings and outdoor activities, and by pursuing a reasonable schedule of personal advancement and service as herein suggested:

<u>Advancement Level</u>	<u>Service Area</u>	<u>Membership Period</u> (after last advancement)
New Scout to Scout		Within 3rd Month
Scout to Tenderfoot		3 - 4 Months
Tenderfoot to Second Class		3 - 5 Months
Second Class to First Class		4 - 6 Months
First Class to Star	Lib/Scribe/QM/DC/APL	12 - 15 Months
Star to Life	APL/PL/TLC	12 - 15 Months
Life to Eagle	TLC	2 or more Years

All Scouts shall be encouraged to obtain and wear the approved scout uniform to all appropriate scouting functions.

## SCOUT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

Advancement through service is encouraged as a scout grows and develops leadership potential. Specific requirements attend the key leadership positions. A term is for a six-month duration.

<u>Key Leadership Position</u>	<u>Requirements</u>
Assistant Patrol Leader (APL): [six month term]	At least twelve years of age; A minimum of one year in scouting; Rank of First Class rank or higher; Attended at least one summer camp
Patrol Leader (PL): [six month term]	At least thirteen years of age; A minimum of two years in scouting; Rank of Star or higher; Attended at least two summer camps; Successfully completed Junior Leadership Training(JLTC)
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL): [six month term]	At least fifteen years of age; A minimum of three years in scouting; Rank of Star or higher; Attended at least three summer camps; Successfully completed JLTC; Patrol Leader for at least three terms; Troop Guide for at least one term
Senior Patrol Leader (SPL): [six month term]	At least fifteen years of age; A minimum of four years in scouting; Rank of Life or higher; Attended at least four summer camps; Successfully completed JLTC; Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, and/or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader for at least four terms
Troop Guide (TG):	Patrol Leader for at least three terms; A minimum of one term as Patrol Leader at summer camp; As Patrol Leader, attend all patrol method outings including Camporee, PACAO, summer camp, August Advancement camp, and Webelos Cabin Campout, unless a Scoutmaster approved excuse is given.
Junior Assistant Scoutmaster (JASM):	SPL for at least two terms, or SPL for one term and the rank of Eagle

A Troop Leadership Corps (TLC) consisting of those scouts who are senior in rank and experience, and serving in the position of SPL, ASPL, TG, or JASM shall assist the Scoutmaster and provide advisory service in scouting skills to the patrols.

Prior to leadership nominations for the February and the August elections for Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders (or special election when necessary), candidates shall be approved by a Troop Committee Board including the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and at least one other committee member. Warranted exceptions to the suggested schedule of advancement and leadership requirements must be approved by the Troop Committee or Troop Committee Board as noted above.

## **DISCIPLINE**

The Scout Oath and Law shall guide Troop 824. Scouts presenting significant or repeated behavioral problems that cannot be resolved with the counsel of boy or adult leadership shall be referred to their parent(s) for removal from the activity at hand, and later consultation between parent(s) and adult leadership representative(s). Three such occasions can be cause to release a scout from membership in Troop 824.

Upon joining Troop 824 and annually thereafter, each Scout in Troop 824 must complete, sign, and submit the following forms:

- Boy Scout Troop 824 Rules of Conduct
- Medical and Insurance Information/Permission for Treatment

The Scoutmaster or designated adult leader must have a copy of these forms at all Troop 824 activities.

## **SCOUT S'LONG TERM ACCOUNT**

The Troop treasurer shall establish and maintain a long term camping ' account, for each Scout, within the Troop s'checking account. Money earned

by each Scout through qualified Troop sanctioned fund-raisers will be credited to the Scout's account.

The Scout may use money in this account to pay for fees associated with the long term Scouting-type of activities. These activities include, but are not limited to, summer camp, JLTC, National Jamboree, Shiloh, etc. The Troop Committee will designate whether or not an activity qualifies as a Scouting activity for funding from this type of account. At no time, will the Scout be given cash from his account.

When a Scout leaves Troop 824, for any reason, all money in that Scout's account will be transferred to the general Troop fund.

## **TROOP FUNDING**

Adequate funding is required to allow for the Troop Committee to provision approved Troop activities.

Troop funding is accomplished by an assessment to each Scout. The assessment amount and due date will be determined and approved by a majority of two-thirds of the Troop Committee membership in attendance at a meeting previously announced to include this purpose.

Whenever the Treasurer or Committee Chairman detects that the current Troop funds are approaching a level that will prevent the Troop Committee from provisioning approved Troop activities; a discussion for assessment will be placed on the agenda at the next scheduled Troop Committee meeting.

The assessment fee can be paid from the Scout's long term account

A Scout will not be charged the Troop assessment fee during the registration year in which he reaches his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

## **PROVISIONS FOR ADMENDMENT**

Questions or concerns relative to troop by-laws, or aspect of troop functioning are welcome for review at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Troop Committee, normally the third Thursday of each month.

Amendments to these troop by-laws shall be provided for by discussion and approval by a majority of two-thirds of the Troop Committee membership in attendance at a meeting previously announced to include this purpose.