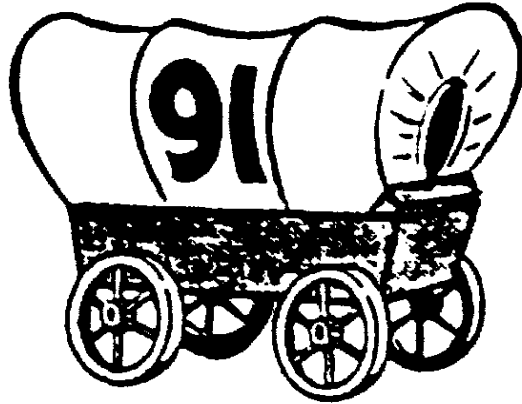


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# **The Trailblazer**

## A Guide to Troop 91

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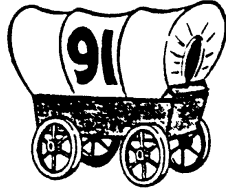
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### **WELCOME!**

Welcome to the 2006-07 edition of The Trailblazer, Troop 91's guide to scouting for all scouts and their families. Our youth leadership, under the guidance of new Scoutmaster Tom Pistorius, has set our program calendar and we look forward to an exciting year. This guide, along with the Troop's web site, is your ongoing resource for the information you need.

This year, all the components of the Trailblazer are being made available through the web site or e-mail so we can update the information as needed. As a matter of policy to protect the privacy of our boys and adults, the various lists of scouts and adults will be distributed through e-mail or in print, and will not be accessible from the web site. The remaining components of the Trailblazer will reside on the web site and we'll let you know when new information is available there.

Our focus again this year remains the same: a scout-led troop. When you have a question about a scouting event, I urge you to **contact your Patrol Leader first!** With scouts leading the effort, they can grow and develop into responsible and contributing members of our community. By allowing the boys to set the agenda, we can be assured our activities will be exciting and fun.

Parents, we have a few adult leader positions and responsibilities that still are in need of volunteers. Please contact me if you can help us out in any role and consider how you might become involved. Your participation is always welcome!

I look forward to working with each of you this coming year. Let's make this a great scouting year!

Sincerely,

John Jurcyk  
Committee Chairman

## **PURPOSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA:**

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide an effective program designed to instill within youth desirable qualities of moral strength and character, to train them in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to help develop their personal fitness, providing this country with citizens who:

- 1. Are physically, mentally and emotionally fit.*
- 2. Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.*
- 3. Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts.*
- 4. Have a desire and the skills to help others.*
- 5. Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems.*
- 6. Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.*
- 7. Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.*
- 8. Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and in other forums of the world.*

## **BSA MISSION STATEMENT:**

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and, in other ways, to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law.

# **Robert H. Meneilly Scholarship Fund**

## **General Description**

The Robert H. Meneilly Scholarship Fund was founded to enable boys and their families to fully participate in the scouting life offered by Troop 91, sponsored by Village Presbyterian Church.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Fund is to provide uniforms, equipment and summer camp scholarships to members of the troop who are financially unable to provide such items or take advantage of such opportunities from their own resources.

## **Administration**

The Committee of Troop 91 at the recommendation of the Scoutmaster will make the choice of recipients and the item or scholarship provided. In making its choice, the Committee shall make certain that the need is present and the money granted is spent only for the items or events that comply with the purposes of the Fund.

Requests can be made to the Committee at any time through the Scoutmaster, Chairman, or Treasurer. Requests will be held in confidence.

It is the intent of the Founders of the Fund that it should have perpetual existence through an annual appeal to current and past Troop members and other friends of scouting.

## **INTRODUCTION TO TROOP 91:**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Troop 91 is a registered Scout troop operating under the **Heart of America Council**, in the **Northern Tier District**. The Troop is sponsored by the **Village Presbyterian Church**, which is the chartered institution. The Troop has enjoyed an outstanding reputation during more than 50 years of active service to the community.

#### **Meetings and Activities**

Troop meetings are held during the school year (August through June) on Mondays at the Village Church Youth Center at 99th and Mission Rd. from **7:15 to 8:30 p.m.**

Meetings are not held on the following occasions:

- *Normal holidays, including school holidays or days off.*
- *Days on which schools are closed due to weather.*

The Shawnee Mission School District calendar is used to determine the troop meeting schedule.

During the school year, the troop plans a campout each month at various locations within a few hours' drive of Kansas City.

The summer months are devoted to long-term camping generally at Camp Bartle (Osceola, MO) and to challenging high adventure activities for the older Scouts.

#### **Structure**

The Troop is divided into patrols, consisting of about 10 – 15 boys each, which are directed by **Patrol Leaders** elected by the patrol members. Patrol Leaders are responsible to the **Senior Patrol Leader** and **Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders**, scouts elected to the positions by their peers.

The Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, Patrol Leaders, and Troop Guides comprise the **Patrol Leader's Council** (PLC). The PLC, not the adult leaders, is responsible for planning and conducting the troop's activities. The PLC organizes and assigns responsibilities for the weekly troop meetings and monthly campouts.

The Patrol Leader's Council is responsible to the **Scoutmaster**, who follows the Troop Committee's direction. The Scoutmaster is assisted by several **Assistant Scoutmasters** (ASM's) and other adults, many of whom have completed adult leader training. Many boys hold other troop positions and responsibilities that help run the troop's business and activities.

The Troop is supported by the **Troop Committee**, which is made up of active registered adult leaders. See Appendix A for the members of the Committee and other adult leaders who fill important roles for the troop. The Committee sets policy, manages financial affairs, and ensures the smooth operation of the troop. Interested parents and representatives of Village Church also provide advice to the Committee on the operation of the troop.

**Venturing Crews** provide older Scouts with continued opportunities for engaging in scout activities, projects and leadership both inside and outside the Troop.

## **ANNUAL EVENTS:**

- **Scout Sunday** – Usually the first Sunday in February. It is our time to say thanks to our sponsoring organization, Village Church. The troop is required to attend and to help during the service (usher, readings).
- **Parent/Son Banquet** – Usually in early February, it is a time when the entire family can get together to celebrate scouting. It often is held in conjunction with a Court of Honor.
- **Scouting for Food** – An annual national service project among all scout troops to collect food items for homeless shelters and distribution networks such as Harvesters in Kansas City.
- **Greenery Sales** – Our annual fund-raiser in which all scouts are required to participate.
- **Summer Camps/High Adventure Camps** – All Scouts have an opportunity to participate in summer camp at Camp Bartle or to attend a high adventure camp.

## **FINANCES:**

The troop's success depends, in part, on keeping strong and dependable finances. Troop 91's operations are supported from two primary sources - annual dues and proceeds from an annual fund raising project, the sale of holiday greenery. The net proceeds from these two sources are used to defray the costs of equipment, supplies, badges, awards, courts of honor, mailings, conservation and maintenance at Camp Klassen, and many other troop operating costs. In addition, funds are collected from scouts and adults during the year for participation in campouts, the ski trip, summer camps, and high adventure outings.

### **Dues**

The Troop Committee sets the annual dues for each member of the troop. They are collected each year (December) through a mailing sent to the home of each scout. Changes of contact information (address and telephone numbers) are also collected at this time. This enables the troop to complete the annual registration process with the national scout office. Immediate families with more than one scout in the troop will pay reduced troop dues for the second and subsequent sons. Annual BSA National fees and

optional *Boy's Life* subscriptions are paid in full for each scout. *Boy's Life* is a great publication for the boys, with stories that emphasize the Scout ideals. The troop strongly recommends that each family consider a subscription.

All Scouts who are seniors in high school at the time of re-chartering (January) or turn 18 before the end of the school year (May/June following re-charter) will not be charged dues. Members of the Venturing Crew who are pursuing the rank of Eagle to be received through Troop 91 also pay dues to the troop.

### **Fund Raising**

The troop runs its annual fund-raiser each fall. The troop's chosen project is the sale of holiday greenery, great decorations for homes and offices. **The troop requires each scout to participate in this project. All scouts are asked to sell a minimum amount of product or make a minimum contribution to the troop.**

### **Camping Fees**

Short-term (Monthly) Campouts – Funds for food, supplies, and campsite fees (when applicable) used by each patrol for monthly campouts are collected at the regular meeting before the campout. The money needed is usually around \$6-8.00 for a one-night campout.

Long-term (Summer Camp/High Adventure) Campouts – Funds are collected during the planning process for each event. Usually deposit money is required to hold spots or reserve the desired event times. Checks, when requested, should be made out to **Troop 91**.

## **ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS:**

### **Regular Meeting Attendance**

All Troop 91 scouts must attend and participate in more than 50% of the regularly scheduled scout meetings in full Class A uniform, unless wearing the Class B uniform has been announced in advance.

### **Monthly Campout Attendance**

All scouts must attend and participate in more than 50% of the regularly scheduled monthly campouts throughout the year. The campout participation requirement may be met in either one of two ways: **1)** spending more than 50% of the possible number of nights out for all campouts, or **2)** attending more than 50% of the campouts for the year. A campout for Friday and Saturday nights counts as two nights. Attending and participating on an overnight includes, but is not limited to, staying out all night at the scheduled overnight. It is up to the patrol ASM to determine whether the participation on each overnight is satisfactory in addition to just spending the night out. For example, arriving at the campout just in time to go to bed will not be deemed satisfactory participation on the overnight.



In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly campouts, any High Adventure trip will also be counted (up to a maximum of two additional nights out) in the numerator for the purposes of meeting the minimum campout attendance requirement. Summer camp is not factored in for purposes of meeting this requirement.

### **Court of Honor, Eagle Court of Honor, and Special Events Attendance**

All scouts will be required to attend more than 50% of all troop-sponsored Special Events. These include regular Courts of Honor, Eagle Courts, Scouting for Food, Scout Sunday, Parent/Son Banquet, and other events as may be announced by the troop. Attendance at Courts of Honor and other Special Events are used to judge scout spirit and therefore affect rank advancement and eligibility for honorary camping programs.

**The meeting, campout, and special events attendance requirements apply to “Scout Spirit” for all ranks, including Life to Eagle.** Any Eagle candidate, to fulfill the “Scout Spirit” requirement for Eagle, must be a regular attendee at troop events or be actively involved in the Venturing Crew (see Venturing Crew requirements on page 1.5) for the period required.

### **Summer Camp Attendance**

Summer camp attendance is not required to maintain membership in the troop, but it is heartily encouraged. Summer camp attendance is required only to meet certain eligibility requirements for the honor camping societies of Mic-O-Say and Order of the Arrow. (See Chapter 7, page 7.2.)

The Mic-O-Say and/or Order of the Arrow requirement for attending a full session of summer camp at either Camp Naish or Bartle is fulfilled by staying on the reservation for all days and nights of the session. Only in extraordinary circumstances (injury or illness at camp) will a scout be allowed to leave the reservation and still qualify as having attended a full session of camp.

Homesickness is a normal part of development; it shows the Scout comes from a loving family. Good parents will often suffer more from this occurrence than their son will. If a parent learns of this developing during the course of the camp session, the parent should contact the campmaster for advice before taking any action, including going to the reservation.

When there are planned family activities or family emergencies that require a Scout to leave summer camp early or to arrive late, the Scout will not be counted as having attended a full session of camp for the Mic-O-Say and/or Order of the Arrow requirement. When such events are known in advance, they must be approved by the campmaster in advance of the start of the camp session.

Any Scout who provides the campmaster with notice of a sporting event conflict at least a month in advance may, in the discretion of the campmaster, be given permission to leave the Scout Reservation during the day for that activity. Under these limited circumstances, the Scout's absence will be considered excused for purposes of eligibility for Mic-O-Say and/or Order of the Arrow recommendation and advancement.

If the Scout is kept out of camp overnight, eligibility for Mic-O-Say and/or Order of the Arrow will be forfeited.

While a Scout is at summer camp, the troop and its leaders are responsible for his care. No Scout may leave the reservation without the approval of the campmaster. If any adult removes a Scout from the reservation at any time without following the proper checkout procedures, we will contact the appropriate authorities immediately.

## **COMMUNICATIONS:**

Troop 91 is using electronic means to an increasing extent for its communications needs. The Troop encourages families to provide an e-mail address that they check regularly for updated information. It is the most timely and economical means to provide current information. E-mails will come from the address [troop91@nackc.com](mailto:troop91@nackc.com).

The Troop maintains a web site at [www.troop91.org](http://www.troop91.org). Here you will find news items, a full monthly calendar, and links to other relevant sites. We will make every effort to keep this information accurate and current, though it sometimes can be a challenge with so many volunteers responsible for different areas of work. Check the web site regularly, especially if you missed information distributed at a meeting.

Flyers on campouts will be distributed 1-2 weeks before the trip to remind families about the campout and how to prepare for it. The flyers, along with the Web site, are meant to supplement the annual calendar found on the Web site. If you have any questions about any event or feel you may have missed some communication, please call an Assistant Scoutmaster in charge of your son's patrol or the Scoutmaster.

## **VENTURING:**

The Village Presbyterian Church also sponsors a Venturing Crew for scouts who are at least 14 ½ years of age and have left the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. This program has a high adventure orientation, while structured in such a way as to fit the demands of a high school schedule. **The yearly requirements of this program are:**

- Actively working on Eagle, obtaining 2 merit badges toward the Eagle rank every 6 months or working on your Eagle project.
- Attend 2/3 of all Venturing Crew meetings (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays of each month).
- Attend ½ of all Venturing Crew outings (campouts, trips, and service projects).
- Be involved in one Venture Team during the year.
- Attend Scout meetings and events in a Venture uniform (Venture shirt, Khaki pants/shorts, Scout belt and Socks, Troop Neckerchief for formal outings and Courts of Honor).
- Participate in two of the three Courts of Honor and volunteer for Eagle Courts of Honor.

## **UNIFORMS**

Troop 91 is proud of the fact that our Scouts are well uniformed. All Scouts are to wear regulation "Class A" uniforms at most Troop meetings and special Scout functions. The regulation uniform consists of:

### **Class A:**

- Scout shirt, long or short sleeves, with "91" numbers, Heart of America council patch, and red shoulder tabs. Shirt must be tucked in.
- Scout trousers or Scout shorts
- Webbed Scout belt
- Scout socks
- Hard soled shoes, hiking boots or tennis shoes

When approved in advance, a Class B uniform may be worn instead.

### **Class B:**

- Class B Scouting T-shirt (a Troop 91 T-shirt is recommended)
- Scout trousers or Scout shorts
- Webbed Scout belt
- Scout socks
- Hard soled shoes, hiking boots or tennis shoes

**Troop 91 neckerchief is obtained from the Troop.** If a neckerchief is lost, it can be replaced by the troop for a \$5.00 fee. The Troop does not officially wear caps, hats or berets.

***A Scout is expected to wear all the above items to each meeting and bring his Handbook!***

The troop holds a **uniform exchange** annually to give parents a chance to swap clothing as sons grow. These exchanges will be announced in the newsletter.

Almost anything you need for scouting activities can be found at the Scout Shop in the Heart of America Council office, 10210 Holmes Road, Kansas City, MO 64131. Their store hours and an on-line catalog can be found at [www.hoac-bsa.org/scoutshop.cfm](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/scoutshop.cfm), or you may call the shop at 816-942-7757.

## **ADVANCEMENT**

All scouts are expected to work regularly and consistently on their rank advancement. The Boy Scout Handbook is **the** record of each scout's advancement. Adult leaders mark the handbook as requirements for a particular advancement are completed. These requirements include rank required tasks, merit badges, service hours, leadership positions and other activities. Following the completion of the Scoutmaster Conference and the Board of Review for a rank advancement, the Advancement Chair notes the achievement for the troop's permanent record and initials the scout's handbook. The rank is officially given to the scout at the next Court of Honor, but the scout is recognized as having achieved the rank once he completes the Board of Review.

Scout requirements are approved only by an adult leader or older scout in charge of an activity. Scouts may work on any rank advancement requirement at any time, but must still earn ranks in their proper sequence.

The Scout is responsible for signing up for the Scoutmaster conference, requesting a Board of Review, and seeing the Advancement Chair to complete each advancement or achievement. Scoutmaster conferences and Boards of Review are usually scheduled each month.

A summary of a scout's progress toward advancement can be requested from the Advancement Chair or patrol Assistant Scoutmaster at a troop meeting. Continued advancement is important in Scouting and we would like to help each Scout on their "Trail to Eagle."

Merit badge work can be done at anytime as part of rank advancement. All merit badges can be worked on until completed. Merit badge work begun at summer camp, but not finished there, can be finished at home after camp. Incomplete merit badges from summer camp sometimes can be completed at camp the next session, but it is at the discretion of the counselor. The following list of advancement requirements can also be found in ***The Scout Handbook***.

## **ADVANCEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

*(in proper sequence)*

### **Tenderfoot**

- Complete the 12 Scout skill requirements.
- Be active in the troop, including going on one troop overnight campout.
- Complete a Scoutmaster's Conference.
- Complete a Tenderfoot Board of Review.

### **Second Class**

- Complete the 9 Scout skill requirements.
- Be active in your troop and patrol, including participation in 4 additional Troop or Patrol activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Complete one hour of service, displaying Scout Spirit.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a Second Class Board of Review.

### **First Class**

- Complete the 10 scout skill requirements.
- Be active in your troop and patrol, including participation in 5 additional Troop or Patrol activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Complete one hour of service, displaying Scout Spirit.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a First Class Board of Review.

### **Star**

- Be active in your troop and patrol for 4 months as a First Class Scout, including participation in 5 additional Troop or Patrol activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Earn six merit badges, four of which are Eagle required.
- Complete six hours of service, approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Hold a Troop Leadership position for 4 months.
- Display Scout Spirit.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a Troop Committee/Star Board of Review.

### **Life**

- Be active in your troop and patrol for 6 months as a Star Scout, including participation in 5 additional Troop or Patrol activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Earn five more merit badges, three of which are Eagle required.
- Complete six hours of service, approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Hold a Troop Leadership position for 6 months.
- Display Scout Spirit.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a Troop Committee/Life Board of Review.

### ***Eagle***

- Be active in your troop and patrol/crew for 6 months as a Life Scout, including participation in 5 additional Troop or Patrol activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Earn ten more merit badges, five of which are Eagle required. All required Eagle merit badges are listed below. A total of 21 merit badges are required for Eagle.
- Complete six hours of service, approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Hold a Troop Leadership position for 6 months.
- Display Scout Spirit.
- Plan, develop, and lead an approved service project, approved by the Troop and Northern Tier District Scouters.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a District Eagle Board of Review.

### ***Eagle Palms***

- Be active in your troop and patrol for 3 months as an Eagle Scout or 3 months since last Palm, including participation in 5 additional Troop or Patrol/Crew activities, one of which must be an overnight campout.
- Earn five additional merit badges.
- Complete six hours of service, approved by the Scoutmaster.
- Hold a Troop Leadership position for 6 months.
- Display Scout Spirit.
- Participate in a Scoutmasters Conference.
- Complete a Troop Committee/Eagle Palm Board of Review.

### ***Required Eagle Merit Badges:***

- Camping
- Citizenship in the Community
- Citizenship in the Nation
- Citizenship in the World
- Communications
- Environmental Science
- Family Life
- First Aid
- Personal Fitness
- Personal Management
- Cycling **OR** Hiking **OR** Swimming
- Emergency Preparedness **OR** Lifesaving

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES**

The following Rules and Procedures have been set forth by the troop as a standard for all scouts to adhere to. Their basis is in the Scout Law.

### **Rules:**

- 1) Orderly conduct is expected from all Scouts. The Scout will conduct himself in such a manner to reflect credit to himself and on Scouting in general. He will strive at all times to obey the Scout Law, that is, to be trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.
- 2) Absolutely NO alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, tobacco, or obscene materials will be tolerated.
- 3) Fireworks are absolutely forbidden.
- 4) No guns, firearms, slingshots, or other weapons are permitted. Sheath knives or knives with blade lengths longer than 3 ½ inches are not permitted.
- 5) Liquid fuels cannot be used unless under direct adult supervision.
- 6) All fires must be kept under control. Playing with or near fires is prohibited.
- 7) Scouts will respect the property of others. Scouts are not permitted to enter the tents of other Scouts or adult leaders without permission. They will be held accountable for the loss or damage of property of others they cause.
- 8) Hazing, fighting, or disorderly conduct is prohibited.

### **Procedures:**

- 1) A minimum of two adults and two cars is required on all troop trips and campouts to handle any emergency that might arise. Each patrol **must** have a minimum of two adults on each campout.
- 2) A first aid kit will be maintained for all campouts.
- 3) No scout under 18 years of age shall be permitted to drive a vehicle to Scouting functions, except to regular weekly troop meetings. A Scout under 18 years of age who drives to a regular weekly troop meeting must:

- a. be at least 16 years of age;
- b. have six months' driving experience as a fully licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent does not count);
- c. have no record of accidents or moving violations; and
- d. have parental/guardian permission.

**NO Scout shall drive another Scout, other than a member of his immediate family to or from any scouting event, including Scout meetings.**

- 4) No hikes or wandering off from any scout activity will be permitted unless approved by a Scoutmaster and such trips shall:
  - Be confined to roads and approved trails.
  - Be supervised by a Senior Scout.
  - Be in a minimum group of four Scouts.
  - Not be more than 4 hours duration, and be back in the troop's central camp area before sundown.
  - Respect all "Warning", "Private Property", and "Keep Out" signs where posted.
  - Forbid wading, swimming, or boating except as part of a troop-organized activity.
- 5) The "buddy" system will be used on leaving central camping areas.
- 6) The use of Camp Klassen for any activities not scheduled by Troop 91 must be approved in advance by the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, or Treasurer. An adult must be present.
- 7) All camp or ground hazards that might result in an injury to a scout should be reported to the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster in his absence.
- 8) All injuries must be reported immediately to the nearest adult leader.
- 9) Scouts should take the "First Aid" merit badge early in their advancement program, and thoroughly understand the proper treatment for many outdoor emergencies.
- 10) ***Fires are permitted in designated areas only.*** All fires must be properly extinguished before leaving a camp area.
- 11) Every precaution shall be taken to preserve all forms of wildlife. Low impact camping techniques should be utilized as much as possible to preserve the environment. No live trees, shrubs, or plants shall be cut without the approval and supervision of an adult leader.



- 12) All trash must be collected from campsites and taken home after each campout. Each patrol should provide trash bags for their own use.
- 13) The use of propane cooking devices is encouraged only under direct adult supervision.
- 14) Dangerous equipment and areas are to be avoided (farm equipment, oil drilling equipment, etc.).
- 15) Scouts in each patrol are responsible for planning campouts, including:
  - Purchasing food.
  - Arranging for drivers.
  - Adult leadership.
- 16) Full Class A uniform is required for weekly Scout meetings, Courts of Honor, annual Scout camps, and certain campouts, high adventure programs, and special events, unless otherwise indicated.
- 17) A certain amount of money will be designated by the troop for food and other miscellaneous expenses for a scheduled activity or campout. This money will be collected at the regular meeting ***before*** this activity or campout. It can be either cash or a check made out to **TROOP 91**.

### ***Disciplinary Actions:***

The Assistant Scoutmaster for a Scout is the first line of communication and discipline with a Scout. Most discipline will take place at this level, advising the parent(s) of the Scout what has occurred when he or she feels it is needed.

Major Discipline will be decided upon by the Scout's ASM, the Scoutmaster, and the Institutional Representative. Discipline at this level will be reported to and acted upon by the Troop Committee at the next regular committee meeting. Such discipline may include, but not limited to:

- Loss of time and rank.
- Performance of community service.
- Suspension from Scout activities.
- Confiscation of contraband items.
- Expulsion from Troop 91.

## **TROOP ADULT LEADERSHIP**

### **TROOP COMMITTEE**

The Troop Committee is the troop's board of directors and supports the troop program by doing the following:

- Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained. In case the Scoutmaster is absent, a qualified Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned. If the Scoutmaster is unable to serve, a replacement is recruited.
- Provides adequate meeting facilities.
- Advises the Scoutmaster on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the chartered organization.
- Supports leaders in carrying out the program.
- Is responsible for finances, adequate funds, and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan.
- Obtains, maintains, and properly cares for troop property.
- Ensures the troop has an outdoor program (minimum 10 days and nights per year).
- Serves on boards of review and courts of honor.
- Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual boys and problems that may affect the overall troop program.
- Provides for the special needs and assistance some boys may require.
- Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.

The Committee meets to set policy and handle troop matters that do not require direct boy contact. Many decisions affecting the Scouts such as trip plans, equipment purchases and concerns of the Troop on the adult level are made at these meetings.

**Any parent is welcome to attend monthly Committee meetings held on the third Tuesday at 7:15 PM at the Village Church.**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES OF KEY POSITIONS**

#### **CHAIRPERSON**

- Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed;
- Maintain a close relationship with the chartered organization representative and the Scoutmaster;
- Interpret national and local policies to the troop;
- Prepare troop committee meeting agendas;

- Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly troop committee meetings and any special meetings that may be called;
- Ensure troop representation at monthly district roundtable meetings;
- Secure top-notch, trained individuals for camp leadership;
- Arrange for charter review and recharter annually;
- Plan the charter presentation.

### **SECRETARY**

- Keep minutes of meetings and send out committee meeting notices;
- Handle publicity;
- Conduct the troop resource survey;
- At each committee meeting, report the minutes of the previous meeting;

### **TREASURER**

- Manage troop funds;
- Pay bills on recommendation of the Scoutmaster and authorization of the troop committee;
- Maintain checking and savings accounts;
- Train and supervise the troop scribe in record keeping;
- Supervise money-earning projects, including obtaining proper authorizations;
- Lead in the preparation of the annual troop budget;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

### **ADVANCEMENT COORDINATOR**

- Encourage Scouts to advance in rank;
- Work with the troop scribe to maintain all Scout advancement records;
- Arrange quarterly troop boards of review and courts of honor;
- Develop and maintain a merit badge counselor list;
- Make a prompt report on the correct form to the council service center when a Troop board of review is held. Secure badges and certificates;
- Work with the troop librarian to build and maintain a troop library of merit badge pamphlets and other advancement literature;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

### **CAMPING / OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR**

- Help in securing permission to use camping sites;
- Serve as transportation coordinator;
- Ensure a monthly outdoor program;
- Promote the National Camping Award;
- Promote, through family meetings, attendance at troop campouts, camporees, and summer camp to reach the goal of an outing per month;
- Secure tour permits for all troop activities;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

### **CHAPLAIN**

- Provide a spiritual tone for troop meetings and activities;
- Give guidance to the chaplain's aide;
- Promote regular participation of each member in the activities of the religious organization of his choice;
- Visit homes of Scouts in time of sickness or need;
- Give spiritual counseling service when needed or requested;
- Encourage Boy Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

## **EQUIPMENT COORDINATOR**

- Supervise and help the troop procure camping equipment;
- Work with the scout quartermaster on inventory and proper storage and maintenance of all troop equipment;
- Make periodic safety checks on all troop camping gear, and encourage troops in the safe use of all outdoor equipment;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

## **TRAINING COORDINATOR**

- Ensure troop leaders and committee members have opportunities for training;
- Maintain an inventory of up-to-date training materials, videotapes, and other training resources;
- Work with the district training team in scheduling Fast Start training for all new leaders;
- Be responsible for BSA Youth Protection training within the troop;
- Encourage periodic junior leader training within the troop and at the council and national levels;
- Report to the troop committee at each meeting.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES NEVER END**

Each of the above jobs requires additional support from many other adults. Also, troop fundraising projects, special activities and summer camp require adult planning, supervision, participation and leadership. If you have a particular skill or interest that would make a great troop meeting program or activity on a camp-out, please inform our Scoutmaster. We welcome those of you that would like to be Assistant Scoutmasters and can advise you on how to get the proper training.

Our Troop looks forward to working with all parents to provide an experience for our scouts that will develop lifelong skills, leadership, responsibility, and character.

## **TRAINING**

Adult Leader Training is an important part of learning to become an effective leader and every scout deserves a trained leader. The training programs provided by our district and council help the troop's adult leaders provide a quality program to our youth.

A link to the training schedule for the Northern Tier District of the Heart of America Council can be found on the Troop 91 Web page ([www.troop91.org](http://www.troop91.org)) or directly on the Northern Tier page of the Council Web site. The Council Web site also has links to other district training pages. Occasionally scheduling conflicts necessitate looking to other districts for training courses. Please check [www.troop91.org](http://www.troop91.org) or the district Web sites (addresses below) for an updated training schedule throughout the year.

The following web sites will get you started. Contact the Troop 91 Training Chairs for more information.

**Online Courses:**

BSA Adult Leader Fast Start Training \*  
[www.scouting.org/boyscouts/faststart/](http://www.scouting.org/boyscouts/faststart/)

BSA On-Line Youth Protection Training \*  
[www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp](http://www.scouting.org/pubs/ypt/ypt.jsp)

*\*Please print out the certificate at the end of these online courses. This will ensure your records can be updated with the council training registrar.*

**District Training Schedules:**

Northern Tier District Training Schedule  
[www.hoac-bsa.org/nttraining.cfm](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/nttraining.cfm)

Trailhead District Training Schedule  
[www.hoac-bsa.org/thtraining.cfm](http://www.hoac-bsa.org/thtraining.cfm)

## **CAMPING AND CAMPOUTS**

More than any other activity, Boy Scouts and Troop 91 camps! This is the time to experience the outdoors with a better understanding that has been gained through rank advancement. The following sections give a general outline of our camping guidelines.

### **LEAVE NO TRACE CAMPING:**

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Pack It In; Pack It Out (properly dispose of what can't be packed out)
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Use and Impact of Fires
- Respect Wildlife
- Respect Others

### **CLOTHING/GEAR FOR CAMPING:**

Dress for a campout is determined by the type of campout the scout or troop is participating in and the weather the scout will encounter. Casual, outdoor clothing for the season usually will suffice, but extra gear for cold-weather camping is usually necessary. **The Trailblazer** has a separate section devoted entirely to cold-weather camping for your reference.

For new scouts, it is suggested that families hold off from purchasing any additional equipment or clothing until they can familiarize themselves with gear that they may enjoy. Many outside supply stores have rental programs for things like tents and sleeping bags. It is always best to try before you buy. Mail order can also be a cost-effective way of buying the gear you like.

### **The Essentials for Camping/Backpacking:**

Depending on the time of year, the location, and the conditions in which you're camping, the following list of items must be in every pack when camping/backpacking:

- Map
- Compass
- Extra Clothing(seasonal), ***including Rain Gear or Poncho***
- Sunglasses and Sunscreen/Bug Repellant
- Extra Food (a sack lunch is needed on most trips)
- Multi-tool or Pocketknife
- First-Aid Kit
- Flashlight
- Boy Scout Handbook

Here are some other suggestions (***not required***), which can do double duty:

- Bandana - can be used as a napkin, washcloth, headband, bandage, pot grabber or water filter.
- Duct Tape - an all purpose patch for gear.
- Walking Sticks - can be used to prop up tarps, probing trails ahead.
- Cord - used for drying clothes, guying a tent or tarp, raising or lowering gear.
- Space Blanket - for makeshift shelter, ground cloth, emergency wrap or a protector from rain.
- Garbage Bags - can be used a pack cover, emergency rain gear or water proofing a sleeping bag.
- Repair Kit - (for mattresses, tents, clothing, etc.).
- Whistle - an excellent signaling device.

**When packing, use waterproof bags to store clothing and a sleeping bag. Clear trash bags are inexpensive and you can see what is in a bag.**

In addition to the above, all scouts should have the following to camp in:

**Need to Have-**

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| - Sleeping Bag (seasonal)             | - Canteen or Water Bottle |
| - Sleeping Pad                        | - Flashlight              |
| - Mess Kit (plate, cup/mug, utensils) | - Soap, Towel, Toothbrush |
| - Sleep Wear (sweatclothes & socks)   |                           |

**Other Equipment-**

**Tents** are usually shared by patrol members. If you have a tent, please feel free to bring it to campouts. All patrols are responsible for insuring that there is enough tent space available for scouts attending a campout. If you bring a tent, be sure to have a **ground cloth** for the tent, as rain always seems to be a possibility when scouts camp!

**All cooking is done by patrol, often using dutch ovens.** The troop provides all the camp cooking gear as a way of simplifying the camping experience, particularly for younger scouts. The use of stoves is saved for special trips and will be done only under adult supervision.

A **backpack** is great to have, particularly if you enjoy camping and expect to do more camping outside of scouts. A backpack is only required when the trip is designated as a backpacking campout. A sports bag will usually work for many campouts, as long as it will accommodate all of the personal items a scout needs.

A more detailed checklist and some equipment suggestions are provided at the end of this chapter.

## **COLD-WEATHER CAMPING:**

Scouts learn camping skills applicable not only for good weather, but also for poor weather conditions. The learning and use of these skills helps to foster confidence and self-reliance. They will learn to stay dry, warm, and well fed. Most importantly, a scout will learn how much fun camping can be when the weather is bad as well as when it is good.

Cold-weather camping is defined as “any camping that takes place when the high temperature of the day is 50 degrees F (10 degrees C) or below and is or could be involved with cold, wet or windy conditions.” It may involve hiking, backpacking, snowshoeing, or skiing; regardless, cold-weather camping is fun. A scout is usually eager to test himself against Mother Nature if cold-weather camping is properly prepared for... and proper planning is the key.

The following hints will help to make cold-weather camping a great experience. But to start keep these basics in mind:

- Plan ahead of schedule.
- Use good quality camping equipment and clothing. It does not need to be expensive but it does need to be durable, insulative, and weather resistant.
- Emphasize protection for your head, hands, and feet. These areas of your body get cold first and lose the most body heat the quickest.

Keep in mind the **C-O-L-D** key to staying warm and dry:

- Keep clothing **C**LEAN. Dirt and grease clog air spaces in clothing and reduce its insulation value. When cleaning, make sure all soap is rinsed out because soap residue can reduce insulation qualities.
- Avoid **O**VERHEATING. Select clothing that you need to stay comfortable, and even slightly cool. It is better to be cool than to run the risk of perspiring and reducing the insulation value of your clothing. If you are too warm, loosen closures a few at a time; if you are still too warm, remove a layer.
- Wear **L**AYERS. Layers of clothing should be worn long and loose fitting. Not only does this allow more freedom of movement, but it lets your blood circulate freely, preventing frostbite. Select clothing that is the correct size, and care for it so that it retains that size. Do not boil fabrics or wash them in water that is too hot. Do not dry fabrics in a hot dryer. The fabrics will shrink and clothes will lose their insulating advantages of a loose fit.
- Stay **D**RY. It is important to keep clothing dry outside as well as inside. Do not get so warm that you start to perspire. Do not let snow collect on the outside of your clothing. The heat from your body melts it, and some will penetrate even water-repellent fabric, reducing the insulating properties of the fabric.



## **Cold-Weather Camping Hints**

1. **Dress in several thin layers of loose clothing.** Loose clothing creates dead air space. Keep dead air spaces as insulation in both clothing and bedding.
2. Footwear should consist of a thin pair of socks for moisture management, a thick pair of socks for warmth, high-topped work boots or hiking boots. Use waterproof boots or overshoes for rain and snow.
3. Cover your hands in much the same way as your feet: a thin glove liner, a thick wool or pile glove, and a shell glove or mitten for weather protection. Remove layers as needed for comfort or hand use (cooking, etc.).
4. Keep your core body (torso) as warm as needed by using a sweatshirt, pile sweater or fleece vest, down coat or vest, and weatherproofs coat (shell, parka, etc.). Remove or add layers as needed.
5. Wear a scarf around your neck. Warm inside air will rise and escape from your torso through an open collar.
6. **Keep your head covered!** A wool or pile stocking cap is always a good idea and can also be used to sleep in at night.
7. **Try not to sweat!** Sweat will help remove body heat, helping you feel cold. Remove a layer to help regulate sweating.
8. When setting up camp, clear away as much snow as possible. Set up tents with their backs to the wind. Use snow banked around the outside edges of your tent to insulate and cut the wind.
9. Use an equal amount of blanket coverage above and below you in your sleeping bag. Insulation below a sleeping bag is as important as above. A closed-cell, self-inflating air mattress makes for a comfortable and warm ground cover.
10. **Change into fresh clothes before going to bed, including socks.** Clothing worn all day has gradually lost its insulative power due to dirt and sweat. You will also feel better, which helps you to sleep better.
11. Use handsaws instead of hatchets or axes to cut frozen wood for more control.
12. Plan meals with plenty of energy (fats) and warmth. Hot cereals, soups, stews, or one-pot meals are easiest to cook, serve, and clean up from.

**Don't take anymore gear than you have to. Other items, such as radios, mp3 or CD players, and electronic games take away from the outdoor experience.** Remember, Scout camping is meant to be a useful and fun experience. The more these skills are practiced, the easier they become and the greater the self-confidence a Scout develops. These experiences show the Scout he can depend on himself and learn to apply this confidence to other areas of his life.

## **BACKPACKING CHECKLIST**

The following checklist contains many optional items. You may wish to add to, or delete from, it according to your own individual requirements, trip variables (e.g., weather, duration, etc.) and experience. It can be convenient to organize small items in different colored stuffsacks or zip lock bags.

### **Clothing**

Hiking boots  
Socks (wool or wick dry) – 2 pair  
Camp shoes  
Underclothes – 1 change  
Long underwear  
Short-sleeve shirt  
Long-sleeve shirt  
Long pants  
Shorts  
Sweater or fleece jacket/vest  
Jacket or parka  
Windbreaker  
Poncho or rain jacket/suit  
Wool/fleece cap or hat with visor  
Bandana  
Mittens or gloves  
Swimming suit

### **First Aid & Toiletries**

Personal toilet items  
Lip balm (e.g., Chapstick)  
Insect repellent  
Sunscreen  
Moleskin, tape, gauze, bandages  
Aspirin, antihistamine, antacid  
Prescription medications  
Needle and thread  
Tweezers  
Rubber bands, safety pins  
Whistle  
Signal mirror  
Sunglasses  
Biodegradable soap  
Toilet paper (white or biodegradable)  
Water purification tablets/filter  
Hand lotion

### **Equipment**

Backpack  
Tent or tarp  
Ground cloth  
Sleeping bag, waterproof stuffsack  
Sleeping pad  
Water bottle (e.g., Nalgene)  
Flashlight or headlamp  
Extra batteries, bulb  
Pocketknife or multi-use tool

### **Eating & Cooking Items**

Plate or bowl  
Drinking cup  
Spoon, fork, knife  
Pots with lids  
Pans with handles  
Water bucket  
Hanging water bag  
Stove and fuel  
Spatula, large spoon  
Matches, waterproof container  
Wide-mouth plastic 1-qt. bottle  
Aluminum foil  
Garbage bags, ziplock bags  
Can opener  
Pot scrubber  
Fire starter  
Trail snacks (e.g., gorp, granola)  
Extra food

### **Additional Items**

Road money  
Wilderness permit  
Topographic maps  
Compass  
Identification  
Notebook, pen  
Reading book, journal, sketchpad  
Deck of cards  
Fishing gear, license  
Sharpening stone, file  
Hiking staff  
Hand towel  
Space blanket  
Camera, film  
Daypack  
50' nylon cord  
Candles  
Lantern

*This list is adapted from a Backpacking Checklist developed by Backwoods outdoor store.*

## **EQUIPMENT OVERVIEW**

This is a basic overview of some camping equipment to serve only as a starting point for your selection of gear to purchase. Extensive books are written on the subject if you want more information. Other helpful resources include friends, scouts, and sales personnel at retail stores, all of whom have had varying experiences with equipment. New technologies are improving outdoor gear all the time, so talk with professionals about what may be best for your needs.

In general, you will get what you pay for if you use reputable dealers, although prices will vary among stores and catalogs. Typically, the basic model of most brand name equipment items will be adequate for scouting. However, each person has his own tastes and budget, and you will find that equipment manufacturers have something to fit even the largest budget. If you intend to do high-adventure or extreme weather camping or backpacking, you may want to consider higher-end gear that may be more expensive but offers more features, performance, convenience, or lighter weight.

Be wary of investing in expensive gear that the scout may soon outgrow. It is neither expected nor necessary for most scouting activities.

**TENT** - Two- or three-man tents are usually the best choice. They are not too heavy to carry when backpacking, set up quickly, and are much warmer in the winter than larger tents. The number of people a tent indicates that it can accommodate is based on packing them in tightly. If you keep your gear in the tent, or like to spread out, you should choose a tent that is rated for at least one more person than would usually sleep in it. The shape is a matter of personal preference – dome tents have a little more room than A-frame tents, but they often are slightly heavier. The tent should have a floor and a separate rain fly. A vestibule outside the tent door is very handy for keeping gear dry and dirty shoes outside the tent.

**SLEEPING BAG** - A three-season bag (+15 to +20 degrees F) is adequate for most scouting campouts. On the few overnights that might be colder, you can plan to add a blanket inside or wear additional sleep clothing. We recommend that you choose a bag with a synthetic fill material, such as Lite-loft, Polar Guard, or Hollofil, which are lightweight, pack well, and are good insulators. Down bags are much warmer for the weight of the bag, although some synthetics approach the warmth of down for similar weight. Down bags are usually more expensive and require a good deal of care. Additionally, down loses its warming ability when wet, while synthetic bags retain some warming ability when wet. Mummy bags are much warmer than rectangular cut bags.

You may want to consider buying a “long” bag, as regular bags are not always as long as indicated. A good bag should last many years, so you’ll want to anticipate your son’s likely full growth height. Long bags are usually a little more expensive than regular sizes, but may be worth it if it means you don’t have to replace it when your son reaches 6’ tall.

**BACKPACK** - External frame backpacks are usually the best choice early on, as they are durable and can be adjusted as your son grows. Many packs have adjustable pins in the frame or you replace the hip belt. Internal frame packs are very popular but are more expensive and may be less adjustable for growth. External frame packs are often more comfortable for hot summer backpacking because it provides a gap of air between your body and the pack. However, for the same reason, internal frame packs are often preferred for extreme cold winter backpacking. For most scouting activities, either type of pack will work.

**KNIFE** - The most appropriate knife for scouting is a simple pocketknife with a few extra functions, such as a can opener. The most popular is the Swiss Army style of knife. Sheath knives, survival knives, or any knife with a blade longer than 3½ inches are not permitted on scouting functions.

**COMPASS** - A protractor-style compass is the most useful compass. This consists of a rectangular clear plastic base with a turntable dial that contains the compass needle.

**STOVE** - Liquid fuel stoves are not permitted on scouting functions, except when required for special activities such as backpacking, and then can only be used by older scouts with direct adult supervision.

**LANTERN** - Only battery and propane lanterns are allowed on scout activities.

**SLEEPING PAD** - An effective sleeping pad is important because the chill from the ground will make it difficult (almost impossible in winter) to stay warm. An inflatable, closed-cell foam pad (e.g., ThermaRest) is the best type of pad, but they can be expensive, depending on the thickness you choose. This style of pad provides good insulation and packs small, but can add weight. Ridge-rest is a good, lightweight, and inexpensive pad, but is bulky. Foam pads also are sometimes used. A ¾ length pad is lighter and cheaper, but does not protect your feet from the ground chill, especially in winter. Air mattresses should be avoided as they can be unreliable and are extremely cold in winter because they offer no insulation at all.

**HIKING BOOTS** - Hiking boots are not essential for most scouting activities unless a backpacking or high-adventure trip is planned. Comfortable, well-fitting, sturdy shoes are adequate for most scouting activities.

**WARRANTY** - Be sure to read the warranty before you buy expensive gear. Some manufacturers have unconditional warranties and will repair or replace any damaged or worn out equipment. This can be well worth the extra cost, since outdoor gear is usually subjected to tough conditions.

**BARGAINS** - Outdoor equipment can often be found at garage sales. Retail stores that rent camping equipment periodically sell their used gear at a significant savings.

## **SCOUTING HONOR CAMPING PROGRAMS**

For those Scouts who display exceptional devotion to scouting and Scout Spirit, the troop supports two honorary camping programs. **Order of the Arrow** is the national scouting camping fraternity, while **Mic-O-Say** is found only in the Heart of America Council and is based at Camp Bartle. It is very common for a Scout who has met the requirements to be a member of both.

### **Order Of the Arrow**

#### **Purpose of the Order of the Arrow**

The Order of the Arrow is an entirely boy run organization that recognizes those Scouts and Scouters who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition cause other persons to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

The Order of the Arrow has the following goals:

- To develop and maintain camping traditions and spirit.
- To promote Scout camping which reaches its greatest effectiveness as a part of a unit's camping program, both year round and in summer camp, as directed by the camping committee of the council.
- To crystallize the Scout habit of helpfulness into a life purpose of leadership in cheerful service to others.

#### **Membership Requirements for the Ordeal Level**

1. Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America
2. Hold the First Class rank or above, in the Boy Scouts of America.
3. As a member of a troop, have experienced at least 15 days and nights of camping, including one full term of resident camp of six days and five nights, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America, anytime during the two year period prior to election to candidate status.
4. Committee/Scout Adult Leadership approval (Participation and Scout Spirit).
5. Be elected by a majority of the voting scouts at an approved OA election.

## **Membership Requirements for the Brotherhood Level**

1. Be a registered member of Boy Scouts of America.
2. Be a dues paying Ordeal member of the lodge for one year.
3. Committee/Scout Adult Leadership approval (Participation and Scout Spirit).

## **MIC-O-SAY**

### **Purpose of Mic-O-Say**

According to a publication of the customs and traditions of the Tribe of Mic-O-Say by the Heart of America Council of Boy Scouts of America:

“The Tribe of Mic-O-Say is the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation honor camping program, based upon the intensification of the principles and ideals of Scouting.

Its purpose is to provide recognition for scouts and adults who have demonstrated and proven their devotion to Scouting even beyond the extra mile. It is a program guided and inspired by adults. Adult leaders are brought into the Tribe so that they may interpret and encourage the use and application of those principles in the lives of boys.”

Mic-O-Say honors those campers who have proven themselves to be good scouts, shown themselves to be involved in their Troops, and demonstrated that they live in Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives. There are many levels within the Tribe and different qualifications for obtaining each level. It should be remembered that the Tribe is never forced on anyone, and the scouts may choose not to be considered for this honor. Becoming a Tribesman is not a requirement for obtaining any advancement within Scouting, including Eagle.

### **Adult Leader Responsibilities Regarding Order of the Arrow/Mic-O-Say**

- Setting OA/ Mic-O-Say eligibility policy.
- Meet in February to review OA and in April to review the Mic-O-Say advancement recommendations presented by each patrol.
- Objections to individual OA/Mic-O-Say advancement recommendations on questions of Scout Spirit may be voiced to the committee **if the scout in question has been previously counseled on such matters by either his patrol ASM or the OA/Mic-O-Say Advisors.**
- In March, conduct a final review of OA advancement recommendations to insure a fair nomination process will be conducted by the troop. The Troop Committee will vote final approval for Mic-O-Say nominations. Valid Troop Committee members are those registered as committee members of Troop 91.
- At its prerogative, and in light of extraordinary extenuating circumstances, the valid Troop Committee members may waive strict compliance with the meeting and/or campout attendance requirement (but no other requirement) for the purposes of

determining a particular Scout's eligibility for OA and/or Mic-O-Say advancement.

- Decisions on such matters by the Troop Committee members are final and may not be overruled.

**The role of the OA/Mic-O-Say Advisors:**

- Promotion of the OA/Mic-O-Say programs throughout the year within the troop.
- Advise the patrol ASM's on the OA/Mic-O-Say qualification requirements.
- Insure that OA/Mic-O-Say meeting and campout attendance requirements are available to all scouts for their review.
- Counsel individual scouts, and their parent(s), if necessary, along with the respective patrol ASM on OA/Mic-O-Say qualification requirements, on their particular eligibility on a periodic basis, but at least once at mid-year (January).

**The role of a patrol ASM:**

- Promotion of the OA/Mic-O-Say programs throughout the year within the troop.
- Review the accuracy of posted attendance records, for meetings, campouts, and special events so that each scout in his or her patrol knows how well they are fulfilling these requirements.
- Counsel individual scouts in his or her patrol, and their parent (s), if necessary, along with the OA/Mic-O-Say Advisors, on their particular advancement requirements. Advise any scout in danger of not qualifying for OA/Mic-O-Say advancement well in advance of the Troop Committee review process.
- Formally recommend each scout in his or her patrol for the appropriate level of advancement in OA/Mic-O-Say, taking into consideration Scout Spirit as well as all other Troop 91 requirements.

## **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

**The Boy Scout Handbook**, Boy Scouts of America  
**Okpik: Cold-Weather Camping**, Boy Scouts of America  
**Fieldbook**, Boy Scouts of America  
**Camp Cookery for Small Groups**, Boy Scouts of America  
**Dutch Oven Cooking, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**, John G. Ragsdale  
**Knots and How to Tie Them**, Boy Scouts of America  
**2006 Boy Scout Requirements**, Boy Scouts of America  
**Leave No Trace, A Guide to the New Wilderness Etiquette**, Annette McGivney, The Mountaineers and Backpacker Magazine  
**Everyday Wisdom, 1001 Expert Tips for Hikers**, Karen Berger, The Mountaineers and Backpacker Magazine

### **Equipment Stores**

***Backwoods***  
***11940 W 199<sup>th</sup> Street***  
***Kansas City, MO***

***Dick's Sporting Goods***  
***11801 Nall***  
***Overland Park, KS***

***Dick's Sporting Goods***  
***5600 Antioch Road***  
***Merriam, KS***  
***(and other KC locations)***

***Cabela's***  
***10300 Cabela Drive***  
***Kansas City, KS***

### **Web Sites of Interest:**

***Backpacker Magazine*** – [www.bpbasecamp.com](http://www.bpbasecamp.com)  
***Leave No Trace*** – [www.lnt.org](http://www.lnt.org)  
***National Weather Service*** – [www.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/main.html](http://www.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/main.html)  
***U.S. Geological Survey*** – [www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov)  
***Scouter Magazine*** – [www.biged@scouter.com](http://www.biged@scouter.com)  
***Heart of America BSA*** – [www.hoac-bsa.org](http://www.hoac-bsa.org)  
***National BSA*** – [www.bsa.scouting.org](http://www.bsa.scouting.org)



# ***APPENDICES:***

The following Appendices are distributed via e-mail as they are updated. If you want to receive a hard copy of these lists instead of through e-mail, please contact Will Conner at 913-722-3937.

- A) Adult Leadership Roster
- B) Scout Leadership Roster
- C) Scout Roster by Name
- D) Adult Roster by Name
- E) Patrol Roster
- F) Merit Badge Counselors

In addition, the Troop 91 Web site ([www.troop91.org](http://www.troop91.org)) has links for the troop calendar as well as maps to Camp Klassen and the H. Roe Bartle Scout Reservation. These may be useful to print and retain in your ***Trailblazer*** notebook.