

# SS Peter & Paul RC Church Boy Scout Troop 22 Policy

## 1. OVERVIEW

Boy Scout Troop 22 ("Troop") is chartered by SS Peter & Paul RC Church ("SSPP"). We are part of the Onondaga District ("District") of the Greater Niagara Frontier Council ("GNFC") of the Boy Scouts of America ("BSA"). The Troop exists to promote the Scouting Program and is for the benefit of our scouts, scout families, Troop Leaders and the community. The Troop is governed by the policies of the BSA, the Troop Policy, SSPP and operated by a Committee and Leaders.

## 2. POLICY

The Committee and Leaders ("Leaders") have established a Policy that governs the operation of the Troop. The Policy is available through the Troop website. If a Leader or a scouting family does not have access to the internet, a paper copy shall be made available by the Troop. The last page is a form acknowledging the Policy has been read and will be adhered to. This form must be signed by every Leader, scout and parent and returned to the Troop before participation will be allowed.

## 3. SCOUTING PROGRAM

A quality Scouting Program will be provided by the Troop in accordance with BSA policy and the desires, abilities and volunteering of the Leaders, parents and scouts. Scouting is well known for helping boys develop into fine young men. It is a very carefully and safely run program that will benefit the scouts, the scouting families and Leaders.

The Scouting Program will be fun, productive and meaningful. It will consist of Bi-weekly Troop meetings, outings, events, court of honors, fundraisers, civic service projects, camping trips and other activities.

## 4. BOY SCOUT TROOP

Each scout belongs to a **Patrol** which is a group of 5 to 10 boys, led by a **Patrol Leader**, one of their own. The patrol leader is responsible for organizing, motivating, and managing his patrol. He represents the interests of his patrol mates when planning activities with other patrols and relays information to his patrol as needed.

The Senior Patrol leader appoints an **Assistant Patrol Leader** to help him with the patrol duties. The APL fills in for the PL when needed and is second in command. Some patrols choose to elect an APL.

Patrols belong to a **Boy Scout Troop** which is led by the **Senior Patrol Leader**, that is appointed by the Scoutmaster. This scout has ultimate responsibility for all the scouts in all the patrols in his troop. He runs all troop meetings, delegates responsibilities, and interacts with adult leadership. The SPL should be at least a First Class rank scout and must earn the respect and cooperation of his troop to be successful.

The Senior Patrol Leader chooses another scout or scouts that he can work with and that he respects to fill the role of **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader**. The ASPL fills in for the SPL as needed and helps with running and managing the troop on outings and at meetings.

The SPL with help from the ASPL's run the Troop Meetings which are held twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at SSPP from 6:45 – 8:30 pm during the school year (September – June). In troop meetings, scouts learn skills, present skits, play games, and prepare for monthly campouts. The SPL also runs the monthly Patrol Leaders Conference (PLC) - a monthly meeting of all the patrol leaders in the troop - to review activities, plan new events, and delegate tasks to the patrols. This is the main organizational body of a troop.

Boy Scouting, is available to boys who have earned the Arrow of Light Award and are at least 10 years old or have completed the fifth grade and are at least 10, or who are 11, but not yet 18 years old. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness.

## 5. BOY-LED TROOP: PATROL LEADERS COUNCIL (PLC)

The PLC consists of one Patrol Leader or representative from each patrol, the Troop Guide from the new scout patrol, Troop Scribe, SPL, ASPL, and all Scouts holding Troop-level leadership positions. The Scoutmaster attends as a coach and informational resource. The SPL may invite other Scouts or adults to attend monthly PLC meetings.

PLC meetings will be conducted regularly to evaluate and plan the current month's activities and to plan for the next month's activities, including Troop meetings, activities, camping programs, duty rosters, and service projects. The Scout and adult in charge of the current and next month's programs will be required to attend.

The PLC will work with the Troop Committee and Scoutmaster to develop the annual Troop calendar.

The Troop Scribe will complete records of which Scouts attended PLC meetings. A Scout who misses two or more PLC meetings without a valid excuse may be dismissed from his leadership position, and another Scout will take his place in the PLC.

## **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS**

**Training:** All Junior Leaders are required to attend Junior Leader Training even if they have attended in the past, training will be provided by the Troop in the Fall.

**Attendance:** All Junior Leaders are expected to attend 80% of all troop meetings, Patrol Leaders' Council meetings, outings, and service projects. If your attendance is low, or have three (3) unexcused absences in a row, you can be removed from office. All Junior Leaders should wear Full Uniform to all meetings (bring with you if coming from a school event to change into).

**Effort:** All Junior Leaders are expected to give this job their best effort.

## **6. LEADERS**

Each troop has an adult leader, the **Scoutmaster**, who is a volunteer registered with the Boy Scouts of America and trained. The Scoutmaster is responsible for helping the scouts with their planning of the year's program so the scouts are given adequate Opportunity to advance in rank and complete merit badges.

A troop will be successful if there are also **Assistant Scoutmasters** to support the Scoutmaster. The adult leaders should only do those things that the scouts can not do themselves - driving, for example. The boys should be allowed to lead their own troop with only minimal guidance as needed, depending on the maturity and abilities of the scout leaders.

It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster and PLC to develop, propose, and implement a quality Scouting Program in accordance with BSA policy and the desires of the Troop. Leader positions must be reviewed and recommended by the Committee and approved by the Chairperson, COR or COH and accepted by Council. All prospective leaders will undergo a background check by Council to insure there are no matters that would affect the safety of our scouts.

All Leaders must complete Youth Protection Training and the BSA and Council training required for their position. Newly approved, but untrained Leaders, must register and complete training at the earliest opportunity within 90 days.

Registration, training, and event fees for Leaders may or may not be paid for by the Troop, depending on Troop finances.

## **7. COMMITTEE**

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

Ensures that quality adult leadership is recruited and trained. In case that the Scoutmaster is absent, a qualified Assistant Scoutmaster is assigned. If the Scoutmaster is unable to serve, a replacement is identified subject to the approval of the Charter Organization, Troop Chair and Committee. The Committee Chair per BSA policy will fill the role as Scoutmaster if an Assistant Scoutmaster is unable to serve.

Arranges adequate meeting facilities.

Advises the Scoutmaster/PLC on policies relating to Boy Scouting and the Charter Organization.

Supports Leaders in carrying out a program consistent with the troop purpose and philosophy.

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 a suitable outdoor program (minimum 10 days and nights per year excluding summer camp).

Serves on Boards of Review.

Supports the Scoutmaster in working with individual Scouts and problems that may affect the overall troop program.

Arranges accommodations for the special needs and assistance some boys may require.

Helps with the Friends of Scouting campaign.

Assists the Scoutmaster with handling Scout behavioral problems.

The committee is presided over by the **Troop Committee Chair**. Most troop committees consist of family members and members of the troop's chartered organization. The chartered organization approves the leadership of the troop, provides a meeting place, and operates the troop within the guidelines and policies of that organization and the BSA.

The Committee is composed of the people and positions necessary to provide the proper oversight and resources necessary to support the Troop's quality Scouting Program. It is the responsibility of the Committee to review and provide the resources necessary to support the Scouting Program proposed by the Scoutmaster/PLC. This insures a quality and appropriate program is provided in accordance with BSA guidelines and Troop desires.

Committee positions must be approved by the Committee Chair, Chartered Organization Representative (COR) or Charter Organization Head (COH) and accepted by Council. All prospective committee members will undergo a background check by Council to insure there are no matters that would affect the safety of our scouts.

All Committee members must complete Youth Protection Training and the BSA and Council training required for their position. Newly approved, but untrained members must register and complete training at the earliest opportunity within 90 days.

The quarterly Leaders Meetings are joint meetings of the Committee and the Leaders held to conduct the business of the Troop. These meetings are called and presided over by the Chairperson. Only Committee Members have voting rights; Leaders do not (BSA policy).

An annual Troop Planning meeting is held as part of the August Leaders Meeting to finalize the Troop's calendar and budget for the coming year. This calendar sets out the Troop, District and Council meetings and events for the coming year. The Troop calendar is available on the Troop website.

## **8. ROUNDTABLE MEETINGS**

ROUNDTABLE is a monthly meeting (Aug-May) for Leaders ran by the District where Scouting information is distributed. There are specific Troop presentations. As a member of the District and Council, Troop 22 is obligated to have representation at all Roundtable Meetings. Generally, the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Committee Chairperson attend these meetings; however, all committee members are invited and encouraged to attend. Roundtable meetings are held on the second Wednesday; see the GNFC website ([www.wnyscouting.org](http://www.wnyscouting.org)) for dates and time.

## **9. ACTIVE SCOUT POLICY**

For a Scout to advance to the next rank, they must fulfill the following requirements:

All Fees must be paid in full, actively attend 25% (80% for Junior Leader) of the Troop meetings and events, attend 2 outings per advancement period, One outing must be an overnighner. Outings include: service projects, merit badge seminars, day events, weekend or weeklong camping trips. If the rank calls for a boy to hold a leadership position they also must meet the **PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENT** for a Junior Leader as noted in Number 5 above.

## **10. SCOUT UNIFORM & BOOKS**

The Boy Scout uniform is an important sign of membership in a world-wide organization and it contributes to troop identity, spirit and unity. Every member (Scouts and uniformed leaders) of Troop 22 is expected to wear the Class A uniform for Troop meetings. For Troop 22 the Class A uniform consists of - the official BSA khaki shirt, the embroidered Troop 22 neckerchief (or other, approved Boy Scout neckerchiefs), a neckerchief slide, Scout Pants (First Class up) and a Scout Handbook. Scouts who have achieved the rank of First Class are not required to bring their Handbooks to meetings. Uniforms are to be clean, neat and shirt tails tucked in. Scouts may not wear their uniform to sell anything unless it is a Council approved fundraiser (popcorn).

Periodic uniform inspections will be held. Scouts not in proper uniform will be counseled as to the need to always wear their uniform. Leaders will also discuss uniform issues with parents.

Exceptions: camping trips, service projects and on other special occasions, Troop members may wear a Class B uniform. This is defined as any Troop 22 t-shirt/shirt or any other Scouting related t-shirt/shirt can be worn with official BSA pants or jeans/shorts. The Scouts are informed in advance about what uniform to wear.

Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, and Committee Chairperson, are required to obtain a regulation Class A uniform shirt or blouse (new or used). Adult Leaders **must** be in full uniform for all Troop meetings and events unless otherwise stated. Other Committee members are encouraged to wear a uniform or other approved scouting shirt to show their support.

## **11. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

No boy should be unable to participate in Scouting for financial reasons. Financial assistance for any scout's needs will be considered by the Troop and Council on a case by case basis. Please contact the Committee Chair for information regarding financial assistance. Any request made will be reviewed and kept completely confidential.

## **12. YOUTH PROTECTION POLICY**

The following policies have been adopted by the Boy Scouts of America to provide security for the youth in our program. In addition, they serve to protect adult leadership from situations in which they are vulnerable to allegations of abuse.

### **Two-Deep Leadership:**

Two responsible registered leaders, one of which must be at least 21 years of age and the other at least 18 years of age, are required on all trips and outings.

### **No One on One Contact:**

One-on-one contact between youth and adult members is not permitted. In situations that require a personal conference, the meeting should be conducted in the view of others.

### **Respect of Privacy:**

Leaders must respect the privacy of the youth members in situations such as changing clothes or taking showers at camp.

### **Separate Accommodations:**

When in camp, no youth is to share or sleep in the same tent as an adult or staff member other than his own parent or guardian.

### **No Secret Organizations:**

There are no secret organizations recognized by the Boy Scouts of America. All Scouting programs are open to parents and leaders.

### **Proper Clothing:**

Proper clothing for activities is required. Skinny dipping is not appropriate in Scouting.

### **Constructive Discipline:**

Discipline in Scouting should be constructive (supportive) and reflect Scouting Values. Corporal punishment is unacceptable.

### **Discounting Prohibited:**

Physical and mental hazing is highly prohibited and is not included in Scouting activities.

### **Supervision:**

Leaders must monitor and guide the leadership techniques used by junior leaders and see that Boy Scouts of America policies are followed.

### **Youth Production Training for Adults:**

Adult leaders and volunteers are encouraged to complete Youth Protection Training. This training is required of all adults who serve as leaders at scouting events. Training sessions are run by the district or council and are listed on the GNFC website. Training is also available online at <http://olc.scouting.org/info/ypt.html> .

### **Youth Protection Training for Scouts:**

Once a year during a troop meeting, the Troop will conduct a Youth Protection Training (YPT) program for the Scouts. The Boy Scouts of America have prepared an award-winning video program to educate boys 11 years and older about child sexual abuse and the steps that they should take to protect themselves. Parents are invited to join us for the presentation so they will have a common point of reference for subsequent discussions with their son. Unfortunately, child sexual abuse is an increasing social problem. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to providing a comprehensive Youth Protection Program and has prepared a range of materials for the education of scouts, adults and leaders. Scout troops are encouraged to offer a program for boys once per year, showing a video called "A Time To Tell", that that emphasizes the three R's of youth protection, Recognize abuse, Resist advances and Report to parents or another trusted adult.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to review the insert at the beginning of the Boy Scout Handbook. One requirement of the first badge in Scouting, the Scout Badge, is for the Scout to review this section with a parent or guardian.

We appreciate your support of our effort to provide your sons with a safe learning environment. If you have any questions, please contact the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair.

### **13. CAMPOUT RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Scouts will not be permitted to participate in campouts without a current permission slip that has been signed by his parent or legal guardian prior to the campout. Scouts are also required to have on file with the Troop the record of emergency data and Boy Scout physical on the appropriate form required for participation in the scouting activity.

The parent or guardian of a Scout who misbehaves or disturbs a campout will be called to come and pick him up from the campsite.

All Scouts/Leaders will travel to and from the camp in uniform. The SPL will advise boys which uniform to travel in (Class A or Class B). Scouts will be permitted to change into other clothes after arriving at the campsite unless otherwise directed by the SPL.

No Scout is permitted to leave the campsite unless he has received prior approval from the Scoutmaster or SPL. Scouts leaving the campsite will use the buddy system.

Scouts will maintain the campsite in a clean and orderly manner at all times.

Scouts will use fuels as permitted by, and in accordance with, the procedures and policies set forth in the most current version of the Guide to Safe Scouting.

No fires will be built at a campsite unless prior approval has been received from the SPL or Scoutmaster. No fires, heaters or candles are permitted inside tents. Flame-lit hand warmers are also prohibited from use in tents.

Each patrol will set-up its tents in the site selected by the SPL or the Scoutmaster.

Scouts will not borrow or use another Scout's or adult's equipment without first receiving their permission. Scouts will not go inside another Scout's tent unless permission has been received. Scouts must ask for permission to enter the adult leaders' campsite.

The points and times of departure and return for campouts shall be as announced for that activity.

All weekend campouts are covered through the troops fundraising through the year, some outings may not be covered based on troop funds.

### **14. Conduct and Discipline**

#### **Scout Conduct:**

Good behavior is essential to any program and will be strongly supported by Troop 22's youth leaders (scouts) and adult leaders (Scouters). Good behavior is a primary element of showing Scout Spirit, and is a requirement for advancement. The troop's level of authority is as follows:

Troop Committee  
Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster  
Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)  
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)  
Patrol Leader (PL)

In each instance, the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or any adult leader will have the final authority. The purpose of the authority structure is not to remove authority from the scouts, but to augment and uphold their responsibility. It is not to be construed as bossing other Scouts around or making some Scouts do more than their fair share. However, fellow Scouts must recognize this structure and be willing to participate and assist others as requested.

Scouts will not participate in any activity that could be considered dangerous to their fellow Scout.

These include but are not limited to hazing, harassing, abuse of fire or flammable materials, or abuse of sharp instruments.

Scouts will conduct themselves properly during all Troop 22 activities. If the behavior isn't allowed at school or church, it's not acceptable behavior. During all meetings and activities, when the Scout sign is held up, all Scouts and adults shall immediately cease talk and movement, and display the same sign.

Disciplinary Problems during troop activities will not be tolerated. Scouts who cannot behave themselves will be sent home.

### **Discipline:**

General: The approach to discipline in Scouting is simple and the doors of Scouting are always open to those who strive to follow the ideals of Scouting. Adherence to the *Troop 22 Conduct and Discipline Policy* is required to maintain safety, preclude property damage, and avoid disrupting other organizations activities.

Obedience: The *Scout Oath* and the *Scout Law*. The *Oath* and *Law* make being a good citizen of the troop, camp, or community possible. Obedience to the Scout Law includes respect for Scout (youth) leaders and adult leaders and all members and guests of the troop. Respect for adult and Scout leadership is expected. Under NO circumstances will adult or Scout Leaders administer physical punishment for any reason. Hazing, of any type, will not be tolerated. Scouts or adults observing such activity will take immediate measures to stop such activity.

### **Enforcing Discipline:**

Scout leaders, (SPL,ASPL,PL) are responsible for maintaining troop discipline.

Discipline in patrols will be handled by the Patrol Leaders. Patrol Leaders have the authority to ask any patrol member to shape up and/or leave a patrol meeting and report to the SPL (Senior Patrol Leader). An adult leader must be notified of actions taken.

When the Patrol Leader cannot handle the problem, he must obtain help from the Senior Patrol Leader. The Senior Patrol Leader has the authority to ask a Scout to leave the meeting area and report to the Scoutmaster.

When the Senior Patrol Leader cannot handle the problem, he must obtain the help of the Scoutmaster.

When the Scoutmaster determines that a Scout requires discipline, the following actions are taken:

First Instance – Conference with the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. All such conferences should be attended by an appropriate Boy Scout Leader and by another adult leader.

Second Instance – Conference with the Scoutmaster and a phone call to parents explaining the problem and stating that one more complaint may result in suspension for a period of time established by the severity of the offence. A written explanation of the offense will also be prepared to back-up the phone call. One copy will be given to the parents, another to the Troop Committee Chair (in case further action is necessary). Parents may be requested to attend meetings to help supervise their Scout. The Scout may be assigned to appear before a board of Committee members or the PLC as a lesser disciplinary action prior to suspension from troop activities.

Third Instance – Conference with the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and parents. Based on the Scoutmaster's recommendation, the Scout may be suspended from all Troop activities for a period of time as established by the Scoutmaster.

Fourth Instance – The issue is referred to the full Troop Committee by the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair with a recommendation of action and the circumstances for the referral.

The Troop Committee may proceed immediately with any level of discipline without conducting previous lower levels of discipline, if the Committee deems the severity of the circumstances warrant such action.

The above steps are not meant to discourage either the Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol leader from seeking advice from the Scoutmaster or any adult leader when they are having leadership challenges, but are intended to state discipline options in advance.

In extreme cases, a Scout may be recommended for dismissal from the Troop. This action means that only by agreement from the Troop Committee will the Scout be permitted to return to the troop. Dismissal will only be carried out by the Troop Committee. In the case of a dismissal, a letter to the Scout's parents will be sent outlining the reasons for the dismissal and the alternatives for returning to the troop.

If a Scout is disruptive during any event (meeting, camping trip, day trip, etc.) and it is determined by the adult leader of the event that the Scout's continued presence will continue to be disruptive, the parents of the scout will be called (anytime; day or night) to come and get the Scout.

If a Scout feels he has been subjected to inappropriate discipline by another scout, he may seek help from the Senior Patrol Leader. A Scout who feels that he has been subjected to inappropriate discipline by the Senior Patrol Leader may seek help from the Scoutmaster, and a Scout who feels that he has been subjected to inappropriate discipline by the Scoutmaster may seek help from the Troop Committee Chair.

### **Drugs, Alcohol, and Tobacco:**

No Scout shall use, possess, and/or distribute tobacco or any controlled substance (drugs and alcohol). Parents of a Scout found to have used, possessed, or distributed a controlled substance at a Scouting function will be subject to immediate disciplinary action. Parents of Scouts required to take prescription medication over the period of a troop event are required to present the medications required during the event to the Activity coordinator along with a troop medication form indicating medication type, dose, frequency and emergency contact information prior to any Scout leaving with the Troop on an event. Serious medical requirements may require a parent to attend an event and administer medication.

### **Fighting:**

Troop 22 has a zero tolerance policy for fighting. Fighting is not permitted and is grounds for immediate disciplinary action. Parents will be called and asked to take their Scout home.

### **Language and Respect:**

Foul language, swearing, cursing and abusive/suggestive/offensive gestures are not in keeping with the ideals of Scouting and will not be allowed. A Scout is *Reverent, Courteous, and Clean*. Disrespectful language to any Scout or to any adult is not allowed.

### **Adult Leader Conduct:**

Adult leaders shall exhibit the ideals of Scouting when working with the boys. They will strive to set a good example in their handling of all situations. Standards of conduct in personal habits, language, hygiene, and interaction with Scouts will be in accordance with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. The Committee Chair is responsible for the conduct of adult leaders. Conduct befitting a Scout is expected of adult participants as well, especially in regards to the Do's and Don'ts.

### **Do's and Don'ts: Selected Examples:**

The Boy Scouts of America prohibit the securing, use, and display of fireworks in conjunctions with programs and activities, except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert. Scouts of Troop 22 are prohibited from possessing or using fireworks on any Troop 22 activity.

Scouts are not permitted to possess firearms. Firearms will be permitted at troop meetings only if the troop program calls for such activities. Any such activity must have prior approval of the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee.

Sheath knives are not permitted. Lock-blade and pocket-knives are permitted, but the blade may not exceed 3 inches. Scouts carrying pocket-knives must have their *Totin' Chip* card in their possession as prescribed by the BSA training requirements. If the *Totin' Chip* is to on the Scout's person, the knife will be confiscated and returned at the end of the activity.

Sexually explicit materials in ANY media format shall not be brought to Scout activities. If found, such materials will be confiscated and returned to the parents of any scout involved. Troop 22 policies prohibit Scouts from bringing electronic devices on activities. Examples include but are not limited to: radios, televisions, CD players, cassette players, cell phones, PDA's, iPod's, video games. For long trips, arrangements can be made for the use of the above equipment during travel to and from the activity. Equipment will be held by the Scoutmaster or adult leader during the activity and will be returned to the Scout for traveling.

The Scoutmaster or adult leader has the authority to confiscate all items deemed inappropriate or dangerous. Personal items confiscated may be returned to the Scout's parents.

## **15. TROOP FINANCES**

The Troop's financial commitments are met through Troop fundraising activities and Troop dues.

Annual dues for Troop 22 are **\$50.00** per scout. This fee covers the annual BSA registration fee, Boys Life and insurance.

Troop 22 relies on fundraisers to raise money to fund the activities and supplies that support the Troop's Scouting Program including badges, awards, outings, events, etc. The Troop's main fundraising efforts are the selling of BSA popcorn in the fall and Fish Fry's during Lent. Popcorn products are sold individually by the scouts and their families and also at Troop booth sales. We will hold at least two booth sales at a local large retail establishment. All Leaders, scouts and adult parents are required to participate in the Troop's fundraisers and do their share.

The Troop's annual budget is based upon each scout generating **\$150.00** (\$450 in sales) in profit from popcorn sales. This amount can be earned through individual sales and participation at booth sales. If a scout does not sell enough individually or earn enough credit from participating in booth sales to meet this obligation, the scout's parent **must** pay the difference to the Troop.

Attendance at a booth sale will earn a scout fundraising credit. Every scout attending a booth sale will be credited a portion of the sales based on how long he participated and how many scouts attended.

For example, a popcorn booth sale last four hours and generates \$800 in sales which gives the Troop a profit of \$240 (30% profit on popcorn sales). If there were 16 scouts that stayed for 1 hour each, that means there were 16 scout hours in total. Therefore, \$240 divided by 16 scout hours is equal to \$15 profit per scout hour and the scout would receive credit for \$15. A scout staying 2 hours would earn a \$30 credit towards his fundraising obligation.

Fundraisers, other than BSA Popcorn, require an approved Council fundraiser permit.

The Scouting Program will be adjusted up or down in accordance with the financial abilities of the Troop.

## **16. FRIENDS OF SCOUTING**

Friends of Scouting (FOS) is the charitable foundation that funds approximately 40% of the Council's budget. Leaders, scouts, parents and scout families are asked to contribute to FOS which helps fund and maintain the Council's facilities, services and Scouting Program. FOS also helps fund any financial support provided to our Troop by Council. FOS is presented as part of the annual Court of Honor in early spring.

## **17. ANNUAL HEALTH & MEDICAL RECORD**

All Leaders, scouts and parents participating in Troop activities **must** complete and submit **Parts A and B** of the **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** (BSA policy). A Leader, scout or parent will not be allowed to participate until the medical form has been received. If any information changes during the scouting year, please update the information provided to the Troop as soon as possible to keep our records up to date.

Parts A and B are to be completed at least annually by participants in all Scouting events. This health history, parental/guardian informed consent and hold harmless/release agreement, and talent release statement are to be completed by the participant and parents/guardians.

Part C is the physical exam that is required for participants in any event that exceeds 72 consecutive hours, for all high-adventure base participants, or when the nature of the activity is strenuous and demanding. Service projects or work weekends may fit this description. Part C is to be completed and signed by a certified and licensed health-care provider—physician (MD or DO), nurse practitioner, or physician assistant. It is important to note that the height/weight limits must be strictly adhered to when the event will take the unit more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle, accessible roadway, or when the program requires it, such as backpacking trips, high-adventure activities, and conservation projects in remote areas.

Part D is required to be reviewed by all participants of a high-adventure program at one of the national high-adventure bases and shared with the examining health-care provider before completing Part C.

## **18. CIVIC SERVICE**

Civic service is a part of Scouting. All Leaders, scouts and parents are expected to participate in BSA and Troop civic service events

## **19. EVENTS & TROOP WEBSITE**

As part of a quality Scouting Program, the Troop will hold many events. The schedule of events is shown in the Troop calendar and detailed information is available for these events. In addition to Troop events there are many other very worthwhile scouting events held by the District and Council. The Troop maintains a website to show off our Troop and to provide information to our scouting families and friends.

The Troop's website address is: **[www.unit22gnfc.org](http://www.unit22gnfc.org)**

## **20. CANCELLATIONS**

In the event of inclement weather or unforeseen circumstances, it may be necessary to cancel an event or meeting. Leaders will contact Boys using the contact information provided to advise of the cancellation. The Troop will follow SSPP policy that meetings are not held when the School is closed due to inclement weather.

## **21. PERMISSION TO PARTICIPATE**

Permission for a scout to participate in Troop events and for his picture to be displayed on the Troop Website is part of the "**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POLICY**" page which is the last page of the Policy. This acknowledgement **must** be signed and submitted to the Troop before any participation can be allowed. If a parent does not wish their scout's picture to be displayed on the website, please mark out this part of the acknowledgement and initial beside the mark-out. Permission slips for special events may be separately required.

**Boy Scout Troop 22**

**SS Peter & Paul RC Church**

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF POLICY**

Please sign and return this form to our Committee Chair (Bob Blatz) after you have read the Troop 22 Policy.

I have read, and will observe at all times when Scouting, the Policy of Troop 22. I hereby give permission for my scout to participate in all Troop events and for his photograph to be displayed on the Troop website.

**PARENT AUTHORIZATION:**

I understand that participation in any scouting activity involves a certain degree of risk. I have carefully considered the risk involved and give consent for myself or my child to participate in all scouting activities this year. I understand that participation in the activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to abide by applicable rules and standards of conduct. I release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council (GNFC), the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activities from any and all claims or liability arising out of this participation.

In case of emergency involving my child, I understand every effort will be made to contact us. In event I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose to the adult in charge examination findings, test results, and treatment provided for purposes of medical evaluation of the participant, follow-up and communication with the participant's parents or guardian, and/or determination of participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Scout Name Print: \_\_\_\_\_

Scout Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_