

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 1911 PARENT'S HANDBOOK ON TROOP POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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INTRODUCTION

This document presents the policies and procedures for the operation of Troop 1911. The purpose of this document is to provide the adult leaders (Scouters), the Scouts, and the parents of Troop 1911 a reference that explains the policies of the Troop as well as provide insight into why the policies were developed. This document is intended to be a supplement to the policies of the Boy Scouts of America and does not supersede any policies stated therein. This document will be revised from time to time in order to accommodate changes in official Scout policy and the needs of the Troop.

Boy Scout Troop 1911 is a non-denominational, community-based Troop in the Mullan Trail District, Montana Council of the Boy Scouts of America. The First Christian Church in Missoula sponsors us.

MISSION STATEMENT & GOALS

Troop 1911's mission is to provide an opportunity for advancement and personal growth for every boy who becomes a member of Troop 1911. Our goal is to develop Boys into Scouts, Scouts into Men. We know that boys who strive to live by the Scout Oath and Law grow in character, leadership, and fitness. It is better to build boys than to mend men. Troop 1911 utilizes the 8 Methods of Scouting to accomplish the Scouting Aims of Character, Citizenship, & Fitness.

The troop's mission statement is implemented through the Troop's Scouting Program, which is established by the Troop Committee and managed by the Scoutmaster. One of the goals of the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 1911 is to help boys develop into honorable men. Scouting's values can be incorporated into a boy's home, school and religious community. To that end, Troop 1911 incorporates activities into its Scouting program that are directed at three basic objectives; 1) Character development; 2) citizenship training; and 3) mental and physical fitness.

The centerpiece of Troop 1911's Scouting program and the allure for Troop 1911's Scouts is the Outdoor Program. The troop conducts outdoor activities throughout the school year, attends a BSA Council sponsored long term camp during the summer and a number of high adventure camping opportunities through the school year and also during the summer. These activities provide a terrific focal point for the program's three objectives. The Scouts themselves take on leadership roles in order to plan and manage these activities. Acquiring and refining the skills to not only survive but to enjoy the challenges offered by outdoor living leads to the development of both mental and physical fitness and character.

The troop's program will have been successful if we have provided the Scouts with a challenging and fun experience that, as an intended by product, results in the development of character, citizenship and physical and mental fitness.

The 8 methods of Scouting

1. Scouting Ideals - The ideals are those outlined in the Scout Oath and Scout Law, the Scout Motto, The Scout Slogan, and the concept of "Scout Spirit". The ideals define what a Scout should strive to be: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, reverent, mentally awake, morally straight, physically fit, always prepared. The Boy Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and, as he reaches for them, he has some control over what and who he becomes.

2. Patrols - The patrol method gives Boy Scouts an experience in group living and participating citizenship. It places responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to interact in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives. The Patrol is the basic unit of Scouting. It is a perfectly sized group of Scouts with a common purpose. When properly formed, the Patrol is more than a group; it's a team and each member has a job to do. In a Patrol, the Scout first begins learning about citizenship, making decisions, and doing things for himself. He counts on the other members of his Patrol to do their part, just as they count on him to do his. Membership in a Patrol leads to opportunities for leadership, so this method is also important to other methods in this list. Everything in Scouting can and should be done using the Patrol method, and Patrols should be more than just a list of names. The group should be real, and it should have real things to do. Its leaders should be real leaders, with real authority.

3. Outdoors - Boy Scouting is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoor setting that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with one another. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Boy Scouts gain an appreciation for Nature and humankind's place in it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Boy Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources. Doing things outdoors are what Scouting is all about. Putting the "Out" in Scout"! In the course of doing the things Scouts do, a boy cannot help but go into the outdoors. In fact, it's impossible to properly conduct a Scouting program without going outdoors. As much as possible, and as often as possible, Scouts should get out of buildings. They should hike wilderness trails, climb mountain peaks, get wet, get dirty, get sweaty, camp in the woods, swim in the lake, and all of the other things boys do.

4. Advancement - Boy Scouting provides a series of surmountable obstacles and steps

in overcoming them through the advancement method. The Boy Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he meets each challenge. The Boy Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a Boy Scout grow in self-reliance and in the ability to help others. The advancement method is nearly as pervasive as the ideals of Scouting. Advancement gives the Scout things to do when they go outdoors, and it gives Patrols something to work together on. Advancement also contributes to a Scout's personal growth, provides opportunities for leadership and adult associations, and a reason to go outside. Advancement in Scouting is specifically designed to present every boy with a big challenge, broken up into smaller and smaller challenges. A Scout learns to set goals, develop plans for meeting those goals, to motivate himself to do what needs to be done, to always try his best and keep trying, and even that his perception of what he can do is often wrong. The Scout learns about his personal abilities and limitations, and ways to overcome those limitations and take advantage of those abilities.

5. Personal Growth - As Boy Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Boy Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. Probably no device is so successful in developing a basis for personal growth as the daily Good Turn. The religious emblems program also is a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent personal conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Boy Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims. Much of what we do in Scouting involves boys facing unfamiliar territory and learning to cope with it. This is what we call personal growth. Every Scout develops greater confidence through experience and advancement. He learns to have confidence in himself; to challenge himself, and to learn from his failures. Every step along the way, a Scout is faced with a challenge that has to be overcome. In the process, he learns to look at himself differently. He stops saying "I can't" and begins to look for ways to say, "I can." As his confidence grows he looks for greater responsibilities and challenges. He learns to make real decisions.

6. Adult Association - From time immemorial youth have looked to adults for guidance. Sons look to parents for an example to live by. Students look to teachers for knowledge. In Scouting, this tradition continues. Adults provide the living example to Scouts of the ideals of Scouting. More importantly, adults provide the impetus for a Scout's personal growth and self-confidence. Adults also provide the safety net that allows Scouting to work. Through guidance and support adults in Scouting create the environment the Scouts need to take advantage of these methods. The Scout learns to work with other adults and develops the skills needed to navigate the adult world.

7. Leadership Development - The Boy Scout program encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Boy Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership role of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting. Scouts learn to lead themselves. In Scouting, adults aren't there to lead the Scouts. They are there to guide the Scouts through the process of leading themselves. This process begins in the Patrol where Scouts have their first opportunity to choose their own leaders. As the Scout's experience grows, his opportunities for leadership increase. Leadership in Scouting includes making decisions and guiding the troop and Patrol, planning the program, and conducting meetings. Scouts learn to lead by leading, and they develop leadership skills by learning to follow their chosen leaders.

8. Uniform - The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and

creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth who believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished. People seeing a boy in a Scout uniform expect someone of good character who is prepared to the best of his ability to help those around him. The uniform has always been an important part of being a Scout. In this day and age, many would have you believe that the uniform really isn't all that important; that a Scout is as much a Scout in T-shirt and jeans as he is in khaki and green. That's partly true, but the uniform is more than a set of clothes. It's more than simply a place to display achievements. It is a symbol of the boy's commitment to Scouting - his acceptance of Scouting's ideals and willingness to live by them. Scouts who do not wear a uniform usually do not have a complete understanding of Scouting or the commitment they have been asked to make.

TROOP LEADERSHIP

The Troop Scoutmaster heads the Troop's Scouting program. The Scoutmaster is responsible for the image and program of the Troop. The Scoutmaster is appointed by the Troop Committee. The Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters work directly with the Scouts. In general, they train and guide boy leaders, work with other responsible adults to bring Scouting to the boys, and use the methods of Scouting to achieve the aims of Scouting.

Assistant Scoutmasters are responsible for duties such as Eagle Scout coordination, New Scout advancement, and Order of the Arrow coordination, among other things.

Other positions of responsibility include (but are not limited to) Outdoor Events Coordinator, Health Records Coordinator, Tour Permits Coordinator, and Fund Raising Coordinator.

The Troop Committee supports the Troop program as developed by the Scoutmaster and the Scouts. It is the governing body of the Troop and is responsible for making policy and providing the resources necessary for the Troop program to happen. Serious disciplinary matters are handled by the Troop Committee with input from the Scoutmaster. The committee carries out the policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, provides adequate meeting facilities, is responsible for Troop finances, is responsible for Troop property, supports the outdoor program, and supports the Scoutmaster with whatever assistance is needed for the Troop to function. The Troop Committee shall include, but not limited to, the following positions:

- **Committee Chairperson:** Organize the committee to see that all functions are delegated, coordinated, and completed. Call, preside over, and promote attendance at monthly Troop committee meetings. Secure parents and other adults to serve in leadership positions.
- **Chartered Organization Representative:** Serves as liaison between the Troop and the chartered organization. Secures a Troop Committee Chairperson and encourages training. Maintains a close liaison with the Troop Committee Chairperson.

- **Secretary:** Works with the Troop Scribe to maintain the attendance records of the Scouts. Keeps minutes of committee meetings and any important records. The secretary shall also be responsible for maintaining correspondence and records of the Troop.
- **Treasurer:** Handles all Troop funds. Pays all bills and maintains the Troop checking and savings accounts. Responsible for developing the Troop's annual budget.
- **Advancement Chairperson:** Maintains all Troop advancement records. Monitors individual advancement and encourages Scouts to advance in rank. Maintains an in-house merit badge counselor list. Works with Troop Scribes to maintain attendance records. Prepares for Courts of Honor.
- **Membership Chairperson:** Maintains all Troop membership records. Is responsible for registering new Scouts and adults and for the re-Charter process in March. The Membership Chairperson interacts with boys and their parents who are interested in joining the Troop.
- **Leadership Chairperson:** Tracks and maintains all Scout Leadership Positions. Is responsible for developing the minimum requirements for each leadership position and work with the Scoutmaster to monitor their achievement of those requirements.
- **Outdoor Events Coordinator:** Plans and coordinates Troop camping activities. Secures camping facilities, arranges for coordinating Patrols, and is responsible for seeing that the Grub Master has arranged for meals for adult leaders during Troop activities.
- **Quartermaster:** Is responsible for all physical equipment that the Troop owns. Purchases new equipment and arranges for repair of old equipment as needed. Is responsible for the Scout Quartermasters.
- **Grub Master:** Is responsible for the cooking supplies and equipment needed for the 'Old Goat' Patrol. The Grub Master is also responsible for the 'Old Goat' meal arrangements for campouts (and all Scouts when the Troop feeds them). ('Old Goats' refers to the adults)
- **Facilities Chairperson:** Arranges for facilities for Troop meetings, merit badge classes, and Courts of Honor.
- **Chaplain:** Provides opportunities for Scouts to grow in their duty to God and their fellow Scouts. Provides a spiritual tone for Troop meetings and activities. Gives guidance to the Chaplain's Aides.

At the discretion of the Committee Chairperson, an ad-hoc committee can be formed to investigate or address a specific issue. The ad-hoc committee is to report to the full committee with any report or recommendation for the committee's consideration.

The Troop Committee, the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and other Scouters generally meet on the last Tuesday of each month to discuss and plan the upcoming activities. The meetings are open to any parent of a Scout in Troop 1911 and parents are encouraged to attend Committee meetings, to voice opinions and offer suggestions. Parents are also welcome and encouraged to become uniformed adult leaders in the Troop.

All registered adult leaders of the Troop are required to complete the Boy Scout Leaders Training and Youth Protection Training offered by BSA, no exceptions.

In addition, some leadership positions require further training over and above the fundamental Training. Those positions include Committee Chair and Scoutmaster.

The Troop's success is a direct function of the level of involvement of interested adults and parents. A troop of Troop 1911's size simply cannot succeed without the assistance and participation of a large number of adults. Our "safety net" for both the success and failures of our Scouts has many "handles" that must be held. For that reason, Troop 1911 asks that every parent contribute in whatever way they can to support the Troop and its program. Moreover, the Troop always needs the time, energy and skills of adults who are willing to serve in a formal way on the Troop Committee or as Assistant Scoutmasters. Please contact either the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairperson for more information on how you can help out.

PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

Parents are an integral part of the boy's Scouting experience and the Troop's Program. In order for the Troop to function in an efficient manner, all parents are expected to participate in one way or another.

1. Parents are expected to participate in at least one of the following Troop functions:
 - Serve on Troop Committee or as an Assistant Scoutmaster
 - Serve on a committee, such as fund raising or Scouting for Food
 - Serve as a Patrol Advisor
 - Serve as a Merit Badge Counselor
 - Attend at least one monthly campout (unless excused by the Scoutmaster)
2. In addition to the Troop responsibilities, each parent shall take an active role in assisting their son in achieving the necessary rank advancements as he progresses through Scouts to ultimately attain the rank of Eagle. Although the Troop places a great deal of responsibility on the Scouts for their advancement, it is incumbent on each parent to monitor and encourage their Scout's progress.

In order for the Scouts to grow as members of the Troop and as good citizens, it is important that they learn to take responsibility for their Scouting career. Therefore, when it is necessary for the Scout to contact a Troop Leader, we encourage parents to insist that the Scouts make those contacts, not the parents.

Parents are encouraged to refer to their son's Boy Scout Handbook as an excellent resource of information about Scouting.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Boy Scouting is open to all boys who have completed the fifth grade, achieved the Arrow of Light award in Cub Scouts, or are at least 10 years old but not older than 18 years old. Scouts who are 18 years or older can become adult leaders in the Troop upon approval of the Troop Committee.

Each Scout must have completed a registration form (one time only) and pay the annual registration fee. Each Scout must have the Boy Scout Handbook and a complete Scout Uniform as discussed herein.

All adult leaders of the Troop must be registered. The cost of their registration shall be paid for by the adults.

MEDICAL FORMS

Troop 1911 maintains a file of BSA health forms for each Scout and registered adult. (The forms are available from the Membership Chairperson) These forms accompany the Troop on all activities. In the event that medical attention is required, the medical forms are always at hand to aid in providing prompt medical care. **CURRENT CLASS 1 & 2 HEALTH FORMS ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER FOR SCOUTS TO ATTEND ANY TROOP OUTINGS.** A current Class 3 health form is required of adults over the age of 40 who attend Troop Outings.

A SCOUT RUN TROOP

Empowering boys to be leaders is at the core of Scouting. Scouts learn by doing, and what they do is lead their patrols and the troop. Troop 1911 is a small democracy. The Scouts are formed into patrols, the basic unit of the troop consisting of 8-12 Scouts. Troop 1911 relies upon Scouts serving in positions of responsibility to plan and managed the Troop's activities. The Scouts themselves develop a troop's program, and then take responsibility for figuring out how they will achieve their goals.

An important part of the leadership experience is to deal with adversity with resolve and persistence. For that reason, it is important that the Troop provide the Scouts the "opportunity to fail" and to "fail forward" with the protection of a safety net. This is one of the most challenging aspects of serving as an adult leader to a Scout troop. There is nothing more difficult than watching a group of Scouts argue over the right direction to go, the proper way to start a fire or the correct way to prepare dinner, knowing that the outcome of the discussion will be less than an optimal result. Within the boundaries of safety, however, it is absolutely essential that the leaders permit the adverse results to occur and assist the Scouts in learning the lessons that come from such experiences.

Thus, it is not unlikely that your Scouts may come home from an outdoor activity cold, wet or hungry on occasion. It is the Troop's task to be sure that your Scout is safe and learns a positive lesson from experience rather abandoning the whole program. It is the sopping wet campout and the black pancakes of which Boy Scout legends are made. Hopefully, the Scouts will also learn something about preparation, responsibility and accountability along the way.

PATROL STRUCTURE

Patrols are the building blocks of a Boy Scout troop. A patrol is a small group of 8-12 boys who work together as a team to make the patrol a success. Each patrol has a name for itself and may develop a patrol yell, patrol flag and other things that give the patrol its own identity. In Troop 1911 the patrols sit together during meetings and are assigned responsibilities for various parts of the meeting such as the opening, the closing and pre-meeting set up. The Scouts also plan their participation in Troop campouts as patrols. Similarly they tent, cook and eat

as patrols. In addition, troop equipment such as tents and stoves are assigned to each patrol at the beginning of each school year. The patrol is responsible for making sure that this equipment is available for its use at the campout. Failure to meet these responsibilities may well result in a weekend out under the stars without the benefit of a tent or cold meals without the benefit of a stove! As Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouting Movement once observed, "The object of the patrol method is not as much saving the Scoutmaster trouble as to give responsibility to the boy."

In Troop 1911 we have decided that each patrol should consist of Scouts of diverse ages. We believe that this contributes to the "boy run Troop" concept. This patrol organization creates another opportunity for boys to teach and mentor other boys. It also presents more opportunities for leadership and helps to provide continuity in the Troop Program and Scout skills over time. In addition, it gives the older Scouts a sense of ownership in their own organization. First year Scouts are assigned to existing patrols from the New Scout Patrol in the early Fall after they have had a chance to become familiar with the Troop's program and the basics of Troop camping through the New Scout Program. Parental input is solicited to assist the Troop Committee and the Scoutmaster in assigning Scouts from the New Scout patrol to permanent patrols.

Other Patrol functions (on a rotating basis) include: responsibility for setup and takedown of chairs for the Troop meetings; performing opening and closing ceremonies of Troop meetings; responsibility for loading and unloading of the truck used for the transport of the Troop equipment to a campout, and providing an adult to drive the truck to the campout.

The members of each patrol elect one of their own to serve as their Patrol Leader. Troop 1911 conducts elections twice a year for the purpose of electing Patrol Leaders and other junior leaders for the Troop such as Senior Patrol Leader. Becoming a Patrol Leader is often a Scout's first opportunity to develop practical leadership skills. His responsibilities include taking a leading role in planning and conducting the patrol's participation in Troop activities, encouraging other patrol members to complete advancement requirements; representing the patrol as a member of the Patrol Leaders' Council, and being sure that the Patrol arrives at Troop Campouts with the appropriate equipment and groceries. The patrol may also elect other leaders such as an Assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Quartermaster.

One way in which Troop 1911 implements the "boy run Troop" concept is through the Patrol Leaders' Council. The Patrol Leaders' Council consists of the Patrol Leaders, The Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders. The Scoutmaster attends Patrol Leaders' Council meetings and provides guidance. The Patrol Leaders' Council plans and runs the Troop's Program and activities and gives long-range direction with an annual program planning meeting that lays out the Troop's calendar for the coming year. In Troop 1911, the Patrol Leaders' Council meets at least once a month, typically before the last Troop meeting of the month. Patrol Leaders and/or the Assistant Patrol Leader, a Scribe, the Senior Patrol Leader, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and Junior Assistant Scout Masters must attend. During these meetings the Patrol Leaders' Council reviews and evaluates the Troop's most recent activity, plans the next month's activity and plans the Troop meetings for the next month.

NEW SCOUT PATROL

Often times it is difficult for a Scout to transition from being a Webelos Scout to a Boy Scout. In order to help with that transition, Troop 1911 has the New Scout Patrol. All Webelos who join the Troop become members of the New Scout Patrol. One or two adult leaders of the Troop assigned by the Scoutmaster work with the New Scouts to insure they have a great start in Boy Scouts. The New Scout patrol is assigned one or more older Scouts to serve as Troop Guides to help these younger Scouts get on the road to Scouting.

After the Adult Leaders feel they are ready, New Scouts are assigned to one of the existing patrols so they can become working members of the existing patrol structure. We work to keep friends together during this process.

MEETINGS

Troop meetings are typically held on Tuesdays all year long. Exceptions include holidays and some days when Patrol Leader's Council meetings are held. During Troop meetings adult leaders are available to conduct Scoutmaster's Conferences and Boards of Review (BOR) for advancement. It is strongly advised that that prior arrangement be made for BORs and Scoutmaster's conferences.

The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) is comprised of the boy leadership of the Troop and is the time that the Troop's activities are planned. The Scoutmaster also attends the Patrol leaders Council meetings.

A calendar is developed at the beginning of the Scouting year that identifies Troop meetings, campouts, and other important dates and events. Changes or additions are announced at the Troop meetings, via voice mail, the Troop Web Site or mailings.

The Troop meetings are an opportunity for the Troop to assemble as a group to reinforce the aims of Scouting, work on skills development like knot tying, work on advancement and merit badges, and to implement the Troop's Program. At the meetings, matters of importance will be announced, the Scouts can have their Scoutmaster's conference or their Board of Review for advancement, Scout skills will be taught and reinforced, and Patrols will have time to perform planning for activities as needed.

All Scouts are expected to attend Troop meetings on a regular basis. Attendance will be taken by the Patrol Leader and will be referred to when a Scout applies for rank advancement or is considered for Scout honorary programs such Order of the Arrow. In order to be considered for an honor Scouting program, a Scout must attend at least 55% of the Troop meetings. This requirement is a threshold standard for consideration against other, more subjective criteria relating to the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts may be marked absent if not in Class "A" Uniform. Troop meetings are always open to all parents and their attendance is encouraged.

Meetings begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and generally last no more than an hour and a half. **Scouts should bring their Boy Scout Handbook to every meeting, campout, and to summer camp.** No Scoutmaster's conference or boards of review will be given if a Scout is not in uniform or does not have his Scout Handbook with him.

Scouts who cause disruptions during the meetings will be separated from their peers. Disruptive behavior during meetings will not be tolerated. If the problem persists, their parents will be called and they will be asked to leave.

Approved Scout uniforms or troop 1911 red T-shirts are required to be worn by Scouts and Assistant Scoutmasters to meetings. The Scoutmaster will decide and announce in advance at Troop meetings and on the website the uniform requirements for future meetings. Most meetings will require the regular uniform as described in the uniform section. Special events like Courts of Honor or public events like a special flag ceremony require a full uniform and the Scout sash with merit badges. Some meetings may require only the red Troop 1911 T-shirt. Scouts that are not properly uniformed or with their uniform in disarray are asked to remedy the situation or their presence will not be counted for attendance. It is incumbent on parents to make sure their Scout is properly uniformed. The Troop maintains a fund to help all Scouts have the proper uniform. If assistance in uniforms is needed, please do not hesitate to ask the Scoutmaster. Such assistance will be handled as an internal matter and no other persons in the Troop will be aware of it.

Items not essential to Scout meetings will not be allowed. Such items include homework, playing cards, baseball gloves, computers, smart phones, video games, sports gear, etc.

Approximately three times a year, the Troop holds a Court of Honor. This is a special meeting where the regular Troop meeting agenda is suspended and a ceremony is held to pay tribute to the achievements of our Scouts. At this meeting, the Scouts are awarded their rank advancements, merit badges, and other awards and are recognized by their peers, parents, and adult leaders for their accomplishments. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. Attendance at Courts of Honor is strongly encouraged for all Scouts in the Troop. Excused absences should be sought in advance.

Rank advancement and merit badges will only be presented at Courts of Honor. If the Scout is receiving a rank advancement, the mother of the Scout is given a symbol of his new rank and it is to be worn on the Mother's Brag Ribbon (provided by the Troop). The mothers are encouraged to wear the brag ribbon to all Courts of Honor.

Eagle Courts of Honor are arranged by the Eagle Scout and his family and are special events to honor those Scouts who have successfully completed the requirements. The Eagle rank is the highest rank a Scout may earn. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend.

SCOUT LEADERSHIP POSITIONS.

A requirement for advancement to the rank of Star, Life, and Eagle is that a Scout must hold a leadership position in the Troop for a period of 4-6 months depending upon the rank. The Scout may volunteer, be elected, or be appointed by the Scoutmaster to a position. Exceptions to rank requirements for each position may be granted by the Scoutmaster based on special circumstances. Duration of leadership positions is six months with elections being held in late January and late August. The following is a list of the leadership positions in the troop that can be held by a Scout:

- **Senior Patrol Leader:** Elected by the Scouts to represent them as the top junior leader in the troop. He leads the Patrol Leaders' Council and, in

consultation with the Scoutmaster, assigns specific responsibilities as needed. He leads all Troop meetings and manages the Troop's outdoor activities. Must be a Life or Eagle Scout.

- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders:** Appointed by the Senior Patrol Leader and approved by The Scoutmaster. Fills in for the senior patrol leader in his absence. They are also responsible for training and giving direction to other junior leaders in the Troop. Must be a Star, Life or Eagle Scout.
- **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster:** Serves in the capacity of an assistant Scoutmaster. He must be at least 16 and not yet 18. He must be an Eagle Scout. He is appointed by the Scoutmaster because of his leadership ability. Scouts interested in the position apply to the Scoutmaster and serve as he directs.
- **Patrol Leader:** The elected leader of his patrol. He provides leadership to members of his patrol and represents them on the patrol leaders' council. Must be a First Class Rank, Star, Life or Eagle Scout and at least a second year Scout.
- **Assistant Patrol Leader:** Appointed by the patrol leader with the approval of the Scoutmaster and leads the patrol in his absence. This position DOES NOT count for leadership credit.
- **Instructor:** Teaches one or more Scouting skills like rope lashings, knot tying, and knife and ax care to troop members.
- **Scribe:** Serves as troop secretary and maintains the attendance records for troop meetings, camp outs, and Courts of Honor.
- **Librarian:** Maintains a library of all troop-owned publications. He checks out merit badge books to Scouts on request and assures their return or replacement.
- **Historian:** Keeps a historical record or scrapbook of troop activities. He collects and maintains troop memorabilia and information on former troop members.
- **Troop Guide:** Advisor and guide to New Scout patrols. He helps the new Scouts with rank advancement and keeps track of their advancement.
- **Den Chief:** Works with Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, and den leaders in the Cub Scout pack.
- **Chaplain Aide:** Works with the troop chaplain to meet the religious needs of Scouts in the troop. He also works to promote the religious emblem's program.
- **Bugler:** Performs duties of bugler as directed by the Scoutmaster. Credit only good towards Star & Life Ranks; Not Eagle Scout Rank.
- **Order of the Arrow Troop Representative:** Serves as a communication link between the lodge or chapter and the troop. Encourages Arrowmen in the troop to be active participants in the lodge and/or chapter activities and to seal their membership in the Order by becoming Brotherhood members. Helps coordinate Troop OA Elections.
- **Quartermaster:** Responsible for troop/patrol equipment and sees that it is in good working order. He maintains the patrol box and tents on

campouts, and inspects them on their return. He is also responsible for loading and unloading to troop truck for camp outs.

- **Webmaster:** Responsible for maintaining the troop website in cooperation with the adult Webmaster. Also responsible for Troop slideshows highlighting troop events and trips, and cares for all audio-visual equipment used by the Troop.
- Once a Senior Patrol Leader is elected and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders named, all patrols must elect a Patrol Leader before any Scout in the assigned patrol may request another leadership position.
- With the exception of Den Chief and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, a Scout may not serve in the same Leadership position during two consecutive 6-month leadership terms unless given special permission by the Scoutmaster.

A Scout must complete leadership training while in the position to receive credit for rank advancement. Their leadership position will not be credited if leadership training is not completed. In addition, the Assistant Scoutmaster assigned as the mentor of that leadership position will evaluate the Scout's performance in a leadership position. Each leadership position will have a leadership card signed that describes the responsibilities of that position. Each leadership position card will be filled out by the mentor for that position evaluating the performance of the Scout in that position. There will be two evaluations: a mid-term evaluation halfway through the term and a final evaluation at the end of the term. An unsatisfactory evaluation will result in no leadership credit for rank advancement. The evaluation by the adult mentor will determine whether the Scout performed the duties of the position or just wore the patch. Completed leadership cards will be maintained in troop records and by the Scout.

It is the Scout's responsibility to pursue leadership positions. No one will elect or appoint a Scout to a position without the Scout first taking the initiative and seeking out the position.

With regard to elections, the following rules shall apply:

1. If 50% or more of the boys are running for office, boys are required to vote for someone other than himself.
2. If no one wins at least 51% of the votes, there will be a series of runoff elections eliminating the person with least votes until one person wins a majority.
3. If there is a 50% tie, the winner goes to the person with highest rank. In case both scouts have the same rank, then the scout with the best attendance record shall be declared the winner.

ADVANCEMENT

Boy Scout advancement is a four-step process: The Scout learns; the Scout is tested; the Scout is reviewed; and the Scout is recognized.

All rank advancements, merit badges, and other achievements are reported to the Advancement Chair for inclusion in the Troop Software database (currently TroopMaster Software). It is the responsibility of the Scout to notify the Advancement Chairperson of the achievement earned. If the achievement is not reported, it cannot be awarded. In Troop 1911 we say, "If it isn't recorded in the Troop Software, it hasn't happened."

Activities: Scouts participate in Activities for the benefit of Scouting. Activities that count towards Second Class #2a and First Class #3 activities requirements include: Troop Campouts, Troop Courts of Honor, Troop Eagle Courts of Honor, helping on Eagle Projects, Troop shed clean-out, Troop Picnic setup and clean up. A Scout must have any other activity approved in advance by the Scoutmaster to count towards Rank Advancement.

As a Scout progresses through a rank, he should have an Assistant Scoutmaster or a Scout who is First Class or above sign off the requirements in his Scout handbook as he learns them. When all of the requirements are learned and signed off, the Scout should request a Board of Review.

The objective of Troop 1911 Scout Spirit attendance measurements is to have Scouts demonstrate *current involvement* in Troop 1911 functions. The Troop 1911 committee has defined *current involvement* as being in attendance at least 2/3 or 66% of Troop activities within the shorter of: the previous 6 months, or the period of time since the last rank advancement.

Scout Spirit is the final rank requirement to be signed off prior to the Scoutmaster Conference. The Scout should see the Advancement Chairman to get an attendance report that indicates his *current involvement* in the Troop. The Scout then presents the report to his Team Assistant Scoutmaster. The Team Assistant Scoutmaster will consider the Subjective Scout Spirit criteria along with the attendance report to determine whether or not the Scout has met the requirements for Scout Spirit. The Team Assistant Scoutmaster will then sign off the Scout Spirit requirement and schedule a Scoutmaster Conference.

Subjective Criteria of Scout Spirit: Troop 1911 has set the following guidelines for measuring these criteria, for both past and present. Scouts are taught that they are Scouts 24 hours a day: the values of Scouting are not something to be turned off at the end of the Scout meetings. Because of this, Scouts will be evaluated based on:

- Living the Scout Oath and Law
- Contributing to the Troop
- Contributing to the Community
- Helping younger Scouts grow and learn
- Showing maturity and respect for others

Boards of Review are to be performed by a group of at least 3 adults and normally all 3 are registered Assistant Scoutmasters. This Board is the step in advancement that a trained leader "tests" the Scout on Scout Skills for that rank and "re-tests" on Scout Skills for all previous ranks. The Board of Review is the opportunity for the Scout to review his advancement and progress in the Troop as well as the community and for him to review the performance of the Troop and its leaders. Parents cannot serve on the Board of Review for their sons and are strongly discouraged from being in the room when a Board of Review is underway for their son as this can impair the tone and function of the Board's review. After the Scout successfully completes his Board of Review he then requests a Scoutmaster's conference.

Every Scout is not expected to pass every Board of Review. Failure is possible and expected when there is poor performance by the Scout, otherwise Boards of Review become meaningless. A poor performance or an obvious lack of preparation and/or knowledge requires that the Board recommend that the Scout take a Board of Review again at a later date. Once the decision is made, the Scout is invited back into the room, and the Chairperson informs the Scout of the board's decision. If the Scout is approved for the next rank, there are general congratulations and handshakes all around, and the Scout is encouraged to continue advancing. The Troop 1911 Board of Review Guidelines can be found on the Troop website.

If a Scout passes the Board of review, he then must request a Scoutmaster's Conference. A Scoutmaster's conference only happens after a Board of Review is held and the scout passes.

Scoutmaster's Conferences are the time that a Scout must be able to convince the Scoutmaster that he has mastered the requirements for the rank he is advancing to. If he is not fully prepared, the Scoutmaster should ask him to look over the material again and return at a later date to complete the Scoutmaster's Conference.

Only the Scoutmaster can conduct the Scoutmaster's Conference. The Scoutmaster can specifically request that an Assistant Scoutmaster conduct a conference in special circumstances (for example the Scoutmaster cannot conduct a Scoutmaster's Conference for his own son).

A Scoutmasters Conference and the Board of Review can be held during the same Troop Meeting. Scouts are strongly encouraged to schedule their Scoutmaster's Conferences and Boards of Review in advance of the evening upon which they wish the Conference or Board to occur. This is done by a request to the Scoutmaster to arrange a Board of Review, usually via email or in person. The Scoutmaster then appoints a chair of that Board of Review and the chair arranges the Board by asking 2 more adults to be members and by arranging the time and place of the Board of Review. Scoutmaster's Conferences & Boards of Review may be done at Campouts.

Merit Badges. The ranks of Star, Life, and Eagle require that a Scout earn a certain number of merit badges. Merit badges are awarded to Scouts for fulfilling requirements in specific fields of interest. A Scout works closely with a council-approved merit badge counselor to complete the requirements for the merit badge. When a Scout feels that he is ready to earn a merit badge, he is to obtain a blue merit badge card from the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster signs the card giving his approval for the Scout to work on the badge. A Scout can earn a merit badge at summer camp, at a Troop-conducted merit badge class, or on his own by contacting an approved merit badge counselor.

Merit badge counselors are registered adults in the Troop or in the district. An adult becomes a merit badge counselor by filling out the merit badge counselor form, which is available from any Assistant Scoutmaster.

If a Scout has special needs in order for them to advance and grow in Scouting, these needs will be addressed on an individual basis. If you feel your son has special needs, please discuss them with the Scoutmaster.

EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the items discussed below, each Scout must have a Boy Scout Handbook with their name boldly marked on the side. Also, the Scout's name is to be placed on everything taken on a campout.

Uniforms

Troop 1911 is a uniformed unit. Each Scout and registered Adult Leader adheres to the following:

- Each Scout and registered Adult Leader shall wear the appropriate uniform, as described in the Boy Scout Handbook, to all Troop and Patrol meetings and other official gatherings of the Troop, unless advised otherwise by the Scoutmaster. This will include the Troop 1911 neckerchief, camping beads, and coups awarded by honor organizations such as Order of the Arrow, etc. Sashes are only required at Court of Honors or as directed by the Scoutmaster.
- The Troop 1911 neckerchief is available from any Assistant Scoutmaster.
- Non-Scouting hats, and other non-Scouting apparel are not allowed.
- On Troop campouts and other special events, Scouts are permitted, at the direction of the Scoutmaster; to wear the Scout activity uniform (we call Class B) red T-shirt.

If it is determined by the adult leadership of the Troop that a Scout is not wearing the proper uniform, the Scout will be asked to remedy the situation or not be allowed to participate in the activity.

Camping Equipment

The following is a list of the items (at minimum) each Scout needs for a campout:

- Sleeping Bags - bring two or an extra blanket if cold weather is predicted
- Ground Mat - closed cell foam is the best
- Two sets of clothes
- Two pairs of appropriate shoes/boots
- Rain Gear
- Toiletries
- Eating Utensils - plate, fork, knife, spoon, & mug
- Flash light - with extra batteries
- Pocket knife - no sheath knives are allowed
- Scout Handbook

OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Monthly Camping

Troop 1911 is an active unit. Troop 1911 plans campouts at least once a month every month of the year. It is strongly recommended that Troop 1911 scouts participate in campouts by attending a minimum of one activity every 6 months and at least 3 per year.

Adult supervision is a requirement at all Scout functions, especially camping. Information about each campout will be emailed or posted to the Troop web site prior to the outing. Each campout has a trip leader who is a registered Assistant Scoutmaster. At least 2 adult leaders participate in every camping trip.

At the campouts, the Patrols are required to perform as a Patrol. This includes tenting together, cooking together, and generally working together on the planned activities.

The effort it takes to carry out a successful campout is great. It takes every Scout and adult who attends to do his part to insure its success. All those attending a Troop campout should participate in the setup and breakdown of the campsite. Exceptions are inevitable but in general, the Troop equipment should be packed and the site policed before anyone leaves for home. Any exceptions to this rule shall be at the discretion of the Scoutmaster. **It is the Troop's policy that Scouts must inform the Scoutmaster, in advance, if they plan to arrive late to a campout, leave during the campout, or go home early from the campout if they expect to get attendance credit.**

Scouts are not permitted to leave the designated campsite, even with a parent, without the Scoutmaster's approval.

Transportation to and from campouts is the responsibility of the adults. The Troop does not provide any other means of transportation. All Scouts who are transported to and from a campout by an adult must occupy a seat belt. Adults who drive Scouts must have proper insurance and be at least 21 years old. At campout to events requiring transportation, the transportation details are arranged by the Trip Leader.

Scouts as Drivers Policy

Older Scouts are encouraged to continue participation in the troop, and the troop recognizes that due to the many demands on a high school student's schedule, travel with the troop is not always possible. Scouts are discouraged from driving personal cars to/from troop activities. However, licensed Scouts may drive to outings with parental permission provided that the following criteria are met:

- The Scout must advise the Scoutmaster of his intention to drive and expected arrival time before the outing is scheduled to occur.
- The Scout must use his vehicle solely for the purpose of transportation to and from the scheduled activity.
- He may not use the vehicle during the outing without the express permission of the Scoutmaster. This includes "hanging out" in the vehicle.
- Other than siblings, no Scout may transport another Scout.

Under these circumstances, Scouts and their parents need to be aware that they are not officially participating in a BSA-sanctioned event until their arrival at the activity location, and may not be covered under BSA insurance.

High Adventure

Scouts who have met the age and rank requirements may participate in the Troop's High Adventure activities. These include backpack trips over 30 miles or more than 3 days.

HONOR SCOUTING PROGRAMS

Order of the Arrow

The Order of the Arrow is a national honor Scouting program founded in 1915 and is run by the Scouts. The purpose of the order is to recognize those Scouts and Scouter who best exemplify the Scout Oath and Law in their daily lives and by such recognition causes other Scouts to conduct themselves in such a manner as to warrant recognition.

These Honor Scouting Programs have their own unique criteria for initial membership and future advancement or elevation. They include, among other things:

1. Participation Criteria:

Troop 1911 has set the following guidelines for measuring these criteria:

- You must attend 66% of scheduled Troop Meetings. You must be in the appropriate Scout uniform at Troop Meetings, or your attendance may not be counted.
- You must attend at least 5 of the regularly scheduled monthly Troop campouts held during the school year. Order of the Arrow, organized overnight camping activities may be counted towards 1 of these 2 other campouts.
- You must attend all Troop Courts of Honor. If you cannot attend a specific Court of Honor, you must have an excused absence from the Scoutmaster in advance of that Court of Honor.

2. Subjective Criteria of Scout Spirit:

Troop 1911 has set the following guidelines for measuring these criteria. Scouts are taught that they are Scouts 24 hours a day: the values of Scouting are not something to be turned off and the end of the Scout meetings. Because of this, Scouts will be evaluated based on:

- Living the Scout Oath and Law.
- Contributing to the Troop
- Contributing to the Community
- Helping younger Scouts grow and learn
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TROOP FUNDS

As with any organization, Troop 1911 requires funds to operate. Some of the operating expenditures include: operation and maintenance of the Troop gear and the Troop trailer; Montana Council registration (including insurance premiums); incidental expenses for Troop meetings/Courts of Honor; and

equipment storage facility costs. In addition, the Troop provides all of the advancement and merit badge awards earned.

The following summarizes the Troop's financial policy:

1. The annual operating costs of the Troop shall be funded by the annual dues (currently \$30) charged to each Scout who is registered in the Troop. Fees for registration with the Montana Council occur around October, but are forwarded in full to the Council and not retailed by the Troop itself. The dues are for the period January 1 through December 31. No prorating of dues will apply to boys joining the Troop mid-year.
2. The Troop's cost for campouts shall be covered by the fee charged to each Scout or Adult who attends. It is our intent to break-even on the costs of campouts. The costs to the Troop could include supplies, truck rental, entrance fees, propane gas, Troop provided food, and any other cost associated with the planned event. Scouts and Adults may still be charged if they register to attend and then not attend. This covers fees paid and food bought for them.
3. The Troop's cost for summer camps shall be covered by the fee charged to each Scout who attends. It is again our intent to break-even on the costs of summer camp. The Troop's costs could include the camp fee, the bus service (if applicable), ice, fuel for necessary trucks, craft supplies, and other necessary miscellaneous supplies. The same policy holds true for high adventure expeditions, such as Philmont.
4. The monies received from any fund raisers shall be placed in a separate account and used for capital improvements, unanticipated costs, or other necessary purposes as determined by the Troop Committee. The capital improvements could include new tents, cooking supplies, and any other new equipment that may be needed to operate the Troop and its planned events. The funds will be kept in a liquid account. It is our intent to maintain only a minimum dollar amount that is determined by the committee based on known and anticipated needs. This minimum amount will be evaluated annually and adjusted as needed. If the account exceeds that determined amount, we will take measures to lower its balance, taking into account other needs of the Troop. An overall surplus of funds could potentially affect scouts directly, such as by lower dues in future years.

If a parent or adult leader requires a reimbursement for expenditure on behalf of the Troop, a receipt is required before the Treasurer can distribute a check. If possible, approval from the Treasurer should be obtained in advance of the purchase.

TROOP COMMUNICATION

The Troop uses various methods to communicate with the parents and the Scouts. They include mailings, e-mails, announcements at the Troop meetings, and through Patrol leaders. The most effective tool has been the Troop Web Site and e-mail use. All routine communication and reminders will be distributed using e-mail. If a family does not have an e-mail address or is not on the voice-mail system, we encourage you to take advantage of the many free e-mail services available.

The Troop web page should be checked on a regular basis. This site has a calendar that should have important information on events & activities.

YOUTH PROTECTION

Troop 1911 complies with the guidelines of the Boy Scouts of America. These guidelines are set forth in the insert to The Boy Scout Handbook entitled "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parents Guide." All parents are encouraged to review this resource and to discuss Section 2 with their sons. All trained adult leaders are certified as to having completed training in Youth Protection Guidelines. Some, but not all of the guidelines are as follows:

Two Deep Leadership: At no time shall a Scouter be alone with a Scout. At least two adults must be present with the youth at all times.

Buddy System: At any activity, least two Scouts must participate and stay together.

Tent Sleeping: On Troop camping activities, Scouts are only allowed to sleep in tents with their parents or with other Scouts.

Showers Adults and Scouts are not allowed to shower in the same facilities at the same time.

CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

There may be circumstances where a Scout or a parent has a special need. Please contact the Scoutmaster to discuss any issue in complete confidence. Issues could include: financial assistance, academic or special needs, medical matters, behavior or personality matters, and domestic matters that may affect the Scout.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Troop 1911 requires that all Scouts sign the Troop 1911 code of conduct form each year. The Code of Conduct form is attached.

Under no circumstances will Troop 1911 tolerate the use of Alcohol, Tobacco, or Illegal Drugs by any Scout or Adult during Troop activities.

TROOP 1911 FINANCIAL AID POLICY

Boy Scout Troop 1911 recognizes that certain parents may be unable to meet the full costs of all Scouting activities. The troop has limited financial resources, but is willing to provide supplemental funds to parents with financial need, under guidelines as specified below.

1. All requests for aid should be submitted to the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee chair, using the Troop Financial Aid Form. All requests will be kept confidential.
2. Requests should be made at least one (1) month in advance of need, or as soon as the need is realized.
3. Typically, financial assistance is limited to 50 percent of the cost of the activity or equipment. Exceptions can be made depending on the circumstances.

4. Aid can be given in various forms: camp fees, clothing and equipment, books, registration fees, etc. No cash will be given directly to the scout.
5. To be considered, the requesting scout must be willing to be an active participant in troop meetings, activities, and fundraisers.

A 3-person Financial Aid Committee will make all decisions on troop financial assistance. The members of this committee are the Troop Committee Chairman, the Scoutmaster, and one other person designated by the other two individuals.

The Financial Aid Committee will meet on an as-needed basis to discuss financial aid applications and other related matters. It will report periodically to the Troop Committee about its decisions, although specific information about family names will be kept confidential.

The troop's contribution, if any, will vary, depending on the amount of funds available, the total number of families requesting assistance and the amount requested by the family. The family and the individual Scout will each be expected to make a contribution, which will be specified. The Scout's contribution can be satisfied at least in part through troop fundraising activities.

The financial aid request form is attached.

SUMMARY

We feel that the Scouting program in general, and Troop 1911 specifically, have very positive effect on the development of our young men. Boys who strive to live by the Scout Oath and Law grow in character, leadership, and fitness. If you look at the background of many of our local, state, and national industrial, political, and military leaders, you'll find Scouting was there. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity for boys. Troop 1911 intends to be the best it can be. With the cooperation of every Scout, the help of all parents, and the continued leadership, Troop 1911 will provide the maximum benefit that Scouting has to offer.

Troop 1911 Code of Conduct

Scouting activities are fun, memorable experiences and the Troop leaders want the scouts to enjoy themselves at all times. Their fun and enjoyment must, however, stay within the boundaries of proper behavior. Not only does inappropriate and disruptive behavior ruin the scouting experience for others, it can also be dangerous.

The Troop 1911 Code of Conduct describes behaviors that promote harmony and cooperation during scouting activities. All scouts, adult leaders and parents participating in the scouting program are expected to read and understand the Code. By your signature below you agree to abide by the Code and uphold the standards described herein.

Boy Scouts of America Troop 1911 Code of Conduct

· I will follow the Boy Scouts of America guidelines and regulations. · I will behave in a manner consistent with the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. · I will follow rules and safe scout craft procedures. · I will cooperate with, obey, and show respect to leaders and adult volunteers. · I will not use or display inappropriate language or gestures. · I will not disrupt activities. · I will not intentionally damage property or equipment. · I will not fight or intentionally hurt others and I will treat others with respect. · I will respect the property and privacy of others. · I will not intentionally do anything that would be considered dangerous. · I will not leave a designated area or activity without an adult leader's permission. · I will not use or possess illegal drugs, alcohol or tobacco.

In addition, the following guiding principles will be enforced:

- Acts of discrimination/harassment on the basis of race, gender, nationality, color, age, religion, family status or disability will not be tolerated.
- Emotional, physical, verbal or sexual abuse of any participant will not be tolerated.
- Any item/material deemed dangerous or a "weapon" may be confiscated and returned to a parent following the activity.
- If banned items/materials are suspected, personal belongings may be subject to inspection. The individual and 2 adults must be present.
- Any person under active medical care is expected to follow the directions of their physician during all activities.
- Any action or activity that jeopardizes the safety or well-being of one's self or others is not allowed.

The Scoutmaster and adult leaders will interpret this code of conduct when necessary and determine appropriate disciplinary action(s) for recognized violations. In the case of a severe violation, the participant may be immediately sent home at his or his parent's own expense and no portion of any fees will be refunded.

I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to comply with all rules and requirements mentioned while participating in scouting activities. I understand that a violation may result in disciplinary action. Parents of scouts understand the stipulations in the Code of Conduct and agree to their requirements.

I have also thoroughly read and understand the requirements and rules in the Troop 1911 Handbook. I agree to abide by all rules, restrictions and expectations as described within the Troop Handbook.

Participant _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Troop 1911 Financial Aid Form

This page may be filled out either by the scout or the parent/guardian of the scout requesting aid. If it is filled out by the parent/guardian, that person is speaking for the scout (not themselves). A parent/guardian filling out this form is not required to inform the scout. Information on this form will be available only to the members of the Financial Aid subcommittee and will be held in strictest confidence.

1) Name _____

I request financial assistance from Troop 1911 for the following activities:

2) Approximate date you joined Troop 1911 _____

3) Any Previous Scouting Experience? (troop or pack and dates) _____

4) Have you been to any Troop 1911 or other scouting events? Please list recent events if you have.

5) Have you or are you willing to sell popcorn? If you have in the past, approximate total value of your sales \$ _____

6) Describe any other work you have done (or intend to do) to raise money to help pay for your scouting experience. _____

7) It is our intention to use troop funds to encourage continued participation in scouting. It is our expectation that, if we provide you with troop funds, you will do your best to remain active with our troop. We expect you to attend at least 2/3 of meetings and events in the six months after the event for which you've applied for funding. Do you agree to meet these expectations to the best of your ability? yes /no.

7) Affirmation and signature.

On my honor, I affirm that the above statements are accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Print Name

Signature

Date