

**Troop 613**  
**Boy Scouts of America**  
**Saint Augusta, Minnesota**

**Troop Policies**

**GENERAL**

1. Parents Or Guardians of all applicants must meet with the Scoutmaster, an Assistant Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairman for a personal interview before a boy will be registered with the Troop. The Troop cannot function without the active involvement of every parent. Accordingly, the Troop must ask each parent supervisory capacity and sit on monthly Boards of Review for the Scouts on a rotating basis.
2. The fall Parents Meeting will be convened by the Troop Committee Chairman at the fall picnic. The purpose of the meeting is to present plans for the ensuing year, including the next year's activity calendar, proposed budget and associated fund-raising activities, approve key Committee officers, adult leaders and Troop Policies. This meeting is mandatory for the parents/guardians of all boys currently registered with the Troop. Anyone who is unable to attend the meeting must notify the Committee Chairman in advance. A parent meeting will also be conducted at the Friends of Scouting in January. This will update the calendar if changes need to be made for the rest of the year and give parents a chance to ask questions.
3. Parents must give permission for their sons to participate in campouts. Health forms must be filled out for each camp. Costs for troop campouts and activities will be based on food costs, camp site costs, registration fees and transportation costs. If a scout cancels for a troop campout, he still may be responsible for costs related to the camp on his behalf such as share of food, etc. Fees for council camp events that were paid in advance by the troop will not be refundable. Any prepaid fees to camps are not refundable. When applicable the fees may be able to be transferred to another scout.
4. Parents shall be responsible for ensuring the transportation of their sons to campouts and other Troop activities. Carpools will be coordinated wherever possible; however the ultimate responsibility will lie with the parents. All drivers must carry liability insurance of a t least \$100,000 (each person), \$300,000 (each accident) and \$100,000 (property damage). All riders must wear seat belts while traveling as required by Minnesota law. Parents and adult leaders must provide updated information about their vehicle(s) and associated insurance to the Troop annually.
5. **Behavioral Expectations – All scouts and their parents are expected to review, agree to and sign the Troop 613 Behavioral Expectations form (based upon the 12 points of the Scout Law) on an annual basis, generally in the spring. The form is attached with this packet. By stating and agreeing to participate following the expectations scouts are agreeing to participate in troop activities in a positive, helpful and cooperative manner.**
6. Adult Leaders shall have the authority and discretion to suspend any boy who refuses to carry out the instructions of the leaders or their designated representative. In the event such a suspension occurs, the parents/guardians of the boy will be contacted immediately and will be required to make arrangements to take custody of the boy. The Troop shall not be liable for any costs involved; these will be solely the parents/guardians' responsibility. Any boy who has been suspended may be reinstated at the discretion of the Scout leaders, but only after the boy and his parents have discussed the situation in detail with the Scoutmaster and Committee Chair and are prepared to recommend a course of action to ensure that the behavior will not be repeated.
7. The parents are responsible for picking up their sons after a Troop activity or, at least, to be home when the Scout is dropped off by the Troop. The Troop will not leave a Scout at home after a Troop activity unless a responsible adult is present. If a boy is to be dropped off somewhere other than his residence address or to be picked up by someone other than a family member or the parent of another Scout in the Troop, the adult leader must be informed by the parent in writing prior to the Troop activity (e.g. a note on the permission slip for that activity).