



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
TROOP 81

Parents' Guide

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Great Smoky Mountain Council
Tuckaleechee District

MISSION STATEMENT

“The mission of the Boy Scouts of America is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.”

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PREFACE

Welcome to Troop 81

I welcome you and your son to Troop 81 of the Boy Scouts of America! We will do our best to ensure your son will benefit from all the opportunities scouting has to offer. Your son will be joining a troop rich in heritage which has touched the lives of countless boys since its beginning in 1916.

This *Parents' Guide* has been designed to provide important information about national BSA policies and our local troop operation. Please read it carefully and keep it as a resource for later reference.

The secret to a smoothly running troop is good communication, especially with the parents. Please don't hesitate to ask questions at any time. We would prefer to answer a few questions now to clarify a point than have to deal with a troublesome situation later.

Your son is about to begin an exciting adventure. If he's ready to get in on all the fun that scouting has to offer...

Let the Journey Begin!

Sincerely,

Dean Moss

Scoutmaster

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THE VALUES OF SCOUTING

THE SCOUT OATH

*“On my honor,
I will do my best to do my duty
To God and my country
And to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake,
And morally straight.”*

THE SCOUT LAW

A Scout is:

<i>Trustworthy</i>	<i>Loyal</i>	<i>Helpful</i>
<i>Friendly</i>	<i>Courteous</i>	<i>Kind</i>
<i>Obedient</i>	<i>Cheerful</i>	<i>Thrifty</i>
<i>Brave</i>	<i>Clean</i>	<i>Reverent</i>

THE SCOUT MOTTO

“Be Prepared”

THE SCOUT SLOGAN

“Do a Good Turn Daily”

SCOUT SPIRIT

Scout Spirit is defined as... *“Living the Scout Oath and Scout Law in a Scout’s everyday life.” A discussion of the Scout Oath and Law is in keeping with the purpose of a Board of Review, to make sure that the Scout recognizes and understands the value of Scouting in his home, unit, school, and community. Demonstrating Scout Spirit in everyday life is required for each rank advancement.*

PURPOSE

“It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide for youth an effective program designed to build qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop in them personal fitness, thus to help in the development of American citizens.”

AIMS

“The mission is achieved by three aims: moral strength and character; participating citizenship; and development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness.”

METHODS

Eight tried and proven methods are used to reach the aims of Scouting. All of these methods may not be used during every meeting or outing, but over time all of them will be evident in our operation. The methods below are not in order of importance; all are vital and together make up the tools Scouting uses to achieve a purpose.

Ideals – Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan

Patrols – Peer Groups, elected representation

Outdoors – All outdoor program

Advancement – Abilities, Challenge, Self-reliance

Personal Growth – Good turn, Service, Religious emblems

Adult Association – Image, Role model, Example

Leadership Development – Training and application, Citizenship

Uniform – Identity, Commitment to Aims

BSA ORGANIZATION

National Council – This is the corporate membership chartered by the 64th U.S. Congress on June 15, 1916, to operate the program called the Boy Scouts of America. The organization was modeled after the British Scouting movement founded in 1908 by Robert S. S. Baden-Powell, a British military leader. National programs are directed by the *National Executive Board* and administrated by the *Chief Scout Executive* at the national office located in Irving, TX.

Local Council – The Great Smoky Mountain Council, chartered in 1915, has served the 21 county area of Mid-Eastern Tennessee in proud tradition. It is one of 306 such councils nationwide. The council, headquartered in Knoxville, TN, is led by volunteers with administration performed by a staff of professional Scouters, led by the Council Executive.

District – *Tuckaleechee District* in Blount County is one of 10 geographical areas within the local council. There are a dozen or more troops within the district. Responsibility for the administration and management of all District affairs and activities is shared by the District chairman, District Commissioner and the District Executive. The Chairman and Commissioner are volunteer scouters; the District Executive is a paid professional scouter employed by the Great Smoky Mountain National Council. Scoutmasters and other adult leaders within the district meet at monthly *Roundtable* meetings.

Chartered Organization – Troop 81 is chartered by *Maryville First United Methodist Church*. The liaison between the church and the troop is the *Organizational Representative*. With an original charter date of 1916, Troop 81 was the first unit in the Tuckaleechee District.

Troop Committee – This is an adult committee, composed mostly of parents of scouts, whose primary responsibilities are supporting the Scoutmasters in delivering quality troop programs and handling troop administration. This committee meets quarterly. All parents of scouts are STRONGLY encouraged to participate in this important aspect of the program.

Smart Committee – The Scoutmasters Roundtable (SMART) is a committee of scoutmasters from within the troop who normally meet monthly to help maintain the focus of the program. On occasion, the youth Senior Patrol Leader also attends these meetings. This body is an unofficial addendum to the troop structure and has no judicial authority to establish policy.

Troop – Troop 81 is led by a youth *Senior Patrol Leader* and his assistant(s) and is composed of separate and individual patrols. Each patrol normally has 6 to 10 members which include an older scout as the Patrol Leader. Troop 81 is “*Boy planned, boy operated, and boy managed*” by its youth leaders.

Patrol Leaders Council – The PLC, comprised of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s), Patrol Leaders, Troop Quartermaster, Troop Scribe and any other youth leaders identified by the Scoutmaster, is chaired by the Senior Patrol Leader and is the primary *youth decision making body* of the troop. The PLC plans the troop annual program, and normally meets on the Monday evening that follows a weekend troop outing. The published calendar will show which Mondays are Troop Meeting or PLC meetings.

Permanent Patrols – Troop 81 currently has 3 permanent patrols. Each patrol has from 6 to 10 members who work as a team. Patrols have their own meetings, elect their own officers, and plan and carry out their own patrol activities. Each patrol has its own self-designed flag and other totems that create pride and good patrol spirit.

New Scout Patrol – As new boys enter the troop, they are placed in the *New Scout Patrol*. The purpose of this patrol is to introduce new, younger boys to the ways of Boy Scouting and to help them master the skills leading to the First Class rank. They will stay in this patrol for a while and then be promoted to one of the permanent patrols. The boys in the New Scout Patrol will have rotational Patrol Leader duty. Leadership for the New Scout Patrol is provided by a *Troop Guide* (an older scout). Additionally, an adult Patrol Advisor will oversee and supervise the patrol.

The Venture Crew – Venturing is for those who want to go beyond the conventional... to a higher level of challenge... to a Scouting program of their own that will demand more of them... and give them more in return. Venturing presents high adventure activities from which older scouts (14 years and up) may choose. Their summer camp experience may be COPE (Challenge Outdoor Physical Encounters) or the rugged Mountain Man Trek. A Venturing Crew can be started in Troop 81 any time there is sufficient interest.

TROOP LEADERSHIP

Youth Leaders – Leadership skills are constantly developed by the many positions of responsibility offered to the scouts. Your son will have ample opportunity to serve as a leader throughout his scouting career by filling out an Application for Position of Responsibility form which is available from the Troop Scribe, Appendix E of this booklet, and the troop website : http://troop81maryvilletn.org/Forms_%26_Links.html

Youth Leadership Training - National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) is offered annually by the council and is recommended as an excellent preparation for leadership in the troop.

NYLT aims to give each participant toolbox of essential leadership skill, the ability to set and achieve goals, the confidence and experience necessary to run their troop, an opportunity to share ideas and experiences with Scouts from all around the GSMC, and -of course- a chance to have FUN!

NYLT is a six-day course. Content is delivered in a troop and patrol outdoor setting with an emphasis on immediate application of learning in a fun environment. Interconnecting concepts and work processes are introduced early, built upon, and aided by the use of memory aids, which allows participants to understand and employ the leadership skills much faster.

Who Should Attend?

Registered Boy Scouts that, by the start date of the course:

- Are at least 13 years old, but not yet 18
- Are First Class Scouts or higher rank
- Are current or future leaders in their unit
- Can cook, hike, swim, and camp in any weather

Adult Leaders – The Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters are registered adults who serve mostly in an advisory and instructional capacity. These individuals relate closely with the youth leaders of the troop and are readily accessible at all functions. The adult leaders of Troop 81 have undergone extensive training for their roles and have years of experience with scout – aged boys. *Fast Start, Scoutmaster Position-Specific Training, and Wood Badge* are the adult leadership training courses available to registered adults. For more information about training or to register for training, please contact the Scoutmaster.

YOUTH PROTECTION

As a major youth-serving organization, The Boy Scouts of America has a unique opportunity to help protect the youth of our nation against the growing social problems of child abuse and drug abuse. The Boy Scouts has developed comprehensive Youth Protection training that addresses these problems and, at the same time, helps Scouting continue to provide a safe environment and meet high standards of leadership for our youth members.

A Parent's Guide on *How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse* is a removable 28 page booklet located in every Boy Scout handbook. It was designed to provide parents and their children with basic information that will increase their awareness of the size of these problems and their manifestation.

A Time to Tell is an award winning video, produced by the Boy Scouts of America, that educates boys 11 years of age and older about child sexual abuse and the steps they should take to protect themselves from being sexually abused. *A Time to Tell* is an important part of BSA's Youth Protection training and is presented at a special meeting of both parents and Scouts.

When participating in a BSA sanctioned event, Scouts are required to use the *Buddy System* at all times. This means that your son should never be alone... he should have the same buddy with him throughout the entire outing. This policy is strictly enforced in Troop 81.

National BSA policy mandates "*Two-Deep Leadership*" to be enacted in all local units. This means that a minimum of at least 2 adult leaders must be present at all times when adult supervision is required. One-on-one activities between adult leaders and Scouts are not permitted. Personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others. Note: the presence of siblings or spouses will not satisfy the two-deep leadership requirement.

Your son's physical security is of the utmost concern. The very nature of scout activities, i.e. backpacking, rock climbing, rappelling, campfires, canoeing, etc., can be perilous and have a degree of risk involved. For this reason, there are specific safety guidelines that are held in strict compliance.

Boy Scouts will always strive to be a *special place*. The rules are found in our Scout Oath and Scout Law. We attempt to create a safe haven where everyone will feel physically and emotionally secure. We do this in several ways:

- *By setting the example for ourselves and others by behaving as Scouts should. To live the Scout Oath and Law each moment of each day to the best of our abilities.*
- *By refusing to tolerate any kind of inappropriate put-downs, name-calling, or physical aggression.*
- *By communicating our acceptance of each other through expressions of concern and by showing our appreciation whenever possible.*
- *By creating an environment based on learning and fun. By seeking the best from each person, and doing our best to help each person achieve it.*

RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. In the first part of the Scout Oath the member declares, "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law."

The recognition of God as the ruling and leading power in the universe and the grateful acknowledgement of His favors and blessings are necessary to the best type of citizenship and are wholesome precepts in the education of the growing members. No matter what the religious faith of the members may be, this fundamental need of good citizenship should be kept before them.

The Boy Scouts of America, therefore, recognizes the religious element in the training of the member, but it is absolutely non-sectarian in its attitude toward that religious training. Its policy is that the home and the organization or group with which the member is connected shall give definite attention to religious life.

The activities of the members of The Boy Scouts of America shall be carried on under conditions which show respect to the convictions of others in matters of customs and religion

In no case, where a unit is connected with a church or any other distinctively religious organization, shall members of other denominations or faith be required, because of their membership in the unit, to take part in or to observe a religious ceremony distinctly unique to that organization.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS

Troop 81 routinely conducts a brief Sunday Christian worship service during outings. These services, which are normally conducted by the youth Chaplain Aide, usually include prayer, responsive reading, singing, scripture reading, and a brief spiritual message. While every scout is strongly encouraged to take part in this important element of our Scouting program, participation is not mandatory. If you wish to exclude your son from these services, please make your desires known to the Scoutmaster.

TROOP OPERATION

Troop Meetings

Troop meetings are held on most every Monday night from 7:00 pm until 8:30 pm in Asbury Hall (Gym) at the First United Methodist Church. The most current activity calendar will list specific dates for all troop meetings. Most everyone uses the rear entrance from the back parking lot and pass through the kitchen area to enter Asbury Hall.

Here's a typical meeting format:

Service Patrol prepares the room
Brief Patrol Meeting
Opening Troop Formation
Flag Ceremony
Announcements
Meet with RLC's
Skill Session
Game
Closing Troop Formation
Scoutmaster's Minute
Retirement of the Colors
Scoutmaster's Benediction

Your son's presence at troop meetings is important! Valuable skill sessions are held, and important information is given out during these meetings. Also, in order to advance in rank, your son must attend troop meetings and be active in the troop's outdoor program.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT TROOP MEETINGS

- A Scout uniform is required at all meetings unless otherwise stated.
- Each Scout is required to bring his Scout Handbook, Scout Notebook, and pen or pencil to every troop meeting.
- Troop meetings are not normally scheduled immediately following a weekend outing.
- When Maryville City schools are dismissed due to inclement weather, troop meetings will also be cancelled.
- Chewing gum is not permitted in the church building. (Gym floor rule)
- Scouts are to remain in Asbury Hall during troop meetings. The main body of the church building is off limits (except for the restrooms closest to the gym).
- If a scouts needs to leave the meeting before 8:30 PM, coordinate this with the Scoutmaster.

Service Patrol – Each patrol will have this rotational duty which is assigned at the Patrol Leaders Council meetings. If your son’s patrol has service duty, he is required to arrive at least 10 minutes early to set up the meeting area and remain afterwards to clean up and secure the area.

Patrol Meetings – Patrol meetings are normally held on Monday nights prior to a weekend outing. This is an important meeting because such items as menu, duty roster, and patrol gear distribution are discussed and assigned. For a dump camp, each patrol checks their Patrol box inventory to check that they are prepared for the outing. If the outing will use the Troop Trailer to transport gear for a dump camp, this is the typical meeting when the trailer is loaded after each patrol checks their box and decides on option equipment such as cooking with a Dutch Oven. Patrol meetings are normally held in Asbury Hall.

Activity Calendar – The troop activity calendar lists all our meetings, camping trips, activities, etc. along with the name and phone number of each person responsible for each particular event. We ask that it be posted in your home in a conspicuous place (like on your refrigerator) for quick referral. The activity calendar and trip lists for each event are loaded to the Troop Website for easy reference. We also maintain a Google Calendar link which you can subscribe on your computer, tablet or smart phone as a handy way to double check the upcoming events.

Leave Of Absence – If you anticipate your son missing three or more consecutive meetings due to other activities such as sports, vacation, etc., a Leave of Absence (LOA) should be submitted. This is not a permission request, but rather an indication to us that he is involved in other activities and when to expect him back. LOA forms are available the Troop’s website. These should be submitted at least two weeks in advance. Please refer to Appendix D for a sample LOA application.

Scout Handbook – This is perhaps your son’s most valuable resource in Boy Scouts. Purchase this item before anything else. It’s the basic syllabus for teaching from which most information is found. Safeguard this book because it also contains the only official record of rank advancement. We recommend the spiral bound version of this book because the durability and weatherproofing. A book cover can also be purchased at the Scout shop which helps to improve the durability of the book.

Scout Notebook – Scouts are required to have and maintain three-ringed notebooks in which important material and documents are collected and kept. Personalized notebook binders are provided to every boy who joins the troop. These notebooks are subject to inspection and evaluation at a Board of Review.

Boy’s Life Magazine – We strongly endorse this publication as a vital supplement to your son’s Boy Scout involvement. *Boy’s Life* is published monthly by the National Council and contains many boy-related articles and stories that augment the aims of the program. Subscriptions can be included with the annual registration fee for all Boy Scouts. However, only one subscription per family is required.

Patrol Equipment – The troop furnishes each patrol with the necessary gear for camping. This gear is stored in the quartermaster equipment area in the church building and can be checked out by the Patrol Leader prior to each outing.

Personal Equipment – Personal equipment is gear that the scout furnishes which includes such items as his backpack, sleeping bag, outdoor essentials, and tent. Refer to page 23 of this book for more information on personal gear.

MEDICAL INFORMATION

It is exceedingly important for the adult leadership of the troop to know the current medical condition of each Scout. We spend a considerable amount of time in the backcountry well away from any medical facility and, when we're backpacking, miles on foot from a vehicle. If a medical emergency occurs, it's imperative that we know about allergies, current medication, immunizations, physical limitations, etc.

Personal Health And Medical Record – Each Scout is required to have a current and completed form on file with the troop. This record is in three parts called A, B & C.

Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Part B: General Information / Health History

Part C: Pre-Participation Physical (needed for summer camp or events lasting longer than 72 hours)

Please refer to Appendix A for a sample Personal Health and Medical Release Form.

Medical Release Form – This important document gives parental consent to Troop 81 if medical treatment becomes necessary. Some hospitals will deny treatment unless parental consent is secured.

INSURANCE

Accident Insurance – BSA offers an Accident and Sickness Insurance plan through the Council. This is a secondary insurance plan administered by Health Special Risk, Inc. of Carrollton, TX. The premiums for this coverage are included in the annual registration fee. Please contact the Scoutmaster for additional information or claim form.

Auto Insurance – If you volunteer to transport Scouts in your personal vehicle, adequate property damage and public liability insurance must be carried. You should file a one-time Certificate of Insurance Coverage with the Troop's Transportation Chairperson listing specific amounts of coverage. Please refer to Appendix F for a sample copy of this document.

TRANSPORTATION

With any large troop, arranging transportation to and from outings can become a difficult task. With few exceptions, we rely totally on parental volunteers to provide this service. Please consider helping us in this cause. If you are willing to help, please contact the Event Coordinator for that particular outing. Note: A current Certificate of Insurance Coverage must be on file with the troop.

FINANCES

Operating funds for Troop 81 are provided in part by Maryville First United Methodist Church, gifts from various sources, as well as other Troop fund raising activities.

Annual individual fees and dues are collected to provide each Scout with National BSA registration, accident insurance, *Boy's Life* magazine subscription (if chosen), and various rank and merit badges that he has earned.

Activity Expenses – Monthly outings incur minimal expenses. Money for meals is normally paid to the Patrol Leader who arranges for a patrol member to purchase the food. Money for camping fees and occasional Sunday lunch following a hike is paid to the Troop. Such fees are collected a week before the event as part of the signup for the event.

Financial Aid – Scholarship assistance is available on a case-by-case basis. The troop will provide matching funds up 50% of the expense. Please notify the Scoutmaster to apply for this program

PLEASE NOTE – When making payment to the troop, we encourage the use of personal checks made out to “Troop 81” and clearly noting on the check the reason for the payment. If cash is used, please place the money in a sealed envelope and mark on the envelope the amount, name of the Scout, and purpose of the payment. *No loose cash will be accepted.*

THE SCOUT UNIFORM

The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Its uniform helps create a sense of belonging, not only to a patrol or troop, but to a worldwide organization whose beliefs and programs are shared by millions of others. It symbolizes character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness. Wearing a uniform gives youth and adult members a feeling of personal equality, identification, achievement, and personal commitment. For this reason, Troop 81 requires that its members be in the proper uniform on all scouting activities unless otherwise stated.

MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR UNIFORMS

Below First Class

BSA Shirt
Shoulder Loops
Proper insignia
*Phoenix Neckerchief
*Neckerchief Slide
Bead Necklace
**BSA Cap / Phoenix Cap

First Class and Above

BSA Shirt
Shoulder Loops
Proper insignia
*Phoenix Neckerchief
*Neckerchief Slide
Bead Necklace
** BSA Cap / Phoenix Cap
BSA Pants
BSA Belt
BSA Socks

* Worn with Dress Uniform

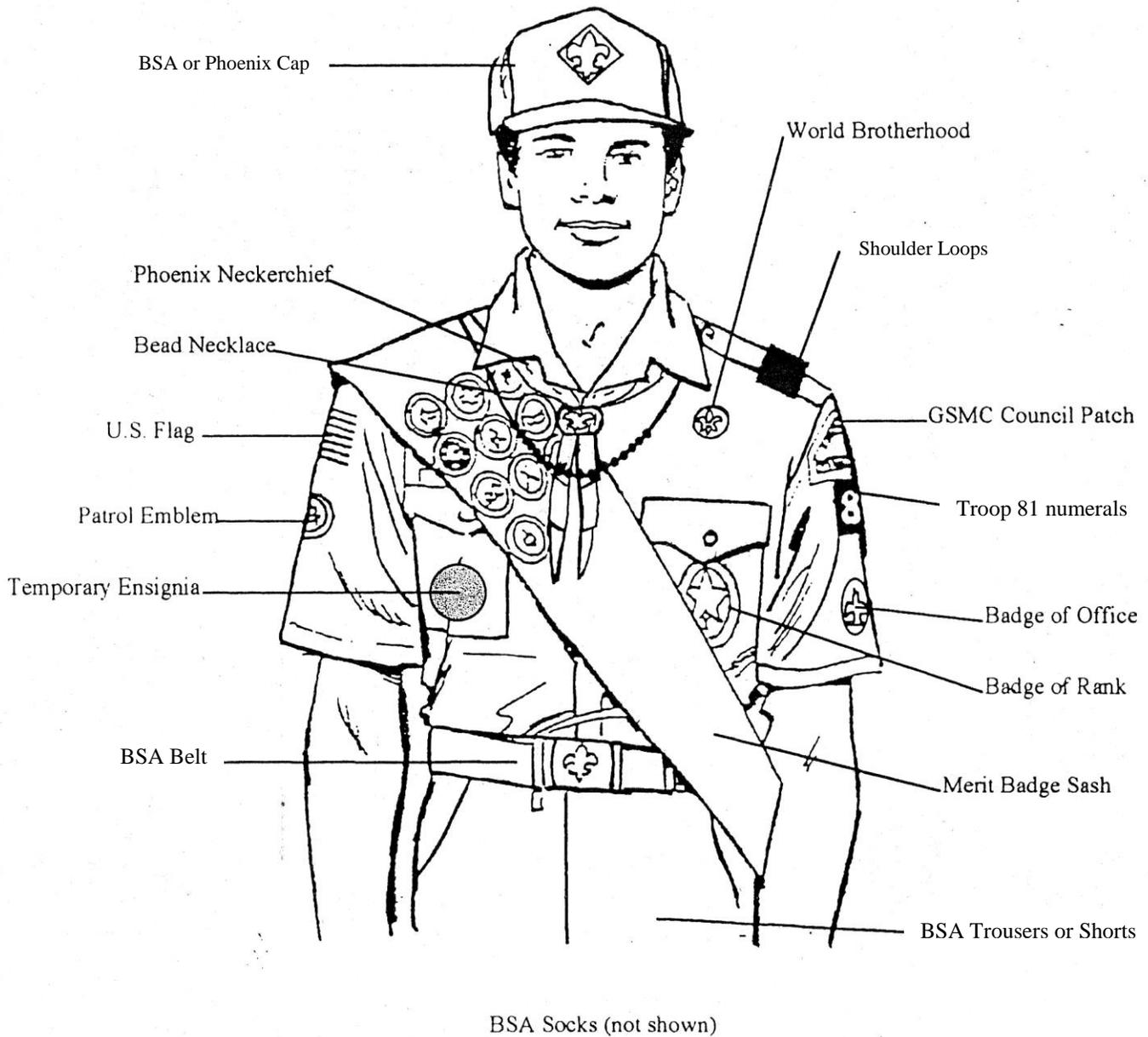
** Scout Cap Optional

Notes about the Scout Uniform

- Troop 81 will provide each Scout with a blue Phoenix neckerchief. Each Scout provides his own neckerchief slide.
- Any official BSA headgear is permitted, as well as the Troops “Phoenix” cap. Ball caps are not allowed.
- The Bead Necklace is special with Troop 81. It allows the Scout to display an array of different colored beads which represent his participation in hikes, summer camp, camporees, good turn events, inclement weather, rank advancement, and the prestigious “Zero” bead. Beads are awarded by the Troop following the activity.
- Scout uniforms and accessories can be purchased in the Scout Shop located at 1333 Old Weisgarber Rd. in Knoxville (865) 588-1940. For proper placement of insignias on the uniform, refer to the Boy Scout Handbook.
- Wearing the red Troop 81 Phoenix shirts in lieu of the BSA button shirt is permitted after approval during warm weather. Refer to the activity calendar when seasonal uniform changes occur.

Uniform Exchange – Before purchasing a uniform item, check first with the troop’s Uniform Exchange Coordinator for any available “experienced” uniforms. If you have items to donate, all out grown uniform items are gladly accepted.

Troop 81 "Dress" Uniform



BSA ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM

Advancement is the process by which Scouts progress from rank to rank in the Scouting program. Advancement is simply a means to an end, not the end in itself. Everything done to advance and earn these ranks, from joining until leaving the program, is designed to help the Scout have an exciting and meaningful experience.

Personal growth is the prime consideration in the advancement program. Scouting skills – what a boy knows how to do – are important, but they are not the most important aspect of advancement. Scouting’s concern is the total growth of the boy. This growth may be measured by how the boy lives the Scouting ideals, and how he does his part in his troop or patrol and in his daily life.

Each Scout progresses at his own rate. Advancement is not a competition among individual boys, but is an expression of the individual Scout’s interest and participation in the program. A Scout must be encouraged to advance steadily and set his own goals with guidance from his parents, guardian, and Scout leader.

It’s important to remember that a badge is recognition of what a boy is able to do, not merely a reward for what he has done. The badge is proof of certain abilities, and not just a reward for completion of a tiresome task.

FOUR STEPS OF ADVANCEMENT

1. *The Boy Scout Learns.* A Scout learns by doing. As he learns, he grows in his ability to do his part as a member of patrol and troop. As he develops knowledge and skill, he is asked to teach others; and in this way he begins to develop leadership.
2. *The Boy Scout is Tested.* Qualified people will test the Scout to ensure mastery of prescribed skills and abilities. The test may be verbal, written, or demonstrative. The successful completion of the test is documented in the Scout’s Handbook.
3. *The Boy Scout is Reviewed.* After a Scout has completed all of the requirements for a rank, he comes before a Board of Review where his qualifications are evaluated and certified by an adult committee.
4. *The Boy Scout is Recognized.* When the Board of Review has certified a Scout’s advancement, he will be awarded his rank advancement at the next troop meeting. The certificate for his new rank will be presented later at a formal court of honor where parents and visitors are invited to attend.

IMPORTANT NOTES TO PARENTS

- There needs to be a clear understanding that rank advancement does not happen automatically. For example, simply attending a class on first aid doesn’t satisfy a requirement. An individual examination of each scout must be conducted to ensure mastery of a skill.
- When your son feels like he has mastered a particular skill, it is his responsibility to contact a scoutmaster for a test.
- Parental help and encouragement are very beneficial, but the work and effort must come from the Scout. Unlike the Cub Scout program, parents are not allowed to sign off requirements.

Rank Level Coordinator (RLC) – To provide Scouts with a single point of contact for each rank, Troop 81 has installed selected adult scoutmasters as Rank Level Coordinators. The RLC's will work with and assist Scouts in their respective rank advancements.

Service Hours – Being of service to others is a fundamental conviction of the Scouting movement. "To help other people at all times" is a major element of the Scout Oath. This aspect of the program is not taken lightly. One hour of service is required for Second Class and six hours are necessary for Star and Life rank. The Eagle rank requires a service project that is planned, executed, and documented under the direct leadership of the candidate. The project must be of real benefit to a non – profit organization (other than the BSA), church, civic group, or the community. All service hours are documented on a Service Hour Validation form available from the Troop Scribe, the Troop's website, and Appendix H of this book. Service hour forms earned during each rank are submitted to the Board of Review, making it easy to track the Service hours for each rank.

Scoutmaster Conference – A Scoutmaster Conference is required for each level of rank advancement. The purpose of this conference is to develop, over a period of time, an increasing level of understanding and trust between the Scoutmaster and each Scout. The conference is an informal process of guiding the Scout to solve his own problems and set his goals, rather than simply to act on the advice of someone else. A Conference may be called at any time for any reason... not just for rank advancement. Another important reason for the Scoutmaster Conference is to ensure that the Scout is ready to go before the Board of Review.

Board Of Review – When a Scout has completed all requirements for a rank, and after a Scoutmaster Conference, he appears before a Board of Review. The purpose is not to re-test the Scout, but to make sure he has met all requirements for the rank and to chat with him a while to learn how he thinks he's doing with the troop and with Scouting. Troop 81 schedules a Board of Review as needed based on the candidates for rank advancement. Typically, these are scheduled on a Tuesday evening. Appointment requests must be made with the Board of Review Chairperson by the Scout who contacts the chairperson by phone. For ranks below First Class, a scoutmaster will make the appointment. For First Class and above, the Scout makes his own appointment.

Court Of Honor – As awards are earned, they are presented to the boy at the next Troop meeting. The annual Court of Honor recognizes each scout for his advancements during the year. This event, is truly a highlight in each boy's Scouting memory. Don't forget your camera.

Eagle Quest – The Eagle Quest is unique to Troop 81. It offers an Eagle candidate the optional opportunity to display his abilities in basic Scout Skills during an overnight backpacking expedition. This overnight campout is completely planned and coordinated by the Scout (usually Life rank, before completing all the requirements for Eagle). This event assists in the total evaluation of the Scout, and ensures the competency of the candidate for Scouting's highest honor. This is not a requirement for Eagle, but the Scouts who have completed an Eagle quest have found it very enjoyable and memorable experience.

Eagle Ceremony – The awarding of the highest rank in Scouting is truly a memorable event. This is a special ceremony, which is held in the church's sanctuary or other location of the scout's choosing, and is normally announced by a mailed invitation. Please show your support by attending these special occasions.

TROOP OUTDOOR PROGRAM

Troop 81 offers approximately fifteen nights of camping per year! Outings are scheduled for each month throughout the year and can range from a simple overnighiter to a week of summer camp. Activities might include backpacking, whitewater rafting, fishing, spelunking, camporees, rock rappelling, competition camps, and drive-up “dump” camps. A more vigorous and challenging program is offered to the older scouts.

Required Participation – In order to advance in rank, your son must be active in the outdoor program. To comply with Troop Policy, a Scout must participate in a minimum of sixty percent of available outings to be considered “active.”

Outing Triplist – An Outing *Triplist* is issued to every Scout at least two weeks prior to an outing. The list contains valuable information concerning the outing such as location of the trip, where to meet, departure time, what to bring, what to wear, trip cost and arrival time back to the church building. This is an extremely *important checklist*. Refer to Appendix C for a sample Triplist. The Triplists are distributed by paper, email and posted to the Troop Website.

Parental Permission Form – Parental permission is required for every outing. Included with the Trip Checklist will be a return slip in which you give your permission for your son to attend that particular outing. “Blanket approval” is not permitted. This permission form is due a week prior to the trip. Please refer to Appendix D for a sample permission fo

Attendance Roster – All participants of troop outings are required to sign the attendance roster to receive credit for the activity. The roster is normally circulated during the troop’s first formation on that outing, usually in the church parking lot. This is the only official record of participation.

Parents Invited – Parents are encouraged to participate in all our outings. Any additional adult is always welcomed. Adults may camp and eat with their son’s patrol or form their own group.

Scout Pick-Up – The adult leadership will make every effort to arrive back at the church building following an outing at the appointed time on the triplist. Parents, please be there to pick up your son at that time or pre-arrange his transportation with some other person. If our arrival time back to the church is adjusted from the posted time, we have the Scouts contact parents via cell phone while in route back from the outing.

OUTDOOR OPPORTUNITIES

Dump Camps – These trips are located in areas that are accessible by a vehicle. The name is derived from the thought that you drive to the campsite and “dump” the gear from the vehicle. Dump camping usually involves much more equipment than backpacking because weight isn’t a factor. Such equipment as family tents, patrol chuck boxes, flagpole, bulletin board, Dutch ovens and ice chests are often used at dump camps. These events earn the Scout a yellow activity bead.

Backpacking – This outing combines a hike with an overnight camp in which all gear is carried in backpacks. Due to the limited weight factor, equipment selection becomes very critical. There’s a definite science to backpacking... too much means too heavy; too little means ill-prepared. Troop 81 has time tested checklists that help avoid these dilemmas. Before your son participates in his first serious backpacking trip, his gear will be examined during a “shakedown” inspection conducted a few days prior to the trip. These events earn the Scout a silver activity bead.

Camporees – These dump camps are conducted by the Tuckaleechee District and Great Smoky Mountain Council and normally involve most of the troops in the district. There are usually two camporees in the year. One in the Spring, and one in the Fall. Patrol competition events are normally held at the camporees. A collectable uniform patch is awarded to camporees participants and these events earn the Scout a red activity bead.

Summer Camp – Troop 81 offers Scouts a full week of camping, usually during June, at one of BSA’s certified Council Camps. Scouts sleep under canvas, eat at the camps dining facility, swim, fish, canoe, shoot rifles and arrows, make crafts, rappel and earn merit badges. In addition, the boys can learn various skills in areas like first aid, conservation, environmental science, wilderness survival, pioneering, and Indian lore. In general they just have a great time! Troop 81 issues a booklet in March which has all the details. This event earns the boy a turquoise activity bead.

Bus Trips – Bus trips to regional attractions are also planned occasionally. Past trips include the Yorktown Aircraft Carrier in Charleston, SC., the National BSA Museum in Murray, NC., the Rocket and Space Museum in Huntsville, AL., and Washington DC.

High Adventure – The National Council offers High adventure opportunities at four locations: Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, Sommers Canoe Base in Minnesota, Sea Base in Florida and the Bechtel reserve in Virginia. These camps are available to the older Scout who would normally have the strength, endurance, and maturity necessary for these rugged experiences.

National Jamboree – This ten day outing allows local Scouts to camp with over thirty thousand other Scouts from around the nation at this once-every-four-year event. Held at Bechtel reserve in Virginia, this event offers unparalleled opportunities for boys to see and do unimaginable things like SCUBA diving, BMX bikes, confidence course, Merit Badge Midway, rappelling towers, and patch trading.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

Purchasing all the personal camping gear you will ever need all at once can be very expensive. We don't recommend it. Many items can be borrowed or rented from local camping stores. Contrary to what some salespeople might say, there's a lot of stuff that your son does not need. First, find out what's really necessary and then purchase a few items at a time. Use the scoutmasters and older boys as references. Camping gear makes great gifts for birthdays and Christmas. If in doubt about what type, style, size, cost, etc. don't hesitate to ask any scoutmaster. Place your son's name or initials on all of his belongings. Here are some of the major things your son will need;

Outdoor Essential Items – See page 19 for a complete list.

Backpack – These can be purchased in either internal or external frame styles. It needs to fit the boy just as if it were a garment. A common mistake is to buy a pack too large and let the boy grow into it. Try it on for size. Put weight in the bag and carry it through the store. Have the sales clerk to fit the bag to your son.

Sleeping Bag – A winter bag with a rating down to a minimum +20 degrees will be needed. Look for a “mummy” bag that can be stuffed into a carrying bag. Synthetic insulation such as HOLLOWFIL or QUALLOFIL are very good. Some of the better bags have drawstring hoods and collar. All bags need a waterproof “stuff” sack to carry them in. Adding a plastic garbage bag on the inside of the stuff sack can improve the waterproof qualities of a standard nylon stuff sack.

Sleeping Pad – A sleeping pad provides the needed insulation from the cold ground. The sponge type pads will suffice, but the self-inflating, closed cell foam mattresses offer better quality and comfort.

Tent – A light weight nylon tent is a must. Recommended types have a detachable rain fly, zippered entrance, and water proof floor. Also, tents should have a separate plastic ground sheet for a moisture barrier. It's possible that your son can share a tent with another patrol member.

Eating Utensils – Some Scouts use a Frisbee as a plate/bowl since it is light weight, durable, and packable. Paper (not Styrofoam) plates are acceptable. A small insulated cup is needed for hot beverages. Sturdy plastic silverware is OK but metal is preferred.

Toiletry Items – Personal hygiene items should be in the small “travel size.” These should include tooth brush/paste, hand soap, comb, and toilet paper. Carry these in a zip-lock bag to keep them dry.

Miscellaneous Items – Other than the outdoor essential items, Scouts have found need for the following items; nylon cord (50 ft), clothes pins, plastic trash bags, backpack rain cover (large plastic bag), zip-lock bags for wet or soiled clothing, bandannas, sun glasses, and hiking stick.

***Troop 81 has an account with CAMPMOR, a nationwide mail-order outlet for camping gear. Our troop gets a 10% discount on most items in the catalogue. We place orders as often as needed. This is a good source for outfitting your son. Contact the CAMPMOR Coordinator for details.

OUTDOOR ESSENTIAL ITEMS

The concept of “*being prepared*” is the cornerstone of the Scouting movement. This philosophy is constantly reinforced in every aspect of the program. To ensure preparedness in activities that involve any degree of a survival risk, each participant is required to have the following items, known as the *Outdoor Essentials*.

Every Scout (not just leaders) must have the following Outdoor Essential items in his possession when participating in any camping or hiking activity, regardless of the length or duration of the activity. On occasion, unannounced “shake down” inspections may be conducted prior to an outing to ensure compliance with this important policy. Troop 81 reserves the right to deny participation to any Scout who is deemed unprepared.

1. Pocket knife: A sturdy simple pocket knife with collapsible blade is needed. Stainless steel is preferred with a locking blade. Sheath knives are not permitted.
2. Matches: Wooden “strike anywhere” stored in water proof container. Butane lighters are now allowed, as BSA changed their policy.
3. Fire starter: Any dry tinder used to start a fire such as paraffin sticks, fat wood, small candle, dryer lint, etc.
4. Flashlight: Light weight type that uses AA or AAA batteries is preferred. A good LED flashlight will cost a little more, but you will save on the batteries it will use.
5. Personal First Aid Kit: This is a collection of first aid items such as band-aids, gauze, mole skin, anti-septic swabs, etc.
6. Whistle: This is used for distress calls. A non-plastic type with a neck lanyard is preferred.
7. Compass: We teach compass lessons using the Silva Polaris compass. Your son will greatly benefit from owning the same compass.
8. Map: This is usually provided by the troop.
9. Clothes: A complete change (including underwear) is needed.
10. Food: Trail-mix that provides high energy nutrients is preferred over junk food. Avoid food stuffs that will melt in warm weather.
11. Poncho: A light weight, brightly colored poncho is preferred which can also be used as a high visibility distress signal.
12. Water Bottle: Any light weight water proof container will suffice. (Troop 81 provides free water bottles)
13. Sun Protection: These are seasonal items such as insect repellent, lip balm, sun screen, etc.
14. Emergency Kit: A Scout made kit that contains such things as extra batteries, boot laces, safety pins, sewing kit, etc. These are not routinely used and are reserved for emergencies only.

TROOP 81 WEBSITE

Troop 81 has a website to provide information to the Scouts and Parents of Troop 81.

<http://troop81maryvilletn.org>

You will find the following information posted:

Calendar – The Calendar information is posted as a .pdf file and shows about 6 months at a time. This is updated as the year progresses and reflects the planning performed by the Patrol Leaders Council. The Scouts make decisions during the PLC meeting to plan the calendar.

You will also find the upcoming trip lists posted to the Calendar Page.

Merit Badges – Links to some of the merit badge worksheets are included. See also www.meritbadge.org for more information related to ranks and badges.

Rank Advancement – Contains the study questions each Scout needs to review before attending a Scoutmaster Conference for rank advancement.

Forms & Links – Various Troop forms are posted for easy reference

Summer Camp – Summer Camp information is placed on the web site to provide a central reference location for the months leading up to the summer camp trip.

APPENDIX

List of Documents in Appendix

- A. Personal Health and Medical Record
- B. Triplist Example
- C. Parental Permission Form
- D. Leave of Absence (LOA) Application
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- F. Certificate of Insurance
- G. Service Hour Validation Form
- H. Graces and Benediction
- I. Activity Beads
- J. Phoenix History

Part A: Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

Full name: _____

DOB: _____

High-adventure base participants:
 Expedition/crew No.: _____
 or staff position: _____

Informed Consent, Release Agreement, and Authorization

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves the risk of personal injury, including death, due to the physical, mental, and emotional challenges in the activities offered. Information about those activities may be obtained from the venue, activity coordinators, or your local council. I also understand that participation in these activities is entirely voluntary and requires participants to follow instructions and abide by all applicable rules and the standards of conduct.

In case of an emergency involving me or my child, I understand that efforts will be made to contact the individual listed as the emergency contact person by the medical provider and/or adult leader. In the event that this person cannot be reached, permission is hereby given to the medical provider selected by the adult leader in charge to secure proper treatment, including hospitalization, anesthesia, surgery, or injections of medication for me or my child. Medical providers are authorized to disclose protected health information to the adult in charge, camp medical staff, camp management, and/or any physician or health-care provider involved in providing medical care to the participant. Protected Health Information/Confidential Health Information (PHI/CHI) under the Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, 45 C.F.R. §§ 160.103, 164.501, etc. seq., as amended from time to time, includes 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 the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

(If applicable) I have carefully considered the risk involved and hereby give my informed consent for my child to participate in all activities offered in the program. I further authorize the sharing of the information on this form with any BSA volunteers or professionals who need to know of medical conditions that may require special consideration in conducting Scouting activities.

With appreciation of the dangers and risks associated with programs and activities, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child, I hereby fully and completely release and waive any and all claims for personal injury, death, or loss that may arise against the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with any program or activity.

I also hereby assign and grant to the local council and the Boy Scouts of America, as well as their authorized representatives, the right and permission to use and publish the photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings made of me or my child at all Scouting activities, and I hereby release the Boy Scouts of America, the local council, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity from any and all liability from such use and publication. I further authorize the reproduction, sale, copyright, exhibit, broadcast, electronic storage, and/or distribution of said photographs/film/videotapes/electronic representations and/or sound recordings without limitation at the discretion of the BSA, and I specifically waive any right to any compensation I may have for any of the foregoing.

NOTE: Due to the nature of programs and activities, the Boy Scouts of America and local councils cannot continually monitor compliance of program participants or any limitations imposed upon them by parents or medical providers. However, so that leaders can be as familiar as possible with any limitations, list any restrictions imposed on a child participant in connection with programs or activities below.

List participant restrictions, if any: None

I understand that, if any information I/we have provided is found to be inaccurate, it may limit and/or eliminate the opportunity for participation in any event or activity. If I am participating at Philmont, Philmont Training Center, Northern Tier, Florida Sea Base, or the Summit Bechtel Reserve, I have also read and understand the supplemental risk advisories, including height and weight requirements and restrictions, and understand that the participant will not be allowed to participate in applicable high-adventure programs if those requirements are not met. The participant has permission to engage in all high-adventure activities described, except as specifically noted by me or the health-care provider. If the participant is under the age of 18, a parent or guardian's signature is required.

Participant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/guardian signature for youth: _____ Date: _____

(If participant is under the age of 18)

Second parent/guardian signature for youth: _____ Date: _____

(If required; for example, California)

Complete this section for youth participants only:

Adults Authorized to Take to and From Events:

You must designate at least one adult. Please include a telephone number.

Name: _____ Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____

Adults NOT Authorized to Take Youth To and From Events:

Name: _____ Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Telephone: _____



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Part B: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

DOB: _____

High-adventure base participants:

Expedition/crew No.: _____
or staff position: _____

Age: _____ Gender: _____ Height (Inches): _____ Weight (lbs.): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____ Telephone: _____

Unit leader: _____ Mobile phone: _____

Council Name/No.: _____ Unit No.: _____

Health/Accident Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

! Please attach a photocopy of both sides of the insurance card. If you do not have medical insurance, enter "none" above. **!**

In case of emergency, notify the person below:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____ Home phone: _____ Other phone: _____

Alternate contact name: _____ Alternate's phone: _____

Health History

Do you currently have or have you ever been treated for any of the following?

Yes	No	Condition	Explain
		Diabetes	Last HbA1c percentage and date:
		Hypertension (high blood pressure)	
		Adult or congenital heart disease/heart attack/chest pain (angina)/heart murmur/coronary artery disease. Any heart surgery or procedure. Explain all "yes" answers.	
		Family history of heart disease or any sudden heart-related death of a family member before age 50.	
		Stroke/TIA	
		Asthma	Last attack date:
		Lung/respiratory disease	
		COPD	
		Ear/eyes/nose/sinus problems	
		Muscular/skeletal condition/muscle or bone issues	
		Head injury/concussion	
		Altitude sickness	
		Psychiatric/psychological or emotional difficulties	
		Behavioral/neurological disorders	
		Blood disorders/sickle cell disease	
		Fainting spells and dizziness	
		Kidney disease	
		Seizures	Last seizure date:
		Abdominal/stomach/digestive problems	
		Thyroid disease	
		Excessive fatigue	
		Obstructive sleep apnea/sleep disorders	CPAP: Yes ☐ No ☐
		List all surgeries and hospitalizations	Last surgery date:
		List any other medical conditions not covered above	

Part B: General Information/Health History

Full name: _____

DOB: _____

High-adventure base participants:
Expedition/crew No.: _____
or staff position: _____

Allergies/Medications

Are you allergic to or do you have any adverse reaction to any of the following?

Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain	Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions	Explain
		Medication				Plants	
		Food				Insect bites/stings	

List all medications currently used, including any over-the-counter medications.

CHECK HERE IF NO MEDICATIONS ARE ROUTINELY TAKEN. IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED, PLEASE INDICATE ON A SEPARATE SHEET AND ATTACH.

Medication	Dose	Frequency	Reason

YES NO Non-prescription medication administration is authorized with these exceptions: _____

Administration of the above medications is approved for youth by:

_____/_____
Parent/guardian signature MDDO, NP, or PA signature (if your state requires signature)

! Bring enough medications in sufficient quantities and in the original containers. Make sure that they are NOT expired, including inhalers and EpiPens. You SHOULD NOT STOP taking any maintenance medication unless instructed to do so by your doctor. **!**

Immunization

The following immunizations are recommended by the BSA. Tetanus immunization is required and must have been received within the last 10 years. If you had the disease, check the disease column and list the date. If immunized, check yes and provide the year received.

Yes	No	Had Disease	Immunization	Date(s)
			Tetanus	
			Pertussis	
			Diphtheria	
			Measles/mumps/rubella	
			Polio	
			Chicken Pox	
			Hepatitis A	
			Hepatitis B	
			Meningitis	
			Influenza	
			Other (i.e., Hib)	
			Exemption to immunizations (form required)	

Please list any additional information about your medical history:

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS BOX
Review for camp or special activity.
Reviewed by: _____
Date: _____
Further approval required: Yes No
Reason: _____
Approved by: _____
Date: _____

Part C: Pre-Participation Physical

This part must be completed by certified and licensed physicians (MD, DO), nurse practitioners, or physician assistants.

Full name: _____

DOB: _____

High-adventure base participants:
Expedition/crew No.: _____
or staff position: _____

! You are being asked to certify that this individual has no contraindication for participation inside a Scouting experience. For individuals who will be attending a high-adventure program, including one of the national high-adventure bases, please refer to the supplemental information on the following pages or the form provided by your patient. **!**

Examiner: Please fill in the following information:

		Yes	No	Explain							
Medical restrictions to participate											
Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions		Explain		Yes	No	Allergies or Reactions		Explain	
		Medication						Plants			
		Food						Insect bites/stings			

Height (inches): _____ Weight (lbs.): _____ BMI: _____ Blood Pressure: _____ / _____ Pulse: _____

	Normal	Abnormal	Explain Abnormalities
Eyes			
Ears/nose/throat			
Lungs			
Heart			
Abdomen			
Genitalia/hernia			
Musculoskeletal			
Neurological			
Other			

Examiner's Certification

I certify that I have reviewed the health history and examined this person and find no contraindications for participation in a Scouting experience. This participant (with noted restrictions):

True	False	Explain
		Meets height/weight requirements.
		Does not have uncontrolled heart disease, asthma, or hypertension.
		Has not had an orthopedic injury, musculoskeletal problems, or orthopedic surgery in the last six months or possesses a letter of clearance from his or her orthopedic surgeon or treating physician.
		Has no uncontrolled psychiatric disorders.
		Has had no seizures in the last year.
		Does not have poorly controlled diabetes.
		If less than 18 years of age and planning to scuba dive, does not have diabetes, asthma, or seizures.
		For high-adventure participants, I have reviewed with them the important supplemental risk advisory provided.

Examiner's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Provider printed name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP code: _____

Office phone: _____

Height/Weight Restrictions

If you exceed the maximum weight for height as explained in the following chart and your planned high-adventure activity will take you more than 30 minutes away from an emergency vehicle/accessible roadway, you may not be allowed to participate.

Maximum weight for height:

Height (inches)	Max. Weight						
60	166	65	195	70	226	75	260
61	172	66	201	71	233	76	267
62	178	67	207	72	239	77	274
63	183	68	214	73	246	78	281
64	189	69	220	74	252	79 and over	295



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Outing Triplist

What: Backpacking trip to Frozen Head State Park

When: Saturday Oct 17 to Sunday Oct 18 2015

Where: Frozen Head State Park – Tubbs Springs

Departure: Arrive at FUMC 7:30 AM Saturday Oct 17

Leave FUMC Saturday 8:00 AM

Please be on TIME

Return: Sunday evening approximately 3:00 PM.

Please provide contact number. We will call parents when in cell phone range.

What to Bring: (not intended to be a complete list)

Backpack	Rain Gear
Pack cover (or trash bag)	Sleeping Bag (wrap in something waterproof)
Hiking Boots	Hiking Socks (min.1 pair for each day)
Hat, Gloves or mittens	Jacket and Extra clothes
Thermals (weather dependant)	First Aid Kit
Pocket Knife	Flash Light (Small or headlamp)
Whistle	Matches
Compass	Water bottle (2)
Eating Utensils and dish	Toilet Paper
Tent / rain fly / ground cloth	Backpacking stove / share with small group
Cooking pots based on menu	Soap for cleaning cooking pots

Cooking: Cook in small groups of 2 to 4 people. Each group should have a least one stove and cook ware.

What to Wear: Boots, hiking shoes and hiking socks. Layered clothing.

Note: Do not wear blue jeans. The weather can be extremely different in the mountains than it is in town. Be ready for cold weather.

Cost: 3 dollars for fuel.

If you need gear, contact Debbie McCarter or the Quartermaster

For more info contact: Debbie McCarter – 898-5293



ACTIVITY CONSENT FORM AND APPROVAL BY PARENTS OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

This form is recommended for unit use to obtain approval and consent for Tiger Cubs, Cub Scouts, Webelos Scouts, Boy Scouts, Varsity Scouts, Venturers, and guests (if applicable) under 21 years of age to participate in a den, pack, team, troop, or crew trip, expedition, or activity. This form is required for use with flying plans and should be attached to the flying plan application. It is recommended that parents keep a copy of the form and contact the tour leader in the event of any questions or in case emergency contact is needed. Additional copies of this form along with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* are available for download from Scouting Safely at www.scouting.org/forms.

First name of participant and middle initial _____ Last name _____

Address _____ Birth date (month/day/year) ____/____/____ Age during activity _____

Additional address (need street address if you have a P.O. box) _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Has approval to participate in _____
(Name of activity, orientation flight, outing trip, etc.)

From _____ to _____
(Date) (Date)

- Without restrictions
- Special considerations or restrictions: _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I understand that participation in Scouting activities involves a certain degree of risk and can be physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. I have carefully considered the risk involved and have given consent for myself or my child to participate in this activity. I also understand that participation in this activity 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, the activity coordinators, and all employees, volunteers, related parties, or other organizations associated with the activity 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 me. In the event I cannot be reached, I hereby give my 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 the participant's ability to continue in the program activities.

Participant's signature _____ Date _____

Parent/guardian printed name _____

Parent/guardian signature _____ Date _____

Area code and telephone number (best contact and emergency contact)

Email (for use in sharing more details about the trip or activity)

Contact the adult tour leader with any questions:

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Troop 81

LEAVE OF ABSENCE
APPLICATION

Scout's Name: _____

Patrol: _____

*FROM: _____ * Cannot be retroactive
 month day year

TO: _____
 month day year

Reason: _____

SIGNATURES

_____	_____
APPLICANT	DATE
_____	_____
PATROL LEADER	DATE
_____	_____
SENIOR PATROL LEADER	DATE
_____	_____
SCRIBE	DATE
_____	_____
SCOUTMASTER	DATE

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APPENDIX E

BSA TROOP 81 Position Application Sheet – October 2015

Name:	Date:
Current Rank:	
Patrol:	
Current Job Assignment:	
Rank Job is Needed Towards:	

<i>Desired Job Choice #1</i>	<i>Desired Job Choice #2</i>	<i>Desired Job Choice #3</i>

Positions Applicable to Rank Advancement

<i>Staff</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>Support</i>	
Senior Patrol Leader	Patrol Leader	Scribe	OA Representative
Asst. Senior Patrol Leader		Den Chief	Web Master
Quartermaster		Librarian	Leave No Trace Trainer
Junior Asst. Scoutmaster		Historian	Bugler
Troop Guide		Chaplain Aid	Instructor

Positions NOT Applicable for Rank Advancement

<i>Staff</i>	<i>Patrol</i>	<i>Support</i>
	Patrol Quartermaster	
	Patrol Scribe	
	Patrol Treasurer	

For your first choice use this space to tell why you want this job,

Scout's Agreement

I have read the job descriptions and qualifications for these positions. I understand the duties and responsibilities and if selected will carry them out to the best of my ability.

(signature)

(date)

Parent's Support Agreement

I agree with the commitment my son is making. I promise to support him in attending training, troop meetings, and troop activities as well as with encouragement at home. I realize that once selected his presence is necessary for the smooth functioning of the troop.

(signature)

(date)

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Troop 81 - November 2012 Position Summary

position	position summary	qualifications		
		rank	experience	Minimum Age
Senior Patrol Leader	The senior patrol leader is the top leader of the troop. He is responsible for the troop's overall operation. Runs all troop meetings, events, outings, and the program planning meeting. The senior patrol leader presides over the patrol leaders' council and works closely with each patrol leader to plan troop meetings and make arrangements for troop activities. Appoints Assistant Senior Patrol leaders from approved applicants. Assigns duties and responsibilities to junior leaders.	Life	PL	14
Assistant Senior Patrol Leader	The assistant senior patrol leader works closely with the senior patrol leader to help the troop move forward and serves as acting senior patrol leader when the senior patrol leader is absent. Among his specific duties, the assistant senior patrol leader trains and provides direction to the troop quartermaster, scribe, historian, librarian, instructors, and Order of the Arrow representative.	Life	PL	14
Patrol Leader	The patrol leader is the top leader of a patrol. He represents the patrol at all patrol leaders' council meetings and the annual program planning conference and keeps patrol members informed of decisions made. He plays a key role in planning, leading, and evaluating patrol meetings and activities and prepares the patrol to participate in all troop activities. The patrol leader learns about the abilities of other patrol members and fully involves them in patrol and troop activities by assigning them specific tasks and responsibilities. He encourages patrol members to complete advancement requirements and sets a good example by continuing to pursue his own advancement. Appoints the Assistant Patrol Leader from approved applicants.	First Class	none	2nd Class or 13
Assistant Patrol Leader	Assists the Patrol Leader lead patrol meetings and activities. Serves as acting patrol leader when the patrol leader is absent.	none	none	none
Quartermaster	The quartermaster is the troop's supply boss. He keeps an inventory of troop equipment and sees that the gear is in good condition. He works with patrol quartermasters as they check out equipment and return it, and at meetings of the patrol leaders' council he reports on the status of equipment in need of replacement or repair. Keeps records on patrol and troop equipment. Makes suggestions for new or replacement items. Works with the Troop Committee member responsible for equipment.	First Class	none	none

Scribe	The scribe is the troop's secretary. He attends meetings of the patrol leaders' council and keeps a record of the discussions. He collects permission slips and fees for troop outings. Ensures all scouts sign in before leaving on an outing, forwarding the sign in sheet to the SM.	First Class	none	none
Junior Assistant SM	Functions as an Assistant Scoutmaster. Performs duties as assigned by the Scoutmaster.	Life	SPL	16
Den Chief	The den chief works with a den of Cub Scouts and with their adult leaders. He takes part in den and pack meetings, encourages Cub Scout advancement, and is a role model for younger boys. Must be able to attend den meetings from 6:30 - 7 on Mondays.	Star	none	14
Instructor	Each instructor is an older troop member proficient in a Scouting skill. He must also have the ability to teach that skill to others. An instructor typically teaches subjects that Scouts are eager to learn—especially those such as first aid, camping, and backpacking—that are required for outdoor activities and rank advancement.	1st class	none	14
Troop Guide	The troop guide is both a leader and a mentor to the members of the new-Scout patrol. He helps the patrol leader of the new-Scout patrol in much the same way that a Scoutmaster works with a senior patrol leader to provide direction, coaching, and support. Introduces new Scouts to troop operations. Guides new Scouts through early Scouting activities. Teaches basic Scout skills. Coaches the patrol leader of the new Scout patrol on his duties. Works with the patrol leader at Patrol Leaders' Council meetings. Attends Patrol Leaders' Council meetings with the patrol leader of the new Scout patrol.	1st class	none	14
Chaplain Aide	The chaplain aide assists the troop adult chaplain in serving the religious needs of the troop. Tells Scouts about the religious emblem program for their faith. Helps plan for religious observance in troop activities.	none	none	none
Historian	The historian collects and preserves troop photographs, news stories, trophies, flags, scrapbooks, awards, and other memorabilia and makes materials available for Scouting activities, the media, and troop history projects. Gathers pictures and facts about past troop activities and keeps them in a historical file or scrapbook. Prepares slide show of photographs for the Court of Honor.	none	none	none
Librarian	The troop librarian oversees the care and use of troop books. He checks out these materials to Scouts and leaders and maintains records to ensure that everything is returned. Proposes new or replacement items as needed.	none	none	none

OA Representative	The Order of the Arrow representative serves as a communication link between the troop and the local Order of the Arrow lodge. By enhancing the image of the Order as a service arm to the troop, he promotes the Order, encourages Scouts to take part in all sorts of camping opportunities, and helps pave the way for older Scouts to become involved in high-adventure programs. Encourages Arrowmen to assume leadership positions in 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. Enthusiastically wears the Scout uniform correctly. Lives by the Scout Oath, Scout Law and OA Obligation. Shows Scout spirit.	1st class	OA member	none
Web Master	The troop webmaster is responsible for maintaining the troop's website. He should make sure that information posted on the website is correct and up to date and that members' and leaders' privacy is protected. Ensures links on the troop website are functional. Posts schedules to the web. Provides updates and enhancements to the web page.	none	computer knowledge	none
Leave No Trace Trainer	Specializes in teaching Leave No Trace principles and ensuring that the troop follows these principles on outings. Help Scouts earn the Leave No Trace award. Has a thorough understanding of and commitment to Leave No Trace.	none	LNT Award	none
Bugler	The bugler plays the bugle (or a similar instrument) to mark key moments during the day on troop outings, such as reveille and lights out. He must know the required bugle calls and should ideally have earned the Bugling merit badge.	none	none	none
Patrol Quartermaster	Assists Troop Quartermaster. Performs Troop Quartermaster responsibilities in the absence of the Troop Quartermaster. Ensures the patrol box is clean and properly stocked. As program patrol, gets the US, troop, and patrol flags for meetings and ceremonies and puts them away afterwards.	none	none	none
Patrol Scribe	Assists Troop Scribe. Performs Troop Scribe responsibilities in the absence of the troop scribe. Records patrol meal planning and duty roster for outings.	none	none	none
Patrol Treasurer	Assists Troop Scribe. Performs Troop Scribe responsibilities in the absence of the troop scribe. Collects patrol food money for outings.	none	none	none

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Certificate of Auto Insurance

Vehicle 1

Make of Vehicle _____ Model of Vehicle _____ Year: _____

License Plate Number: _____ License Plate issued by State: _____

Number of passengers seats with seat belts: _____

Owner: _____

Driver License Number: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Coverage:	(Suggested)
Each Person: _____	<u>\$50,000</u>
Each Accident: _____	<u>\$100,000</u>
Property Damage: _____	<u>\$50,000</u>

Vehicle 2

Make of Vehicle _____ Model of Vehicle _____ Year: _____

License Plate Number: _____ License Plate issued by State: _____

Number of passengers seats with seat belts: _____

Owner: _____

Driver License Number: _____

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Coverage:	(Suggested)
Each Person: _____	<u>\$50,000</u>
Each Accident: _____	<u>\$100,000</u>
Property Damage: _____	<u>\$50,000</u>

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SERVICE HOUR
VALIDATION FORM

This is to certify that _____ has completed
Scout's Name

a _____ hour service project which involved:

Date of project: _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Name of person who received service

Signature _____ Date _____
Signature of person who received service

Please do not write below this line

Service Hours used to attain which rank: Tenderfoot Second Class First Class
 Star Life

Board of Review date _____

BOR Chairman _____

GRACES and BENEDICTION

Philmont Grace

***"For food,
For raiment,
For life,
For opportunity,
For friendship and fellowship,
We thank Thee O'Lord."***

Camp Buck Toms Grace

***"In Silence we seek Thee,
In Grace we believe in Thee
For blessing this meal,
For the fellowship we feel,
Scouting thanks Thee O'Lord."***

Scoutmaster's Benediction

***"May the Great Scoutmaster,
Friend of all Scouts,
Guide and be with you,
Until we meet again."***

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CAMPAIGN BEADS

The Bead Necklace is a unique way of allowing Scouts to display their participation in various troop functions. Beads are awarded to Scouts following an outing or event and are strung together on a leather thong to create a necklace. The Bead Necklace is part of the troop uniform and should be worn with both the uniform and Phoenix shirt.

COLOR

MEANING

Green	Day Hike
Amber	First Year Scout Hike
Red	District Event
Turquoise	Summer Camp
Yellow	Dump Camp
Silver	Backpacking Hike
Blue	Rain or below freezing
Clear	Ice
White	Snow
Wooden	Below zero degrees F
Black	Rank advancement
Orange	Good Turn
Gold	Special Event
UV Changing in Sun	Training
Wooden with Arrow	Webelos Cross Over
Red Wood	High Adventure
Red/White/Blue	Eagle Ceremony
Red/White/Blue Wood	National Jamboree



The Phoenix is a mythical Egyptian bird who rose from the ashes to experience a rebirth.

HISTORY

Troop 81 was originally chartered in 1916, which makes it the oldest Boy Scout Troop in Blount County. The organization flourished over the years and was once the biggest and most active unit in the District. However, in 1985, the enrollment dwindled and the troop became inactive.

The Administrative Board of the church approved the reactivation of the troop on October 3, 1991 and the Charter Application was submitted thereafter. On October 17, 1991, a "Membership Kickoff" was held at the Friendship Shelter where five boys signed up. Boy Scout Troop 81 officially experienced its rebirth on November 26, 1991 when weekly Troop meetings resumed with Mr. Dean Moss as the Scoutmaster.

The troop adopted the Phoenix as its official logo to celebrate the rebirth of a troop rich in heritage and prominence. The logo above was the winning entry from scout Vance Wilson from a troop-wide contest. His initials appear in the lower right of his logo.

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