



**TROOP 77 B.S.A.  
IS SPONSORED BY**

***PALMYRA CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN***

**PARENTS INFORMATION**

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**How the Troop operates:**

**Troop Committee, Adult Leaders, Boy Leaders**

- Troop Committee- The Troop Committee is made up of adults/parents responsible to oversee all activities of the Troop. Committee members must be 21+ years of age.
- Adult Leaders- The Scoutmaster (21+ years of age) and Assistant Scoutmaster (18+ years of age) work directly with the Scouts.
- Boy Leaders- SPL, ASPL, and Patrol Leaders are older Scouts responsible to run the Troop, assisted by adult leaders, the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters. Other Scouts are responsible for various areas of the Troop's operation.

**Equipment**

- Troop equipment- The Troop provides all necessary Patrol cooking and camping equipment. Including pots, pans, cooking utensils, dining fly and tents.
- Personal equipment- Clothing, Sleeping bag, Backpack or Duffel bag and Eating utensils provided by the scout or his family.
- Borrowing equipment- The Troop has a limited supply of equipment a scout may borrow to use at troop activities. Check with one of the adult leaders for available equipment.

**Uniforms**

- Borrowing uniforms- Scout uniforms are available for use by all troop members. Check in the Scout Room for sizes. Your used uniforms may be swapped for available uniforms. All uniforms donated to the troop should be in good condition.
- Class A- Full uniform as described on the Uniform Inspection Sheet.
- Class B- Troop T-Shirt in lieu of scout shirt. A Scout T-shirt is also acceptable.

**Registration**

Each Scout will be registered thru the Troop to the Boy Scouts of America for a period of 1 calendar year. Webelos Scouts or Boy Scouts transferring into the Troop from another unit will pay the \$1.00 transfer fee. New Scouts registering for the first time will pay the prorated fee equaling the balance of dues for the remaining year. Registration is from January 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Dues**

Dues are payable to the Troop at the rate of \$3.00 per month (effective 1/1/03) for the ten months the Troop meets. The \$30.00 paid in yearly dues covers the B.S.A. registration fee, B.S.A. insurance fee, and Boy's Life magazine fee, balance of collected dues is used towards the badges for the awards earned by the scout. Dues must be paid up to date prior to the Scoutmaster Conference.

**Electronics and Cell Phone Policy**

No electronics or cell phones permitted on any Troop activity or meeting. A contact phone # will be provided to the parents. Any violation of this policy will result in confiscation of such device.

## Meetings **These are normal times and places. All times and places are subject to change.**

Times and Places- Troop meetings are Wednesday evenings 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at Camp Pine Woods. Patrol planning meetings are the last Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Camp Pine Woods. Boards of Review are conducted by the Troop Committee, and available at all Committee meetings with advance scheduling. Troop Committee meetings are usually the last Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at Camp Pine Woods.

**Winter Troop Policy** – If/when the Palmyra School District cancels or closes early due to the weather conditions Troop meetings are canceled for that evening.

## Communication Methods

The Troop uses several methods to communicate information.

TROOP TIPS- A monthly newsletter published by the Troop 10 times a year and mailed to all Troop members.

E-mail- The TROOP TIPS and other information may be communicated via e-mail. The Troop Leaders and Committee members may be contacted via e-mail as may the Scouts.

Web Site- [palmyrabsa477.com](http://palmyrabsa477.com) A web site maintained by the Troop with information for all scouts and parents.

## Camp-outs

Fees for camping will be based on \$3.00 per meal plus any applicable registration fees payable to the Troop 10 days prior to departure for activity. Registration fees are non-refundable. Additional fees may be necessary for activities during the trip. Permission slips are required for all camp-outs. An updated medical form must be filed with the Troop each year.

## Summer Camp

All scouts are eligible to attend Boy Scout Resident Camp. Troop 77 attends Boy Scout Resident Camp each year for one week (generally week of July 4<sup>th</sup>). A class A,B,&C medical form is required to attend.

## High Adventure Trips

High Adventure trips are for older, experienced scouts. Requirements to attend are based on age, rank, and experience varying with each trip. Trips have included backpacking at Philmont Scout Ranch, Cimarron, NM., canoeing in Maine and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, in Minnesota, and camping in the Florida Keys through the Florida National High Adventure Sea Base. A class A,B,&C medical form is required to attend.

## Order of the Arrow

The O/A is a Brotherhood of Honor Scouts within the BSA. It's members are elected by O/A members and **nonmembers** for membership into the Order.

Membership Requirements:

- Be a registered member of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Hold the First Class rank of the Boy Scouts of America.
- Approval of the Scoutmaster.
- After registration with a troop, have experienced fifteen days and nights of camping during the two-year period prior to the election. The fifteen days and nights must include six consecutive days and nights of resident camping, approved and under the auspices and standards of the Boy Scouts of America. The balance of the camping must be overnight, week-end, or other short-term camps.



Election requires 50% of active Scouts present at time of election. All registered active members of the unit under age 21 at time of election is eligible to vote.

Membership requirements and election procedures are determined by the National Order of the Arrow Lodge.

## Discipline Policy

See separate Discipline Sheet

## Fund Raising

Barbecue Popcorn, Subs, etc....

The Troop conducts several fund raisers a year. Spaghetti Dinner raises funds for troop finances.

Popcorn sales, sub sales and other projects raise funds for individual Scout's bank account, providing the annual Spaghetti dinner provides sufficient operating funds.

## Scout bank accounts

Each scout will have a credit account for use by the scout for camping fees, purchasing camping equipment (proof of Purchase required), Summer Camp, and High Adventure trips. Any funds remaining in an account upon a boy's departure from the troop will revert to the Troop General Fund.

Dues are **not payable** from this account. No funds will be disbursed without Scoutmaster approval.

## Advancement

The Troop gives instruction for all of the requirements in Tenderfoot, Second and First Class badges. Advancement is accomplished by the Scout. It is based on what they have learned – not on what has been taught.

## Active Description

See separate Active Description Sheet

## Abbreviations

**JASM-** Junior Assistant Scoutmaster- assistant scoutmaster under age 18

**SPL-** Senior Patrol Leader- a scout who leads the troop

**ASPL-** Assistant Senior Patrol Leader- assists the SPL

**TLC-** Troop Leaders Council- plans the meetings and activities of the troop.

Made up of the SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders, Scribe, Troop Guide and other troop officers as needed and the Scoutmaster.

**JLT-** Junior Leader Training

**JLTC-** Junior Leader Training Conference

**O/A-** Order of the Arrow

## BSA GUIDELINES

### Accident and Insurance Policies

Youth Protection Guideline

Safe Swim and Safety Afloat Defense

Guide to Safe Scouting

Advancement Guideline

### Uniform Inspection Sheet

Leave No Trace Policy

National or Local Tour Permit

Class 1,2 or 3 Medical Forms

# “DISCIPLINE”

## SCOUTING FOR ANSWERS

### **PHILOSOPHY:**

THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW ARE THE GUIDING CODES BY WHICH THE TROOP WILL LIVE.

### **RATIONAL:**

SCOUTING DOES NOT WISH TO BE AN EXTENSION OF SOCIETY AND THE PRESENTLY ACCEPTED NORMS TOLORATED IN MOST OTHER SOCIETAL SITUATIONS. YOU, THE SCOUT HAVE CHOSEN TO BE A PART OF A FIRST CLASS ORGANIZATION, ONE WHICH WILL BUILD CHARACTER AND SKILLS. THE TROOP WILL EXPECT ALL SCOUTS TO PRACTICE THE SCOUT LAW AND OATH.

### **EXPECTIONS:**

THE TROOP WILL EXPECT ALL SCOUTS AND SCOUTERS TO PRACTICE THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW. THOSE SCOUTS WHO PRACTICE THESE PRINCIPLES WILL SURELY GROW AND APPRECIATE THEIR SCOUTING EXPERIENCES. THOSE WHO DO NOT FOLLOW THESE PRINCIPLES WILL BE HELPED ALONG PROVIDED THEY SHOW A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND A WILLINGNESS TO CHANGE. IF AN INDIVIDUAL RESISTS THE TROOP'S HELP THEY WILL BE RESTRICTED FROM PATRICIPATION AND COULD, EVENTUALLY, SEPARATE FROM THE TROOP.

### **LEADERSHIP:**

THE TROOP LEADERS MUST TAKE A PROACTIVE POSITION IN THE COMMUNICATION OF THE ABOVE INFORMATION. THIS PROCESS SHOULD START WITH DISCUSSIONS BY THE LEAEDERS AS TO THE EXPECTED BEHAVIOR THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT MEETINGS AND ON SPECIAL EVENTS. ONCE A CONSENSUS IS REACHED, THESE SAME EXPECTIONS SHOULD BECOME THE TOPIC OF DISCUSSION AT A TLC MEETING. WITH PROPER GUIDANCE THE TROOP'S BOY LEADERS SHOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE NEW EXPECTATIONS. THE NEXT STEP WOULD BE TO COMMUNICATE THESE POLICIES TO THE REST OF THE TROOP.

ONCE COMMUNICATED, THE TRICK IS TO BEGIN PRACTICING THE OATH AND LAW. WHENEVER SOMEONE IS VIOLATING THE EXPECTED BEHAVIORS A REFERENCE TO THE LAW SHOULD BE MADE. THIS SHOULD ALSO BE FOLLOWED BY SOME REASONABLE ACTION (ISOLATION FROM ACTIVITY OR REMOVAL FROM THE AREA). FOR REPEAT OFFENDERS, ONE ACTION TO TAKE WOULD BE TO CONTACT THE PARENT. KIDS HAVE COME TO EXPECT WARNINGS WITHOUT CONSEQUENCES. THE RESULT IS THEY DON'T THINK BEFORE ACTING AND WORDS GO UNHEARD. FOR THE CHRONIC REPEATER, THE TROOP LEADERS NEED TO KEEP DOCUMENTATION. THIS WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF ACTION.

BEFORE EVERY ACTIVITY, THE ADULT ASSIGNED SHOULD SHARE THE EXPECTATIONS FOR BEHAVIOR. STATE THE RULES (MAKE REFERENCE TO THE SCOUT LAWS) AND BE READY TO ENFORCE THEM.

### **COMMITTEE SUPPORT:**

IF A SCOUT IS NOT COOPERATING WITH THE TROOP LEADERS AND INITITAL STEPS ARE NOT WORKING, THAT SCOUT COULD BE REQUESTED TO ATTEND A COMMITTEE MEETING. THE COMMITTEE WOULD ACT AS A STEP IN THE PROCESS BEFORE SEPARATION FROM THE TROOP IS REQUESTED. THE COMMITTEE COULD SEND A LETTER TO THE PARENT, SIGNED BY THE SCOUT, STATING THE POSITION IN WHICH THE SCOUT HAS PLACED HIMSELF.

## ACTIVE DESCRIPTION

Boy Scout Troop #477 Adult Committee / Palmyra Church of the Brethren, Palmyra, PA.  
Effective July 1, 2010

### **Troop Committee Activity Requirements for Star, Life & Eagle Scout Candidates**

*In order to be uniform and fair with all our Eagle Scout candidates, the adult committee has set the following requirements:*

**Meetings:** Star, Life & Eagle Scout candidate shall attend at least 20 of the weekly meetings per year. Attendance at said meetings must be for at least 45 minutes per meeting (meetings are typically 90 minutes long.)

**Fund Raising:** Star, Life & Eagle Scout candidate shall participate in the annual spaghetti supper unless excused by the Committee prior to spaghetti supper.

**Scout Outings:** Star, Life & Eagle Scout candidate shall attend a minimum of 3 Troop outings per calendar year. In order to meet this requirement, the candidate shall be present for the entire outing. Any outings that the candidate arrives late or leaves early will not be counted toward this requirement. Plus attend 2 of the following – Scout Sunday, Scout Banquet, Scouting For Food (both days), or Scout Mall Show

**Dues:** Star, Life & Eagle Scout candidate's dues must be current and said candidate's account must have a zero or better balance.

**Leadership:** Eagle Scout candidate shall hold an *elected* or *appointed post for one 6-month term* in the 12 months prior to eagle application submission.

**These requirements may only be altered by the adult committee of Troop#477 of Palmyra Church of the Brethren.**

March 1, 2010  
Troop #477 Committee

