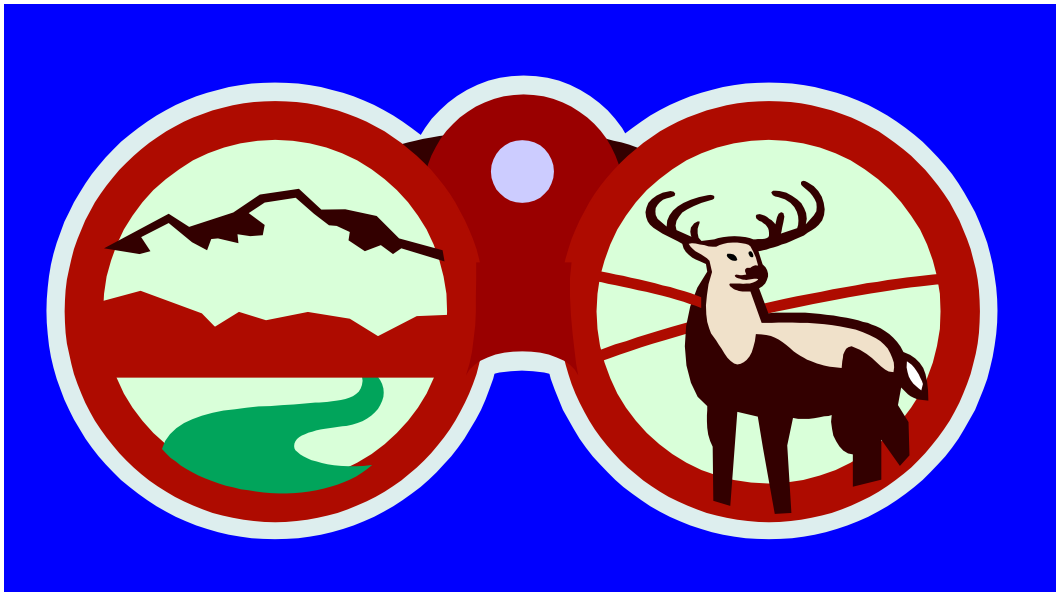


BOY SCOUT TROOP 746

PARENT'S SURVIVAL MANUAL



Thank you for selecting Troop 746. The Troop Committee, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and members of the Troop welcome you and your son(s) to the troop. We hope you find Scouting as rewarding as we have.

This Parents' Manual is to help you feel more comfortable with the Boy Scout program as a whole, and in particular, to make your tenure with Troop 746 as rewarding as possible. You will find the following in the manual: basic Troop information, the Troop's goals and objectives, an overview of the Troop program & costs, advancement procedures, how you can help your son advance, our expectations of both the Scouts and parents in order to make the Troop program successful.

Please take time to read this manual with your son. The manual is a handy reference to use throughout the year. Scouting is designed to be a safe, fun and fantastic learning experience. We hope you find your family's experience with Troop 746 to be fun and fantastic, too.

Important: When you finish reading this manual, please fill out a medical form, parent's resource form and a few other helpful documents. If you wish to become an adult leader or Merit Badge counselor, you will need to fill out an official BSA membership form.

Again, welcome! We look forward to our experience together in Scouting

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TROOP GOALS AND PHILOSOPHY

The goals of Troop 746 follow those of the Boy Scouts of America. We help direct the development of young men in their citizenship responsibilities, help shape their moral strength and character, and enhance their physical, mental and emotional development. We recognize with pride the achievements of our Scouts who attain Eagle, Scouting's highest rank. We are equally proud of those young men who set and achieve goals of self-reliance and proficiency in Scoutcraft skills and who develop into responsible active citizens.

Scouting succeeds because of the proven approach of utilizing the talents and skills of older, more experienced Scouts to teach and develop the talents and skills of less experienced Scouts. Experienced Scouts have the opportunity to be role models for the less mature Scouts. Adults are not excluded from the learning process. They learn BSA philosophy and methods in leadership training forums (e.g., SM Fundamentals, Youth Protection, monthly Round Table, Wood Badge, etc.)

Boy leaders under the supervision of adult Scouters run the Troop. The senior boy leader in any Troop is the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL). The SPL is elected by the boys in the Troop at semi-annual Troop elections, usually in September and March. For each Patrol, which consists of about eight boys, there is a Patrol Leader (PL). The boys in each patrol elect the PL at semi-annual elections as well. Other leadership roles include Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Quartermaster, Scribe, Historian, Bugler, Librarian, and Chaplain's Aide. The Senior Patrol Leader appoints these roles. The Patrol Leader appoints the Assistant Patrol Leader, and the Scoutmaster appoints the Junior Assistant Scoutmaster.

Because the **boys** run the program, some adjustment in your expectations of activities might be needed. Those of you who have come from the Cub Scouts are used to the dependability and consistency of adults running the program. Therefore, some boys and parents may not be completely at ease with this aspect of the BSA Program. Please remember this is a learning process for all the boys.

The Senior Patrol Leader, his Assistant, and the Patrol Leaders comprise the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). The PLC meets to plan and organize upcoming meetings and activities. Regular PLC meetings are held on the last Monday of every month at 7:30 PM at the Methodist Church.

The PLC develops an Annual Program at the annual Troop Planning Meeting, usually held in June or July. The PLC, with the support of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster, uses this meeting to plan for the next year. Through out the year, the Scouts in the Troop receive a survey and their responses help determine the program. The PLC uses the resources of the adults in the Troop, the Prince George's County Public School calendar, District & Council calendars, BSA, and Patrol resources to develop a complete and interesting plan. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) presents the plan to the Troop Committee for their approval and commitment to support. The PLC uses their monthly meeting to review and ensure that the plan meets the Troop's current needs. The PLC reviews the individual Patrol's responsibilities and helps ensure that the planner

program takes place. The PLC also assures that campouts and other special activities are planned, organized, and occur without significant problems.

Under the supervision of adult leaders, boy leaders have the opportunity to plan and organize, and be responsible for the well being of the other Scouts in their Patrol and Troop. Sometimes, in this learning process, a boy leader will make a mistake. This is a natural part of growth. If a boy makes a mistake and learns from that mistake, it is a valuable experience. The adult leaders usually allow these mistakes to happen to aid in the learning process, as long as nobody's health, well being, or safety is affected.

Adult support is important to a successful Scouting program. You can help your son(s) gain the most from Scouting by talking about the meetings. Find out what he is learning in the Scouting program. Help your son set goals that are age appropriate and help him attain his next rank. Encourage and support him in his efforts to succeed in completing that goal. Encouragement can take many forms. This could mean getting him to a Troop meeting a few minutes early to get a requirement signed off. It could mean working with your son on a project at home on a weekend, driving him to his Patrol Leader's house to work on a requirement or simply showing your support and pride by attending Courts of Honor where the boys are recognized for their achievements. *Remember that time spent with a child is never wasted.*

Troop Communication:

In order to keep everyone informed of activities, we have a communication tree. The Senior Patrol Leader calls the Patrol Leaders and other members of the PLC; each Patrol Leader then passes information on to the members of his Patrol. As a result, every Scout in the Troop becomes informed. This hierarchy, meant to instill leadership, is sometimes frustrating. *Notice that adult leaders and parents were not mentioned in the above process.* Our Troop has been using the Internet (<http://www.t746.md.bsatroops.org/>) and e-mail as a way to keep people informed. Please see the Scoutmaster if this is an option for you. Another way to stay informed is to ask your son (we realize that this is sometimes difficult). A sure-fire way to stay on top of everything is to come to the weekly Troop meetings and the monthly Troop Committee meetings.

TROOP 746 – ORGANIZATION

Chartered Organization: Troop 746 is one of nearly 90 troops within the Patuxent District. Troop 746 is sponsored by the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road Greenbelt. The Church provides storage for Troop equipment, and periodically donates funds to help us provide a safe, quality youth development program. The Chartered Organization Representative is our liaison between the Troop and the Church. They keep the Troop informed of upcoming Church programs and assists with annual rechartering and recruiting adult and youth members for the Troop.

Troop Structure: Troop 746 is among the oldest troops in our district, dating back to the mid 1950s. At most times, we have about 15-25 scouts and registered adult members. With the help of the Troop Committee, Assistant Scoutmasters and other parents, our Troop has provided boys with one of the most successful Scouting programs in the area. While the Troop prides itself on the number of adult leaders, we are always looking for more assistance! Parents are encouraged to serve as Merit Badge Counselors and to become Assistant Scoutmasters or members of the Troop Committee.

Troop 746 is one of only a few troops to have earned the Quality Unit Award & the National Camping Award every year since 1981. These awards recognize the boys and adult leaders for their adherence to criteria by which BSA measures its units to ensure that a quality program is being administered. Criteria for these awards are: growth in membership, advancement, trained adult leaders, participation in overnight outings, performance of service projects, and in general, a well-balanced and well-managed program at all levels.

Troop meetings are on Wednesday from 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall of the Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. **The complete designated uniform is required for Troop Meetings.** Please refer to the Appendix B for uniform specifications. Also in Appendix B is a list of recommended personal camping gear. **The Purchase of an OFFICIAL BOY SCOUT HANDBOOK is mandatory.** This **HANDBOOK** should be well marked with the Scout's name & brought to **every** meeting. It is the basic resource that outlines the requirements and serves as a place to record each boy's accomplishments.

Weekly Troop meetings are organized around specific themes, providing an opportunity for the Scouts to learn new skills and to prepare for an upcoming activity. Troop meetings have several parts: Pre-opening, Opening Ceremony, Skills Instruction, Patrol Meetings, Inter-Patrol Game or Activity, and Closing. Guest experts, older Scouts, and parents with expertise in particular areas provide the Skill Instruction. For this reason, we ask that all adults indicate their areas of knowledge on the Adult Resource Survey (appendix) and return it to the Troop Committee. We are in serious need of people who can provide experience that is related to the required Merit Badges on the trail to Eagle.

Patrol Method: The Patrol size is based on the size of a natural "bunch" or group of boys that Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting, developed many years ago. Patrols are organized so that boys of all ages and Scouting experience work together. This arrangement helps the younger

Scouts in learning and gives the older ones the chance to demonstrate and practice their planning and leadership skills.

Patrol members camp together, participate in activities together, and learn new skills together. These opportunities teach boys cooperation and the acceptance of increasing responsibility. Each Patrol has an identity (a name, call, flag, & Patrol patch). It is in the Patrol that the Scout learns how to live, work, and have fun with others in the outdoors and in his community. A Scout, working with his Patrol over a period of time, builds in himself a spirit that will keep him going even in the worst conditions. The relationships established in his Patrol can last a lifetime. Scouts may be pulled out of their own Patrol for special activities, such as a High Adventure activity where only older boys can participate.

Troop Committee: The Committee meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:30 PM. The Troop Committee consists of adults, many of whom are parents of boys in the Troop. The Troop Committee is responsible for securing the proper adult leadership for the Troop and assisting the Scoutmaster in executing the Scouting program. The Troop Committee approves the overall Troop Program and provides administrative support. Specific functions and responsibilities include troop finances, record keeping, individual advancement, planning and providing transportation, acquisition and maintenance of equipment and fundraising & planning for events. An ad hoc sub-committee of the Troop Committee also meets on Troop meeting nights to conduct Board(s) of Review for rank advancement from Tenderfoot to Life. New parents are encouraged to join the Troop Committee. Please refer to a current roster of Adult Leaders on the Troop Committee.

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM

Activities: The program published in our annual calendar is distributed in September. We provide updates to the program at least every quarter as the program sometimes changes after the beginning of the Scout year. **Courts of Honor are held in September, March and June.** We are an active Troop and schedule a *major* activity each month, such as camping, biking, backpacking or canoeing. It is said, "three fourths of **Scouting** is outing." Campouts are planned at various places throughout the year, and each requires a different level of skill on the part of the Scouts. There are other special events that make up the Troop program such as the Scout Expo, District Camporee, Summer Camp, High Adventure outings, the Troop Annual Dinner, and Scout Sunday at the Church.

Service Projects: Part of a Scout's responsibility is to provide service to his community (help other people at all times). This is done by participation in Troop sponsored service projects such as collecting food in the "Scouting for Food Drive" in November, conservation projects held periodically throughout the year, and projects for our sponsor at the Church. Each Scout must work service hours as a rank requirement, which can include working on another Scout's Eagle project. We also hold fund raising projects, such as Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Booth with Cub Pack 202 to raise money for equipment to support the Troop. Participation is expected. Remember adults are always needed to serve as drivers, coordinators, and helpers on these projects.

Program Cost: Troop 746 recharter with the National BSA each January. All youth and adult leaders re-register and pay annual dues, far less than the fees for sports or many other youth programs. We currently operate at a fee of \$20.00 for youth members and \$12.00 for adult members. The youth membership pays for registration with the National Office, Boy's Life Magazine subscription, insurance fees, as well as funds to support the Troop program. Because this is less than the amount of money needed fully operate the troop, we utilize fund raising and the support of other organizations to enable us to keep dues at a reasonable level. The fees are used to purchase patches, awards, equipment and all the other items needed to have a quality program. If a family cannot afford the annual fee, due to personal or family circumstances, arrangements can be made, so please contact the Chartered Organization Representative or the Troop Committee Chair. These matters will be handled with strict confidence.

Other expenses arise which include the varying costs of food for campouts, gas, camping permits, park entry fees, etc. Special Activities, such as canoeing, skiing trips or Summer Camp have additional fees as well. Also, if a Scout loses or damages Troop equipment, he is responsible for the cost of replacing the item(s). One final, but significant financial obligation, is the Troop's participation in the annual Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign. This is the NCAC annual fundraiser to support the many facets of the Boy Scout Program. The money raised directly benefits the Scouts in our Troop through such things as training programs for leaders, summer camp, liability insurance for adult Scouters, program development literature, etc. You will hear more about the FOS campaign in January, when the fundraiser has its kick off. Troop 746 has a proud history of active participation over the past years. Hopefully, with your support, we will be able to maintain our tradition of supporting this important program.

ADVANCEMENT OVERVIEW

The BSA advancement program is designed to encourage Scouts to accomplish a progressive series of learning experiences in the areas of citizenship, character development, personal fitness, Scoutcraft skills, and leadership. The advancement process consists of five steps.

1. **Learning** - acquiring of knowledge of a subject through participation in activities.
2. **Testing/application** - skills are demonstrated to a qualified leader.
3. **Scoutmaster's Conference** - process completed, evaluated, new goals set.
4. **Review of work** - Scout participates in a Board of Review to ensure standards have been met and assess the Scouting experience in general.
5. **Recognition** - public recognition of work at a Court of Honor.

Learning: As the Scout advances, he earns recognition by being awarded badges of rank. The first three ranks are Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. (Specific requirements for advancement to each rank are listed in the HANDBOOK.) While there are no time requirement for these ranks, they must be earned and presented in the proper order. A Scout may, however, work on these requirements in any order. Upon achieving the rank of First Class, the Scout should be ready to accept the responsibilities of leadership, such as Patrol Leader (PL), Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL), Troop Instructor, Den Chief, Quartermaster, or Troop Scribe. These positions satisfy leadership requirements for Star and Life and are rotated every six months. In earning these ranks, the Scout learns and demonstrates leadership, more advanced skills, and Scout Spirit. The Star and Life rank require work on service projects. These projects must be pre-approved by the Scoutmaster and require the Scout to provide significant service within the Troop or community. At any time a Scout should be able to go to their Patrol Leader for advice, learning, and testing of skills.

The highest rank in Scouting is Eagle Scout. In addition to the required merit badges and fulfillment of the leadership responsibilities, an Eagle candidate must plan, develop, and provide leadership in the completion of a significant service project on his own. Once the candidate decides on his Eagle Scout service project, he meets with the Scoutmaster and develops a written plan. Upon the completion of the plan, the Scout presents his project at the monthly Troop Committee meeting and obtains their approval. After approval, the Scout meets a representative of the District Eagle Board and receives approval to begin work. The Scout is provided with support and advice all along the way.

Testing/Application: Testing can be done in one of several methods. The Scout normally demonstrates his ability to either his Patrol Leader or a Troop Instructor. Frequently, the Scout is tested without realizing it, such as the case of a Patrol hike or Troop campout. An approved merit badge counselor, associated either with the Troop or District, will normally use the more traditional means of testing for merit badge skills, either by verbal or written questions and answers, demonstrations, or a required written report. Note that a Troop certified leader needs to observe the requirements for them to be recognized completed. Parents **DO NOT** sign off requirements for Boy Scouts as they did in Cub Scouts.

Scoutmaster's Conference: For every rank from Tenderfoot through Eagle, a Scout will have the opportunity to sit down with the Scoutmaster and discuss his progress. These one-on-one conferences are used to encourage and help a Scout focus his attention on his continued development. These conferences can be held at Troop meetings, campouts, or at a special time and place agreed upon by the Scout and the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster's conference must be scheduled at least two weeks (preferably more) before the Court of Honor at which the Scout wishes to receive recognition. The Scoutmaster's Conference is intended to be a very positive process. A Scout is recognized for the work he has done and the practice of setting and working toward goals is established.

Review of Work: The Troop Committee schedules Board(s) of Review, as necessary, during Troop meetings. To be eligible for a Board of Review, the Scout must have completed **all** requirements for the rank for which he is to be reviewed, including a Scoutmaster's Conference. It is important for the Scout to be punctual, in complete Troop 746 uniform and to remember his **BSA HANDBOOK**. Only Scouts meeting these requirements will be brought before the Board.

For Eagle candidates, a special Eagle Board of Review is held. An Eagle Board of Review is made up of Troop Committee members as with other Boards, but in addition, will have at least one member of the District Eagle Board and generally a staff member from the sponsoring organization. An Eagle Board of Review is scheduled at a mutually agreed upon place and time after completion of all the work and requirements for Eagle.

Recognition: After completing the review process, the Scout will receive his new badge of rank immediately after the Board of Review for Scout through Second Class. At the quarterly Court of Honor, the Scout will be recognized for his hard work and dedication in front of the Troop and their parents. Courts of Honor are usually held in September, December, March, and June. It is important that parents and family members attend these special ceremonies, not only to participate in the recognition process, but also because a brief parents' meeting is a part of the Court of Honor Meeting.

We post a list of awards for any upcoming Court of Honor. To minimize possible disappointment, we ask the boys to check this list to ensure that it is accurate. Please notify the Advancement Chair of errors at least one or two weeks ahead of the Court of Honor.

For recognition for the rank of Eagle Scout, the Troop Committee will help the Eagle Scout and his family plan for and schedule the unique Eagle Court of Honor at a mutually agreeable date and time. All Troop members receive an invitation to these impressive ceremonies.

MERIT BADGE PROCEDURES

Merit badges deal with skills in specific areas requiring greater accomplishment than the requirements for a badge of rank. They can be earned in any order with a few exceptions. However, the number of required merit badges increases for each higher rank. It might be more fun to work on badges with a friend. Summer camp is a great opportunity to work on specific badges, and boys should try to get those required for the next rank advancement. We recommend that the Scout earn Merit Badges required for Eagle as soon as possible. Some merit badges require a great deal of time to complete (up to 6 months). If these are left to the last months before the Scout turns 18 years old, they may be impossible to complete due to scheduling conflicts, school commitments, etc.

The steps to earn merit badges are:

1. Study the merit badge list in your HANDBOOK (pages 599-608). Choose one based on your interests or requirements for your next rank. Find a buddy who is interested in working on the same MB.
2. Obtain the Scoutmaster's approval. Be sure to get a blue merit badge application card from the Advancement Chair or Scoutmaster before you begin. The scoutmaster must sign the blue card before you can begin the work. The Advancement Chair will provide a list of MB Counselors within the Troop & District. Select and contact a counselor prior to starting the requirements. Get the MB pamphlet from Troop library.
3. Contact the Councilor and make arrangements to meet with the counselor, with your buddy, as many times as is necessary. Some merit badges can be signed off in one session, while others require more appointments. BSA requires Scouts to go in pairs or with an adult/parent to see the counselor.
4. Learn and do the things that are required. Try to do, on your own, as many of the requirements as you can. Try to type the reports or papers, if any. When ready, meet with the counselor to go over the important points of the subject. If the counselor is satisfied that you have completed the requirements, he/she will sign and date both portions of the blue card.
5. Show completed card to the Scoutmaster and return the card to the Advancement Chair. You will receive your Merit Badge at the next Court of Honor.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF THE SCOUT

A successful Troop involves many ingredients - a responsive chartered organization, a challenging and rewarding program, dedicated and knowledgeable adult leaders, adequate resources, supportive parents, but most importantly, interested and motivated Boy Scouts. You, as parents, have certain expectations of your son's Troop that probably include the first 4 of these ingredients, as well as the opportunity for new experiences, growth of character and the rewards of a team environment.

When a boy joins the BSA, he is frequently unaware of the obligations and responsibilities he must accept that are vital to a successful Scouting experience. Since parents may not be familiar with all of these responsibilities, or expectations, they are listed below for your information. While the Scouts are constantly reminded of these responsibilities during Troop meetings and other activities, your assistance in assuring that your son understands these expectations would be appreciated.

Each Scout of Troop 746 is expected to:

- Live by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan in his day to day living and in all Troop meetings and activities. When the Scout sign goes up all voices should go quiet. A scout will treat others with the same respect with which he wishes to be treated.
- Attend weekly Troop meetings. (Attendance at 2/3 of the meetings since joining or the last 6 months, whichever is shorter, is required for advancement.) If a Scout cannot attend a Troop meeting, he should call his Patrol Leader prior to the meeting. In the event that Prince George's Public Schools are dismissed early or are closed due to weather/snow; the Troop meeting will be cancelled.
- If a Scout signs up for in an activity but does not attend, he is still financially responsible for the activity (food, transportation, and share of camping fees). In the event an activity is cancelled, the Scout will still be responsible for financial obligations for the outing that cannot be recovered, though every effort will be made to reach an equitable and fair redistribution of costs not incurred (money for food will not be refunded).
- Attend summer camping activity. (Normally one week in length.)
- Wear the complete designated uniform at meetings and designated activities in neat well-groomed manner. See Appendix for uniform requirements. (Camouflage clothing & fatigues are not appropriate. If special clothing is appropriate for a specific activity, then the leaders will let the Scouts know in advance.)
- Keep his HANDBOOK up-to-date & bring it to **ALL** Troop meetings & activities. The Handbook is also part of the Uniform, and should be in the boy's possession at all times while in uniform. Each Scout must have a pen or pencil, and a small notebook for taking notes.

- Return permission slips and registration fees for Troop activities on time. A 2-week notice is often required in order to make reservations, pay a deposit, or to otherwise properly plan an outing. There may be a fine or fee assessment required for submitting permission slips LATE.
- Enter and exit the Church by the doors at the West first floor hallway at the covered entrance near the parking lot. Scouts will stay in the area designated for Scouts before, during, and after Troop meetings (hallway on the first floor, the Fellowship Hall, and bathrooms on the first floor). **DO NOT USE THE ELEVATOR FOR ANY REASON.** Treat the Mowatt United Methodist Church with more care and with more respect than your own house.
- Use only folding pocket knives or folding lock blade knives while working with the Scouts. Sheath knives (long knives in a sheath) are prohibited in Scouting.
- Do not bring radios, electronic games, comic books, motorized cars, or other items that are hazardous or cause distractions to any Troop meeting or activity. This includes homework.
- Do not wander off from the group, whether at a Troop meeting, activity, or campout. A Patrol Leader and adult leaders must know a Scout's whereabouts at all times.
- While at Troop meetings or activities, the Scout will conduct himself in a manner that he, his parents, and the adult leaders can be proud of.

Your son's commitment to these expectations should lead to lots of fun, learning a great deal, and earning higher rank.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF PARENTS

Just as you have expectation of the Troop leaders, there are certain responsibilities expected of you, the fathers, mothers, and guardians, to ensure a successful program.

- Please encourage and support your son as he embarks on his Scouting adventure, for it will truly help him to grow as a person. Please go over the pertinent portions of this manual with him, so that he will know how this program is set up and to whom he should go if he has any questions. We don't want him to feel lost or overwhelmed!
- It is important to know that the HANDBOOK now contains a tear out section entitled "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse and Drug Abuse: A Parent's Guide." This 24-page section contains excellent advice on how to prevent these disastrous occurrences and is designed for you, the parents. As a condition of joining Boy Scouts, you are required to complete this section with your prospective Scout. It is the only item that you, the parent(s), sign off in the Boy Scout program.
- We ask that you attend all Courts of Honor. Even if your son is not a part of the program at a given Court of Honor, you should still attend since important information will be given out. There is a direct relationship between parents' support of their son in the Scouting program and their son's success in Scouting.
- Attend other Troop functions as well. The annual Dinner, in conjunction with the March Court of Honor, has always been an excellent opportunity to meet and get to know the other families and leaders involved in your son's Scouting program. Get to know these individuals. Your Scout Leaders will probably be involved with your son longer than any teacher or baseball or soccer coach. These men and women will serve as role models for your son for several years. Camp-outs, skating trips, ski trips, and the other Troop activities give parents the opportunity to watch and experience their son grow and mature. Do try to come along and enjoy life with your son.
- The BSA requires a minimum of 2 adults (one of who must be at least 21 years old) for any Troop function, even if there is only one Scout at the function. If the required number of adults is not present, the activity will be cancelled.
- The need for transportation for weekend outings requires your cooperation and support so the load is distributed fairly. There is almost always a need for drivers. The transportation Coordinator maintains a file of all parents and their vehicles. You may be called from time to time to help out. We provide maps and directions and ask that you support the adult Transportation Coordinator in their effort to insure we always have the transportation we need. Please make sure that you complete the transportation portion of the Troop Resource Survey found in the Appendix related to your vehicles and return it to a Troop Committee member. Vehicles used must have minimum insurance coverage of

\$100,000/\$300,000/\$50,000. Adult leaders 18 years of age are permitted to drive Scouts to activities, as long as an adult over 21 years old accompanies the 18 year old driver.

- The BSA does provide some medical insurance coverage for adult leaders and Scouts who participate in Scouting activities. However, this coverage is supplemental to one's own private insurance. In order to allow the Troop Leaders to deal with any medical emergencies, please complete the Medical Information Form in Appendix (one for each Scout & adult) and personally return it to a Troop Committee member at the next Troop meeting. This will be kept in the Troop file to accompany the Troop on all of its outings. It should be updated when any of the medical information changes.
- Please complete a Troop 746 -Adult Resource Survey (Appendix), one for each parent, indicating your interests and skills and return it to a Troop Committee member at the next Troop meeting.

Please feel free to contact any Troop Committee member, the Scoutmaster, any Assistant Scoutmaster, if you have any questions or concerns about the program, or have suggestions for improvement.

We hope that this manual has been helpful and that it will be useful throughout your son's and your involvement in Troop 746.