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TROOP 201



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Boy Scout Troop 201 is chartered by Magnolia Park United Methodist Church, 2828 Magnolia Boulevard, Burbank, California 91505.

These guidelines are to insure that every Scout, their parents, the charter organization and the Troop leadership understands the operations of Troop 201.

They are not intended to lessen any of the Boy Scouts of America policies or procedures, but to clarify the Troop's operation.

The Troop Committee administers these guidelines and only the Committee can change or alter them.

1) ORGANIZATION

Troop 201 is a boy-run troop as described by the Boy Scouts of America. The boys shall plan the Troop activities and meetings through the Patrol Leader Council, which shall be overseen by the Senior Patrol Leader and made up of all the Patrol Leaders, or their appointees. The Scoutmaster or his adult appointee shall be the advisor to the Patrol Leader Council. A Committee member shall be present at all Patrol Leader Council meetings. A patrol is made up of approximately 6 to 10 boys with an assigned advisor to each patrol if available.

The Committee is made up of the Committee Chairperson, the Chartered Organization Representative, the Scoutmaster, the Assistant Scoutmasters and Committee Members (registered parents who hold various other Committee positions). The Committee is responsible for making sure the programs, planned by the boys, are within the Boy Scouts of America guidelines. The Committee is responsible to assure the safety and appropriateness of activities for the Scouts, making sure the Scouts have the proper leadership. The Committee shall also handle the business of the troop. The Troop Committee has jurisdiction within the Troop for resolving disputes, discipline issues or, other conflicts and disagreements.

2) SCOUT OBLIGATION

a) The Scout pledges to live by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan. The Scout will commit to respecting the Troop Leadership and take on leadership roles. The Scout shall wear the appropriate uniform to all meetings and outings and will bring his Scout Book to all Scouting functions.

3) PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITY

- a) It is the parents' responsibility to know what their son is doing in Scouting by giving him support, encouragement and to assist him in his Scouting activities.
- b) The Scout will be given certain responsibilities that the entire troop and/or patrol may depend upon. He may need to be at a particular meeting at a certain time, pick-up food or supplies for an event, do research at the library or store or, make phone calls. He depends on you to support him and work with him so he can accomplish his tasks.
- c) Troop leaders are all volunteers. Parents are encouraged to register as leaders in Boy Scouts of America. It is the responsibility of each parent to help in the operation of the Troop. Each parent will be expected to help by:
 - volunteering time to organize or assist at functions,
 - serving on a review board (Board of review),
 - providing transportation to and from outings,
 - coming on outings as adult supervisors and/or helping to teach skills.
- d) It is required that all boys arrive at the meetings or functions on time and be picked up on time. If this is not possible for a particular event please make arrangements with a responsible adult in advance and let the event leader know the arrangements.
- e) All adults active in the program should register with BSA to obtain their insurance and to be eligible to be listed as a leader on all tour permits and as a Scouting leader.

4) REGISTRATION

- a) Membership registration shall be for the upcoming calendar year (January through December), as mandated by the Boy Scouts of America. Troop re-registration will begin the proceeding November and be completed by November 30.

5) UNIFORM

- a) The Boy Scouts of America has always been a uniformed body. Uniforms are a means of showing that a boy openly identifies with the BSA principles: character development, citizenship training, physical and mental fitness.
- b) The Troop class "A" uniform consists of the official scout shirt with proper insignias, scout pants or shorts with appropriate scout socks, scout belt, Troop designated

neckerchief, neckerchief slide (neckerchief may not be tied), and Troop designated Scout cap.

- c) The “dress uniform” is the class “A” uniform with a merit badge sash and any Scout recognition medals awarded to the Scout.
- d) The Troop class “B” uniform consists of a Troop 201 T-shirt and appropriate pants. An appropriate hat, of unit leaders choice, may be worn with the class “B” uniform. Troop 201 T-shirts may be purchased from the Troop.
- e) Shoes must be appropriate for the activity and in good condition; No open-toe shoes are permitted for any event.
- f) Event leaders can approve alternate uniforms for specific outings or events.
- g) The Scout is to keep his uniform clean and properly presentable. He must make sure he wears and/or brings the appropriate uniform to each function or outing.

6) MEETINGS

- a) Troop 201 meetings are Wednesday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM. Meeting location, time and day is subject to change based on the calendar or events and/or availability of a meeting facility.
- b) Each patrol must have at least one meeting a month. At least one registered adult or parent of a court must be present at this meeting. (Keeping in mind 2-deep leadership policies of the Boy Scouts of America.)

7) OUTINGS

- a) The Troop outings are open to any currently active registered Scout whose dues and fees are up to date. Some outings have restrictions of age and/or rank based on the activities planned for that outing.
- b) A signed parent’s permission slip must be turned in to the camping chairman or designated alternate by the designated time in order to participate in that outing.
- c) On every outing there shall be at least two adults, consisting of:
 - 1) One shall be over the age of 21.
 - 2) One shall be Boy Scout of America “Youth Protection” certified.
 - 3) One shall be a registered “trained” leader with the Boy Scouts of America.
(requirement exceeds BSA minimum Policy)

- d) For outings constituting one or more overnights, a minimum of two adults are required, consisting of:
 - 1) Two or more shall be over the age of 21. *(requirement exceeds BSA minimum policy)*
 - 2) One or more shall be Boy Scout of America “Youth Protection” certified.
 - 3) One shall be a Boy Scouts of America “trained” and registered leader in the Boy Scouts of America. *(requirement exceeds BSA minimum policy)*
 - 4) A member of the team shall be a “First Aider.” *(requirement exceeds BSA minimum policy)*

8) SERVICE PROJECTS

- a) The Boy Scouts of America is a service organization. In addition to service hours required for rank advancement, Scouts will be asked to help on other Committee-approved service projects.

9) TRANSPORTATION

- a) The parents provide the transportation for the outings and special functions. All vehicles MUST be covered by a public liability and property damage insurance policy for the amount that meets or exceeds the state insurance requirement. It is the driver’s responsibility to make sure the vehicle they are using is safe and ready for the trip. All appropriate information sheets should be signed properly and given to the transportation chairperson, or designee.
- b) On longer trips fuel expenses may be paid by the troop if it is requested.
- c) While driving Scouts in your vehicle, it is against BSA policy to smoke, carry exposed or leaded firearms, or have alcoholic beverages in the vehicle. It is the driver’s responsibility to make sure all Scouts wear their safety belts properly at all times and that they have a parents’ release form for each Scout in the vehicle.

10) ADVANCEMENT

a) Signing off Advancement

- 1) The Scoutmaster or any Assistant Scoutmaster or registered adult qualified in the skill or subject matter can sign off advancement for rank requirements.
- 2) Only the Scoutmaster may perform a Scoutmaster's conference. If he is not available, or so chooses, the Scoutmaster may designate an Assistant Scoutmaster to perform the Scoutmaster's conference.
- 3) The Scoutmaster's conference is an opportunity for the Scoutmaster to determine that the boy knows his skills and is ready to advance. The Scoutmaster has the privilege of being able to ask that Scout to show him any skill he has learned up to his rank and that he exhibits "Scout spirit."
- 4) Parents can not sign off for their son.
- 5) The Advancement Chairperson schedules the Board of Review and the members to sit on the Board in accordance with the Scoutmaster Handbook. The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmasters may not sit on a Board of Review. No parent shall sit on a Board of Review associated with their son.

b) Active Service

- 1) Active service within the troop is defined as attending at least 50% of the Troop meetings. The Scoutmaster determines if a Scout has been active for advancement.
- 2) Each boy is expected to work on advancement through his Scout career.

c) Merit Badges

- 1) Merit Badges are signed off by the merit badge counselor. Merit badge counselors are "Scouters" and/or members of the community that have knowledge in a particular subject, and have been approved by the District Advancement Chairperson and Council to be a merit badge counselor for that merit badge.
- 2) After a boy decides to earn a particular merit badge and has reviewed the requirements he must then come to the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Advancement Chairperson to receive a Blue Card. The leader may give him a Merit Badge Counselor to call if requested. The Scout must present himself in full uniform to the Counselor, ready to discuss the Merit Badge. No Scout should go to an appointment with any adult without another person present. (2-deep leadership)

11) TROOP FUNDS

a) Dues

- 1) Dues are set annually by the committee and are paid one year in advance. Dues must be current for a Scout to participate in outings or receive advancement badges and awards. Dues are not refundable if a Scout leaves Scouting, however dues will be forwarded if the Scout transfers to a new Scout Troop.

b) Fundraisers

- 1) Fundraisers are assigned and run by the Troop Committee.
- 2) The Troop Committee will decide on the percentage of the profits what will be credited to Scouts' accounts and/or the Troop.

c) Scout Accounts

- 1) Scout accounts are established for each Scout within the Troop to help the Scout pay for registration, dues, camping or scouting fees, summer camp, and other Scouting expenses approved by the Committee. The funds may not be used for the purchase of personal camping gear, cash at summer camps or outings, or any other use not listed above.
- 2) A Scout earns money for his Scout account by participating in Troop fundraisers. A portion of the profit a Scout earns may go into his account. These are Troop funds that the Scout may use for the above fees as he and his parent decide.
- 3) If a Scout transfers to another troop, the amount remaining in his Scout fund (less any unpaid dues or fees) will be sent to his new troop within no more than 60 days.
- 4) If a Scout leaves the Boy Scouts, his Scout fund will be dissolved and credited back to the Troop's general fund. Any fees paid by the Scout will be refunded to the boy.
- 5) When a Scout becomes an Eagle Scout and/or turns 18 years of age he will retain his Scout account for as long as he stays registered with the Troop.

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TROOP BY LAWS Acceptance Certificate

By signing below you acknowledge receiving a copy of the Troop 201 By Laws.
You also agree and promise that you will do your best to adhere to these By Laws.

Please Print your Name

Please Sign Here

Please Date

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