



BOY SCOUT TROOP 44

SPONSORED BY BUSKILL TOWNSHIP VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

BUSHKILL TOWNSHIP, PA

FORKS OF THE DELAWARE DISTRICT, MINSI TRAILS COUNCIL

Troop 44 Guidelines

Meetings

Meetings are every Tuesday night from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at the Bushkill Township Firehouse unless otherwise noted on the Troop Calendar on the website or via email from the Troop.

Troop meeting will run from the first Tuesday school day of the NASD calendar in September to the Troop Picnic in June.

If the Nazareth Area School District (NASD) cancels school or closes school early due to foul weather there will be no meeting. On dates that school is scheduled off the green bar will determine if there will be a meeting.

Uniforms

Class A uniform

The Class A uniform is the complete scout uniform including the Scout tan shirt, scout green pants and Scout neckerchief. The Troop accepts either tan or green khaki pants in lieu of the official scout green pants as part of the class A, but wearing of the official uniform pants is encouraged.

The class A uniform is worn to all meetings, Court of Honor Ceremonies, while travelling to and from camping trips, devotions and flag ceremonies, Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review. All boys 1st class and above are strongly encouraged to wear the official scout pants also.

Class B

The class B uniform for the Scout is a green Troop t-shirt. A polo shirt is available for adults who may wear either the green t-shirt or the green polo shirt.

The class B is typically worn when the class A is not required. The class B is uniform is used during camping trips and Troop work activities. The Troop sells class B t-shirts for the boys and class B polo shirts for adults.



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Dues

Scout dues are \$50.00 and they are collected once a year in December for the January Re-chartering. Dues pay for the registration fee, insurance, a one year subscription to Boys Life magazine and awards. Adult dues for registered members are \$20.00 This amount is reviewed annually by the Committee Chair and Treasurer.

Trips

The Troop plans an outdoor trip every month of the year. Sign up sheets for the trips are out at every meeting. We recommend parents look at the sign up sheet to see what trips their scout has signed up for. It also allows verifying that your scout does not have a conflicting activity on that date.

Medical Forms: All adults and scouts must complete sections A and B annually while part C must also be completed for activities lasting more than 72 hours. Part D is required for specific national high adventure activities such as Sea Base and Philmont. The form is only good for 12 months.

Expenses: The scout is responsible for his portion of the of the trip expenses. The expenses typically include food, campsite fees, rentals, entrance fees and a travel fee when necessary. Some trips require a non-refundable payment. You will be given notice when a deposit is non-refundable. Scouts and adult leaders can use the money in their Troop account to pay for these expenses.

Medications: Parents must leave us with a permission slip and a contact number. Also, any medications that the boy is on, both OTC and prescription must be given to the adult in charge of the trip along with written dosing instructions.

High Adventure: A few times a year the Troop offers high adventure trips to the scouts. These trips are more strenuous then our monthly trips and typically require that the boys are at least 14 years old and at least 1st class.

Electronic devices: Items such as radios, tape players, CD players, MP3, Ipods, DVD players, electronic games and cell phones are not allowed while we



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are camping. Trip leaders have the leeway to suspend all or part of this rule depending on the parameters of the trip. All unauthorized devices will be confiscated for the duration of the trip.

No sheath knives or double bit axes are allowed at any scout function and they will be confiscated.

No aerosol containers or lighters are allowed and they will be confiscated.

No firearms, fireworks, tobacco, illicit drugs or alcohol are allowed at any scout function by either scouts or adults. Individuals will be immediately expelled from the function. Parents will be called to pick up their scouts. Additional action may be taken.

Gear Inspections. All gear will be inspected prior to leaving for a trip.

NOTE: Do not sign up for a trip until you are sure you can attend. Signing up for a trip is a commitment to the Troop and the patrol. If a scout drops from a trip he may be charged with his portion of all expenses of the trip.

Other Troop Activities

Other Troops activities include, but are not limited to, Troop fundraisers, community functions such as parades and picnics, scouting for food and charter organization activities.

Leadership Positions

Boys must be first class or above to get a leadership position. Elected positions are:

- **Senior Patrol Leader (SPL)** – one year term elected in September – responsible for supervising all other boy leaders and running all Troop activities.
- **Scribe** – six month term elected in September and March – responsible for tracking attendance at all events, posting sign up sheets and distributing the calendar.



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- **Quartermaster** – six month term elected in September and March – responsible for distributing and tracking all Troop gear for trips and for distributing gear to be cleaned up.
- **Patrol Leader** – six month term elected in September and March – responsible for leading a patrol of boys during Troop meetings and trips.
- **Elections** The scoutmaster nominates the SPL candidates. The eligibility list for all other positions will be read before voting starts. A boy can refuse eligibility for his current position.

Appointed positions are:

- **Assistant Senior Patrol Leader (ASPL)** – one year term appointed by the SPL in September. Assumes all SPL duties in the absence of the SPL.
- **Troop Guide** – six month position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Responsible for training the scouts and leading new scout patrols.
- **Librarian** – six month position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Responsible for organizing Troop books and videos and checking out books to the boys.
- **Historian** – six month position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Keeps a scrapbook of Troop activities and photos.
- **OA Representative** – Must be OA member – One year position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject) – represents the Troop at OA meetings.
- **Chaplain Aide** - six month position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Helps run religion functions such as vespers and prayers at the meeting.
- **Den Chief** – One year position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Must complete Den Chief training. Develops a list of responsibilities with the Den Leader and performs those duties.
- **Junior Assistant Scoutmaster** - six month position nominated by the Scoutmaster (boy can accept or reject). Assist the scoutmaster and SPL in their duties.

Adult Positions and Responsibilities



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- **Charter Representative** – communicates between the charter organization and the Troop. Has overall responsibility for and authority over the Troop.
- **Committee Chair** - must have council training - reports to Charter Rep and directs the Scoutmaster – responsible for working with Council and running committee meetings.
- **Scoutmaster** –responsible for running Troop functions with the SPL and green bar committee and conducting SM conferences.
- **Committee Member** – Volunteer position – responsible to attend committee meetings and execute tasks assigned by Committee Chair.
 - A detailed list of all available Committee positions is maintained on the Troop website.
- **Assistant Scoutmaster** – Volunteer position – must have council training and executes tasks assigned by the Scoutmaster.

All adult members are required by BSA to have Youth Protection Training on a yearly basis. No exceptions. If you are not trained you will not be chartered with the Troop.

The required BSA Medical Forms must also be completed prior to attending outings that require them.

Firehouse Rules

- No running in the firehouse
- No boys in the kitchen or bar
- Troop members are only allowed in the training room and social hall. The kitchen can only be used with the permission of the Charter Representative.
- Rooms must be left clean and floors cleaned if needed.
- Only use lights that are needed.
- Chairs must be neatly set up for bingo.
- Troop must clean up the carnival grove annually.
- Troop must run the Ice Cream and soda stands at the carnival. Other stands may also be operated in lieu of or in addition to the ice cream and soda stand.

Emergency Notification Process



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If a Troop function must be cancelled on short notice the Scoutmaster will call the SPL who will notify the green bar and the patrol leaders. The patrol leaders will notify the patrol members. An email from the Scoutmaster and or Committee Chair will also be sent.

