



Greetings Troop 113 Parents,

The committee and uniformed leadership have developed these guidelines for our troop following the aims and methods of the Boy Scouts of America.

We kindly ask your cooperation by thoroughly reading and following these guidelines. With your cooperation, our adult leadership and our boy led troop can do their best to offer a quality experience for all scouts.

Yours in Scouting,

Troop 113 Adult Leaders and Committee Members

Troop 113 Guidelines & Information

Troop Communication

Email is the preferred method of communication by our troop. Our Troop Secretary sends out frequent email correspondence regarding meeting reminders, trip and event details, fundraising efforts, etc. Some email messages may also be sent by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Patrol Leaders, Scouts, Committee Members and Patrol Leaders. Please make sure the troop secretary has your current email address.

The troop website is: www.troop113centerportny.com where you will find the calendar of events, the troop permission slip, BSA forms, event pictures and other information.

Meetings

Please check the website's calendar for location and exact dates. If a location change is needed the troop will be notified via email.

Troop Meetings are held on Monday night. Class A uniforms are required at every event unless other attire is specified.

Patrol Meetings are encouraged and should be held as needed and arranged within the patrol. Uniforms are not required at Patrol Meetings.

Patrol Leader Council Meetings are scheduled once each month. Scouts in leadership positions are expected to attend. Uniforms are not required at PLC Meetings.

Committee Meetings are held each month. Parents are encouraged to join the committee, actively support the troop, and help with the many troop events / jobs.

Eagles Nest is a support group for Scouts pursuing the Eagle rank and open to all scouts who have achieved the First Class rank. The Eagles Nest has a monthly meeting prior to a troop meeting.

Courts of Honor are scheduled several times each year, usually in the spring and fall. Eagle Scout Courts of Honor are held when a scout earns the Eagle rank. All scouts are expected to attend all Courts of Honor.

Trips

A troop trip or event is generally scheduled for each month. Scouts need to let their Patrol Leader know if they are attending, signed permission slips are required for each trip/event. Permission slips and any associated fees should be submitted no later than the troop meeting preceding the trip. Accurate information is essential for tour permits, food, logistics, and driving arrangements. Patrol Leaders and Adult Leaders should know exactly who is attending

each trip. Our volunteers devote many hours organizing trips, please be respectful of their efforts. A cancelation after a deadline date may not receive a refund.

Scouts and parents are expected to stay for the duration of the trip unless advance arrangements have been made. A parent leaving an event early may only take his own scout with him. Scouts in leadership positions are strongly discouraged from leaving early as it disrupts the patrol method.

The use of electronic devices is strongly discouraged at all Troop 113 events. On trips, phones should be packed away, powered off, and used sparingly. These items are permitted for personal safety not personal entertainment. Parents are also expected to help keep electronic devices from becoming a distraction at troop events. In the event that electronics use becomes a distraction or safety concern the device may be confiscated for the remainder of the trip at the discretion of the adult leader.

Most of our events are held outdoors, so when making the decision to attend assume it will rain.

Those parents who wish to participate in any event must complete a BSA Adult Application and complete Youth Protection Training at www.sccbsa.org. By attending Troop 113 trips, parents agree to perform duties and responsibilities as assigned by the Adult Leadership. Please understand that some trips may have space limitations.

Uniforms

Class A uniform: Olive green pants/shorts, tan uniform shirt, neckerchief and slide, Troop hat or Boy Scout hat, slide belt and appropriate closed-toe footwear. Class A uniforms are required at every event unless other attire is specified.

Class B uniform: Class B shirt, olive green pants/shorts, Troop hat or Boy Scout hat and appropriate closed-toe footwear.

Dues

Annual troop dues are currently \$160 per scout, due at the first troop meeting in September or when a scout joins the troop (pro-rated amount will apply). Checks should be made payable to Troop 113 and given to our Troop Treasurer. A two-installment payment may also be made (September and January).

Advancements

In order to receive earned ranks, badges and awards at our Court of Honor ceremonies, required paperwork, Scoutmaster Conference and Boards of Review must be completed before the Court of Honor. A deadline is usually set approximately two weeks before the CoH. This will enable our Advancement Coordinator to purchase and organize all the awards before the ceremony.

Parent's Training

Training records for all adult members of the troop are kept by the Training Coordinator. Please help keep the troop's training records up to date, this information can be a real asset. Most safety training is good for two years and should be updated upon expiration. All adults attending trips or interacting with scouts are required fill out a BSA Adult Application and complete Youth Protection Training.

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