



Boy Scouts of America TROOP 2
St. John's Lutheran Church, Elgin, IL
Troop 2 Health / Medical / Medications Policies

A **BSA Annual Health and Medical Record** will need to be on file with the Troop and updated **annually** for all Scouting event **participants**, adults and youth, including parents and siblings. **Parts A & B** are needed for all participants for **any** Scouting event – including weekly meetings. **Part C** is needed for any participants in any Scouting event exceeding 72 hours / any High-Adventure events / any strenuous and demanding events. Regarding dispensing medications it is the leadership's intent **NOT** to administer medications during a Troop 2 function, however, we understand that a Scout may require prescribed or other medication(s) while attending a meeting, hike, campout, Summer camp or other Troop activity. When it is necessary for a Scout to receive medication(s) during a Troop 2 function the following guidelines **MUST** be adhered to – **without exception**, unless authorized in writing by the Scout's parent, legal guardian or licensed physician.

Adults – Scouters (18 years old and older) will be responsible for administering and controlling all of their personal medications. Care must be taken to insure medications are handled safely and kept out reach of youths.

Youths – Scouts (under age 18)

1. All prescription and non-prescription medications shall be given to designated Adult Leader(s) at the beginning of the Troop 2 function by a parent or guardian. The parent or guardian should be available to answer any questions the Adult Leader may have.
2. No medications (prescription, over-the-counter, herbal remedies), taken daily or as needed, will be in the Scout's hands – with the following exceptions:
 - A: Inhalant medications
 - B: Epi-pens (for severe allergic reactions)
 - C: Other medications for life-threatening conditions

Adult leadership must be made aware if Scouts are carrying these items. If possible, it is requested that a parent or guardian provide a second filled prescription of any medication for life-threatening emergencies – in case the first is lost.

3. All medications, including over-the-counter (OTC's), must be in the original container. No loose medications in baggies, envelopes, unmarked vials, bottles, etc. are acceptable.
4. Prescription medications must be in the original container and include the Physician's name, dosing information and other pertinent information.
5. All Youth medications will be kept in a secure area and administered by designated Adult Leader(s) only. Parents of Scouts that need medications must complete and return an **Authorization to Dispense Medication** form. ***Without that form properly completed, your Scout will NOT be allowed to participate in Troop 2 activities unless a parent or guardian accompanies him.***

This policy and the **Authorization to Dispense Medication** refer to **oral medications only**. Topical medications for insect bites, cuts, etc. will be administered as part of basic First Aid. If, for some reason, you do not wish your Scout to be given these please make your wishes known **in writing**. Submit the note to the Scoutmaster or other designated Adult Leader.