



# BSA TROOP 2

## High Adventure Policies

### Purpose

High-adventure trips can be a terrific way to accomplish many of the objectives of the Boy Scouts of America, such as developing leadership, character and outdoor skills. Troop 2 high-adventure trips will be designed primarily to achieve these objectives and should provide incentives for our older scouts to stay active in the troop.

### Approval

a) The Troop Committee must approve all high-adventure trips before:

- reservations are made,
- the trip is announced to the scouts,
- any money is committed.

b) For each proposed trip the Troop Committee must be informed of:

- The approximate dates of the trip,
- A general description of the program,
- Approximate cost
- Estimated size of the group (scouts and adults).

c) The High Adventure committee will establish the participation requirements for each trip.

### Youth Participation

a) Participation in a high-adventure trip is a privilege, not a right.

b) Scouts must meet, and maintain, the Troop 2 participation requirements of 50% of meetings and 50% of campouts for the previous 12 months at the time of deposit.

c) To participate, scouts must meet the criteria established by the High Adventure committee.

d) In addition to those requirements, scouts must have demonstrated that they are ready to participate in the event. They must have demonstrated sufficient physical ability, emotional maturity and teamwork ability for the activities of the trip.

e) The fulfillment of these requirements, and ultimately the participation of each scout, shall be at the judgment and discretion of the High Adventure Committee.

## **Adult Leadership**

Adults who want to attend Troop 2 high-adventure trips will be allowed to register based on the following criteria:

- Be currently registered as adult leaders with the Boy Scouts of America,
- Have completed Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Training, including Outdoor Leader Skills or the equivalent, and Youth Protection Training.
- Have CPR certification and Basic First Aid training or the equivalent.
- Completed training specifically required by the BSA such as Wilderness First Aid or Paddle Craft Safety
- Have demonstrated that they are in sufficient physical condition for the requirements of the trip.

## **Parental Notifications**

a) Parents or guardians of participating scouts shall receive written information regarding:

The trip program, including travel plans and activities, so that they can understand the potential risks and hazards involved, The fees involved with the trip, payment schedule and the refund policy, T-2's youth participation requirements, as described above.

b) Parents or guardians of participating scouts will be required to sign permission slips that include:

- A waiver of claims against Troop 2, participating adults, and the Boy Scouts of America.
- An acknowledgment of their understanding of the inherent risks involved with the trip, the youth requirements, and the acceptance of the decisions of the adult leaders.

## **Financial Policies**

a) T-2 high-adventure trips should be financially self-supporting, i.e. no troop funds should be required.

b) The troop may advance money for the trip (camp deposits, travel deposits, etc.) but the participants are to repay the troop within two months of this advance.

c) Individual scouts seeking financial assistance may talk to the Scoutmaster regarding camperships.

d) The nature of high-adventure trip costs (such as camp fees and transportation expenses) often do not allow for refunds. Refund policies are to be provided in writing to participants.

e) Fundraisers are encouraged, and must follow BSA and Three Fires Council guidelines.

f) All money will be handled by the Troop 2 Treasurer through the troop committee.

## **BSA Policies**

T-2 high-adventure trips will follow all relevant BSA policies, including:

- Filing of proper tour permits
- Rules regarding use of alcohol and tobacco
- Water-safety rules, such as safe-swim defense and safety afloat
- Rock climbing and firearms safety
- Limits on the number of daily driving hours

## **Eligibility**

To be eligible to participate in a High Adventure Trip a scout must achieve:

- a) AGE Be at least 13 years old , or minimum age required by the location
- b) RANK Achieved at least First Class Scout rank
- c) MERIT BADGES Have completed First aid, Camping and other Merit Badges or requirements that may be required for a specific High Adventure trip
- d) PAPER WORK
  - Current (within the last 12 months) class 3 (high-adventure) physical evaluation
  - Talent release form
  - Copy of current medical and dental insurance cards
  - Release of liability / Permission Slip

# High Adventure Release and Permission Slip



\_\_\_\_\_ has permission to participate in Troop 2's high-adventure trip.

Release of Liability \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

I expressly waive all claims against the Boy Scouts, Troop 2, and any adult leaders or volunteers, voluntarily and without inducement in connection with the activities of the high-adventure trip.

Medical Release \_\_\_\_\_ (initials)

With respect to my son's personal care and in consideration of benefits to be derived, as my agent, any adult scout leaders, local and national councils, or their representatives, shall have the power to make each and every judgment necessary for the proper and adequate care of my son. I expressly waive all claims against the Boy Scouts, Troop 2, and any adult leaders or volunteers, voluntarily and without inducement in connection with the activities of the high-adventure patrol. You have my medical authorization for his medical care as hereby consented to or implied due to an emergency medical condition. My son's medical condition is good unless noted otherwise below.

I understand that as a member of the high-adventure trip, my son is to be examined by his doctor and is required to turn in a completed class 3 (high-adventure) physical to the High Adventure Advisor. Failure to do so will result in his removal from the trip.

I also understand that the nature of some high-adventure activities may require certain physical abilities or have certain restrictions that may limit my son's participation. I agree to abide by the decision of Troop 2 as to the participation requirements of the high-adventure activities. I acknowledge that I am encouraged to attend all Troop 2 committee meetings to express any concerns I may have and to offer my input.

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Date

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Date

Parental/ Guardian Signatures