

Boy Scout Troop 218 Membership Guide

Welcome to Boy Scout Troop 218. Your troop is a proud part of the Boy Scouts of America that was founded in 1910. We hope this guide will answer many of your questions and membership in Troop 218.

All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to exhibit and adhere to the principles of the Scout Oath and Scout Law and to comply with regulations in the Guide to Safe Scouting (GSS). Further, all members of Troop 218 are expected to follow the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace principles.

Scout Oath –

On my honor, I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

Scout Law -

A Scout is:
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

The Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to -
Be clean in my outdoor manners
Be careful with fire
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be conservation minded.

Leave No Trace Principles –

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp on Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly (Pack It In, Pack It Out)
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

Regular Troop Meetings

Regular Troop meetings are held Monday evenings at 7:00 to 8:30pm at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church Hall. This is located at 725 FM 967, Buda, TX. Troop meetings are not normally held on holidays and when the Troop has been away on long term campouts. Cancelled meetings will be announced by email or a phone call. Scouts are expected to attend regular troop meetings and campouts. Scouts are expected to notify their Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader if they will not be at an event.

Courts of Honor

The Court of Honor is a time when Scouts are recognized for their achievements and advancements. Courts of Honor are held four times a year (every 3 months). Your family is encouraged to attend and share in your accomplishments. Courts of Honor are scheduled on the Troop Calendar. All scouts are expected to attend the Courts of Honor and wear their Class A uniform.

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Rank Advancement

Rank advancement sign-offs may occur on campouts or at Troop meetings as follows:
Scout thru First Class Ranks: SM, any ASM, or the SPL/Troop Guide;
Star and Life Ranks: SM or any ASM; Eagle Rank: Scoutmaster;
Other Awards: SM or award-specific ASM.

To ensure fairness, leaders cannot sign off on their son's requirements. (*Exception: If scouts are doing something as a group, then the leader may sign off on all of them.*)

Before or after regular Troop meetings, Scouts may seek out an adult leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Advancement Coordinator, or Merit Badge counselor) to discuss questions and/or issues with advancement.

Scout's Participation

A scout must "be active" in his troop and patrol, and "serve actively" in his position of responsibility. Scouts who hold a position of responsibility fulfill their responsibility by being present. Holding a position and doing nothing is unacceptable. To meet the requirement of "active" participation, a scout must be registered in the unit and be in good standing, meaning he hasn't been dismissed for disciplinary reasons. In addition, he should meet the unit's "reasonable expectations." (Reference the *Guide to Advancement 2011*, No. 33088)

Every 6 months, both the Patrols and the Scout's leadership positions will change. The Patrols will be assigned by the Scoutmaster. The Scout's will hold a vote for their leadership positions, with guidance from the Scoutmaster.

Scoutmaster Conference - Required for Rank Advancement

A one-on-one meeting of a Scout and Scoutmaster to review progress, concerns, readiness for advancement and the Scout's application of Scout Spirit. A scout might be asked to cite examples of how he has exhibited points of the Scout Oath and Law over the past months.

The scout (under consideration for advancement to the next rank) is required to contact the Scoutmaster to schedule a Scoutmaster Conference, to be held before or after a regular troop meeting.

Board of Review - Required for Rank Advancement

A Board of Review provides an opportunity for the scout to speak with committee members about his own progress, troop progress, highs and lows, future plans and suggestions for the troop or committee.

The scout (under consideration for advancement to the next rank) is required to contact the Troop Advancement Chairperson to schedule a Board of Review, to be held before or after a regular troop meeting. The Board consists of (at least) 3 registered and trained troop adults, which do not include the Scoutmaster.

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Merit Badges

Merit badges are the second main area of the Boy Scout advancement program. They expose Scouts to a wide variety of sports, crafts, science, trades, business, and future careers. There are many opportunities to earn merit badges, and Scouts should become aware of reputable Merit Badge Universities and other opportunities that may be presented. Adult Leaders can provide more information about these events. In general, it is recommended that first year Scouts focus on rank advancement and only work on a few merit badges.

1. There is no time limit for completion of merit badges other than age 18, but it is recommended that Scouts complete them within one year.
2. The requirements for each merit badge appear in the current BSA merit badge pamphlet for that specific badge and in the current edition of the Boy Scout Requirements book (both available at Scout shops and council service centers) and at www.meritbadge.org
3. When a Scout has decided on a merit badge he would like to earn, he obtains from his Scoutmaster the name and phone number of the approved merit badge counselor. At this time, the Scout will need to have a printed copy of the merit badge worksheet he wants to work on (www.meritbadge.org) . The Scoutmaster will give the scout a “blue card” to show the counselor, and for the counselor to sign off on as the scout progresses.
4. The Scout contacts the merit badge counselor to make an appointment, and together they schedule a date and time for the Scout(s) to meet (a scout cannot meet with the MB counselor alone). The counselor asks that the Scout bring the merit badge worksheet, the merit badge pamphlet if available, and that he prepare by reading over the requirements prior to the meeting. The scout must wear his Class A uniform. All adults must always follow the two-deep leadership rule.
5. At their first meeting, the merit badge counselor and the Scout decide upon a tentative schedule for completing the requirements. They should keep the Scout's other obligations (Scouting, school, worship, etc.) in mind. The counselor will review the requirements for the badge and help the Scout plan ways to fulfill these requirements so that he can get the most out of the experience.
6. Merit badge counselors help Scouts meet the requirements for the merit badge. They may expand on the information in the merit badge pamphlet based on their knowledge, experience, and expertise in the subject. They are encouraged to tell about their own experiences that positively reinforce the subject matter, but new requirements or additional work may not be added. The Scout is expected to meet the requirements for the merit badge as stated—no more and no less.
7. The number of counseling sessions will depend on the difficulty of the merit badge requirements and the Scout's preparation and ability. The Scout and counselor are

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expected to meet as many times as is necessary for the Scout to complete the requirements for the merit badge. The advancement program allows the Scout to move ahead in his own way and at his own pace. Rather than competing against others, he challenges himself to go as far as his ambition will carry him. The rate of advancement depends upon his interest, effort, and ability.

8. As the Scout completes each requirement, the merit badge counselor initials it on the worksheet. The scout should take along the things he has made to meet the requirements. If they are too big to move, take pictures. All aspects of the worksheet should be completed thoroughly and the scout should be able to discuss what he has done with the counselor. The counselor wants the scout to be successful, but will need to be satisfied that the requirements have all been met.
9. After all the requirements for the merit badge are fulfilled, the merit badge counselor certifies that the Scout has completed the requirements by signing and dating the worksheet and the "blue card". The Scout will then turn in his completed blue card to the Advancement Chair. The scout should retain the worksheet in a safe place as a record of their accomplishment. The Advancement Chair will attach the scout's merit badge to the scout's portion of the blue card. That blue card must be retained by the scout in a safe place, as it will be needed when he presents his Eagle project for review.
10. Group instruction is acceptable with Scoutmaster and appropriate MB counselor approval but each scout must be reviewed and passed individually.
11. It is the scout's responsibility to make contact with the Scoutmaster, the MB counselor, and finally the Advancement Chair.

Partial Merit Badges--If a Scout has a partial merit badge in which no progress has been made on in one year, it is the Scout's responsibility to let the Merit Badge Coordinator know that he wishes to continue to work on it.

At the beginning of the school year, each Scout will be given a list with all of his information, including merit badge partials that have been reported to the Advancement Chair. This is the best time for him to review partial merit badges and let the Merit Badge Coordinator know whether or not he wishes to complete the merit badge.

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Annual Expenses

Troop 218 provides around 600 hours (almost 25 days) of supervised, planned programs per year to the Scouts. The monies collected from your family in the form of dues, fees, donations and fundraising help us to provide this program for your son.

If a scout chooses to leave Troop 218, or is permanently suspended (per the Troop 218 Disciplinary Policy) the scout is entitled to a refund of money from **his** scout account, upon request and approval of the Troop Committee. No money will be refunded from the troop funds.

Joining Fee

Boys who join Troop 218 will pay a one-time fee of \$50. This fee helps cover the Troop neckerchief, slide, Troop numbers patch, patrol patch, and \$1 transfer unit fee. The Joining Fee is non-refundable. The BSA registration fee (for new scouts) is not included in the T218 Joining Fee.

BSA Adult Registration Fee (adopted 11/04/2013)

Troop 218 will pay the BSA registration fee for the key leadership positions as determined annually.

Dues

Troop membership dues provide the money for general operations including awards, equipment, supplies. Troop 218 operates on a fiscal year basis of September 1st to August 31. Scouts dues are \$60 a year. and are paid \$5 per month.

Eagle Recognition from Troop 218 (adopted on 04/15/2013)

When a scout achieves the rank of Eagle Scout, Troop 218 will transfer \$50 to his scout account, and his monthly dues (of \$5) will be waived from then on.

Camping Fees

Fees are charged for every campout. Campout fees pay for food, supplies, transportation and campground fees. Campout fees must be paid by the due date so that we will know how many are going for the purposes of buying food and arranging transportation.

If you are unable to attend a campout after paying the fee, you may receive a partial or full refund if you notify your Patrol Leader before the food is purchased. Weekend campout fees are collected the Monday before the campout and typically range from \$7 to \$10.

Long term campouts such as Summer Camp and High Adventure Trips vary based on the location and length of the event. Summer Camps normally range from \$250 to \$350. These type of events are often paid in installments and due dates are announced via email.

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Travel Policy (adopted on 09/16/2012)

1. Attendance for trip is confirmed [by the registration deadline for that trip](#) and each confirmed attendee is responsible for their share of the costs whether or not they actually attend the trip or not.
2. Each driver begins the trip with a full tank of gas and fills up at the end of the trip to identify actual gas cost.
3. Where possible, gas fill ups along the way and at the end of the trip will be put on the Troop Credit Card.
4. Actual gas cost will be tallied and split amongst all attendees except for those drivers that provide a vehicle for the trip (1 exempt attendee per vehicle). Vehicle providing drivers are exempted from sharing in gas costs to account for wear and tear and other vehicle costs.
5. Individuals incurring costs have 7 days to notify the Treasurer or designee of costs incurred. The Treasurer or designee will calculate and account for costs incurred for each trip attendee.
6. This cost reimbursement policy applies to all trips regardless of length in time or miles. This [includes](#) regular campouts and other activities, even those considered as scout choice/optional activities.
7. Scout accounts will be used to account for costs occurring on monthly campouts. Funds will be handled individually by scout families for other trips.
8. Drivers are not exempt from fixed costs (e.g. rentals of extra vehicles, trailers, etc.)
9. It is expected that vehicle use will rotate amongst families.
10. Costing using a set amount per mile (e.g. IRS rate) will not be used.

Family Camping Policy (adopted 08/19/2012)

The Scoutmaster will designate each trip as either appropriate or not appropriate for sibling/family camping attendance. This will be designated at the annual long term planning meeting and brought to the Committee. Attendees of trips is ultimately at the discretion of the Scoutmaster on a case by case basis to assure two deep leadership/adult coverage. Family attendees, including siblings may eat and share costs with the adults and not the scouts.

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Troop 218 Code of Conduct

All members of Troop 218 are always expected to exhibit “Scout Spirit,” which is defined as the daily living of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Scouting should be fun and challenging, while at the same time providing a safe and supportive environment. Please refer to *The Guide to Safe Scouting* for detailed information on BSA policies and regulations.

The “Spirit of Scouting” dictates high expectations for the behavior of all Scouts in Troop 218. All Troop members are required to abide by the rules and guidelines set forth here, and are expected to show appropriate self-control and self-discipline at all times. Failure to comply with this policy may jeopardize the Scout’s rank advancement sign-off for “Scout Spirit.” (Reference the Troop 218 Discipline Policy section of this document)

The following rules of conduct have been adopted for purposes of health, safety and behavioral conduct:

1. Failure to follow reasonable directives from an adult or junior leader is unacceptable.
2. Unruly, loud, disrespectful or disobedient behavior will not be tolerated. The Scoutmaster or Leader in charge is responsible for each boy's safety and will be obeyed to the fullest extent.
3. When the “Scout Sign” goes up, everyone is quiet. This is true not only at our Troop meetings, but also at every Scout event. Failure to stop talking when the sign is raised cuts into time allocated for activities.
4. No swearing, offensive or use of inappropriate language.
5. No fires of any kind are permitted inside tents. This means no candles, lit matches, stoves, or lanterns. Only battery operated lanterns or flashlights are permitted.
6. Fire safety rules will be enforced at all times. Scouts will not play in the fire or wave burning sticks in the air. Fires will be placed only in designated locations.
7. No Scout will carry or use a knife, until he has had the proper training and is in possession of a valid "Tote 'N Chip" card. Improper use of the knife will result in loss of the Tote N Chip card and confiscation of the knife.
8. Sheath knives and knives with blades of more than four (4) inches will not be carried by boys or adults. Any knife deemed unacceptable will be confiscated.
9. Lights out will be respected. Be considerate of your neighbors.

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10. Respect other people's property. No borrowing of any person's or troop's equipment or property without prior consent. If it is not yours, leave it alone. Practical jokes such as hiding someone else's gear, sabotaging tents, stuffing a sleeping bag with leaves, etc. have no place in this Troop, and will not be tolerated. This type of behavior is nothing more than a crude attempt at "having fun" at someone else's expense. Remember, it hurts to be on the receiving end.
11. No alcohol or any other controlled substances are allowed by Scouts or adults. (except medication of which the adult leadership is aware).
12. No use of any tobacco products by any boy members.
13. Cellular phones, tape/CD players, iPod's, portable TV's, radios, portable games, etc, are not allowed during scouting activities. Personal CD players, iPod's, radios, with headphones, may be allowed during long travels to and from an event, but requires prior driver and Scoutmaster approval. Cellular phones must not be used (ex. Phone calls, texting, internet use, etc.) during scout activities, except in the event of an emergency or with the permission of the Scoutmaster or other supervising adult. All scout's electronic devices will be locked up during campouts per the Scoutmasters discretion.
14. Firearms, fire crackers, fireworks, ammunition, black powder, sling shots, bows and arrows, paint ball guns or any other weapons are prohibited. Exceptions will be made only for Troop-approved archery and rifle ranges.
15. No food, candy or soft drinks are allowed in tents.
16. There are to be no carbonated or "energy" drinks on campouts. Exceptions are made only by the Scoutmaster. No coffee consumption is permitted by a scout.
17. Horseplay or inappropriate physical roughness will not be tolerated. Never restrain another Scout. No shoving, punching, kicking, choking or stick fighting is allowed.
18. No throwing of rocks or other objects. Exceptions can be made in association with a scouting event, and upon approval by Scoutmaster.
19. Respect other people's feelings. Threatening or intimidating another person by word or action is not allowed. No hazing, "put-downs", ridiculing or name-calling. Respect other peoples beliefs and lifestyle differences.
20. No Scout shall leave an activity and/or designated area without the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster's express permission to do so. The scout must clearly explain the reason for their request to leave, and specify the location.

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21. Never venture off alone. The "buddy system" will be used at all times to provide support and safety. Scouts are required to have another person or buddy with them when swimming, meeting with a Merit Badge Counselor and during other specified activities. All adults must always follow the two-deep leadership rule.
22. The intentional destruction of, or damage to, natural or man-made areas, as well as to personal or troop property is forbidden.
23. Lying. This type of behavior is inconsistent with the goals and ideals of Scouting and will not be tolerated.
24. No fighting allowed. Fist fights, hurtful comments, jokes at other people's expense, etc. have no place in Scouting. Loud arguments and shouting matches only lead to more trouble. Fist fights never resolve the problem and are simply not allowed in the Troop. Suspension is the minimum consequence.
25. No disrespectful or lewd photos will be taken, or posted on the internet (or any digital media) by any troop member during scout activities.
26. The Scoutmaster (with counsel from his Assistant Scoutmasters) reserves the right to determine other forms of unacceptable behavior as they occur.
27. When in doubt, let the Scout Oath and Scout Law be your guide.

Adult Conduct

All adults working with the Troop are expected to conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner. Adults are expected to lead by example and not be disruptive or distracting during Troop meetings or outdoor activities. Scouts are influenced by the adult behavior around them. Adult behavior problems will be dealt with by the Troop Committee and all other concerned adults in a professional and timely manner.

Adults should be ever mindful that Boy Scouts is a boy-run, adult-supervised organization. Corporal Punishment is prohibited. No adult may knowingly inappropriately touch or strike a Scout.

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Troop 218 Discipline Policy

There are times when it is necessary to discipline a Scout for abusing the Code of Conduct. Discipline and control must be treated as an individual matter, realizing the best discipline is preventive in nature rather than regulatory and restrictive. Scouts will receive positive reinforcement (praise) when exhibiting appropriate behaviors. The Scoutmaster will ultimately be responsible for the proper behavior of Troop members and, therefore, will be expected to enforce a fair and consistent disciplinary plan.

How Scouts are disciplined, by whom, when, and where are important issues that must be clearly established and communicated to all Scouts, parents, and leaders. Scouts have a "right" to know what the consequences are if they break the rules. Scouts who follow the Scout Oath and Law have a "right" to expect a Troop to discipline Scouts who disrupt Troop programs and activities or threaten the safety or well being of other Troop members.

The **physical presence of an adult leader is necessary** to monitor the behavior of all Scouts. The adult leader should then decide what course of action is necessary to improve the situation. The Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster should be notified of the problem behavior as soon as possible. Ideally the Scoutmaster or the Assistant Scoutmaster will be involved in the discipline session. All discipline should be conducted with another adult present, or in full view of other scouts or leaders. BSA Youth Protection Guidelines must be followed at all times.

Adults always have the right and responsibility to immediately step into any situation they consider unsafe. These situations include, but are not limited to: fighting, hazing, foul language, bullying, sexual misconduct, or inappropriate behavior in public.

The principle first line of discipline is to clearly communicate Patrol and Troop expectations in reference to Scout behavior. The first course of action is to try to get the boy leaders to resolve conflicts. When discipline problems occur that need more than a friendly reminder from a Scout's peers or supervising adults, or reoccur the following steps are taken:

1. The scout will have a conference with the Scoutmaster and/or adult in charge. This will be the scout's first warning. The scout may be asked to sit out during a troop activity.
2. If the discipline problem continues or reoccurs at another time, then the scout's parents will be notified. If necessary, a Scout will be picked up by his parent at any hour, even if the activity is out of town. The Scoutmaster and/or adult in charge will meet with the scout and his parent(s) at a later date TBD.

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3. If the same problem persists, or the same scout continues to have behavior issues, the scout will be placed on probation. A specified period of time will be given by the Scoutmaster, for the Scout to continue with Troop activities, and prove that the issue was isolated. During this period, "Scout Spirit" must be demonstrated.
4. If behavior issues continue (for this scout) during the probation period, and "Scout Spirit" has not been demonstrated; then the next course of action is suspension for a specified period of time, determined by the Scoutmaster, with input from the Assistant Scoutmaster(s) and Troop Committee.
5. If the problems persist, the scout will be permanently suspended from Troop 218, as determined by the Scoutmaster, with input from the Assistant Scoutmaster(s) and Troop Committee.

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Troop 218 Uniform Policy

The Scout Uniform is a symbol of the Boy Scouts of America. It tells others that you are a Scout and represents Scouting's history of service to the nation and the world. Wearing the uniform allows Scouts to show they are equals and that they share the same values and beliefs. Your uniform is also a sign that you are a person who can be trusted and that you will lend a hand whenever help is needed. Dressed as a Scout, you will want to act like a Scout. *Centennial Boy Scout Handbook, 12th Edition*

Class A "Dress" Uniform

The Troop 218 Class A "Dress" uniform consists of the following Official BSA uniform parts:

- BSA Scout shirt with green shoulder tabs
- Long or short pants—Troop 218 recommends Official Boy Scout pants or shorts. Other non-BSA long pants or shorts (in good repair) are allowed. No gym type shorts or pants with holes in them.
- Belt (Scout belt or black web belt included in Scout pants)
- Boots or Tennis Shoes (no sandals, flip flops, or Crocs)
- Red Neckerchief or other approved Scout Neckerchief such as Eagle or Wood Badge.
- Boy Scout Neckerchief Slide (other than Official BSA must be approved by the Scoutmaster)
- Merit Badge Sash or Order of the Arrow Sash if appropriate.

When to wear: The Class A "Dress" Uniform is the required dress for all Courts of Honor, Church Services, Pack Meetings. It may also be required at other times as requested by the Troop.

Class A Uniform

The Troop 218 Class A Uniform consists all of the above Class A "Dress" uniform parts except no neckerchief or merit badge sash is required. Long blue jean pants or shorts may be worn.

When to wear: The Class A Uniform is the required dress for all Troop Meetings, Trips, and most Community Service Projects. It may also be required at other times as requested by the Troop. It is worn when traveling to and from a Scout outing such as a campout.

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Class B Uniform

The Troop 218 Class B Uniform consists of the following parts:

- Scout T Shirt (Troop 218 shirt, Camp Shirt, other Scout related shirt)
- Long or short Official Scout Pants or other non-BSA Pants. Long blue jean pants may be worn or shorts. No blue jeans with holes or gym type shorts.
- Belt
- Boots or Tennis Shoes (no sandals, flip flops, or Crocs)

When to wear: The Class B Uniform may be worn on outings or campout but not when traveling to and from the event.

Hats

Official BSA or an approved Scout related hat should be worn when the Troop is lined up in ranks at an Official Scouting Event. On outings, non-BSA hats maybe worn with Sr. Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster permission. Hats are suggested at outdoor events.

Insignia & Socks

The Scout Handbook has information on placement of patches and other insignia. Scout socks are encouraged but not required.

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Campout Check List

This checklist is an aid regarding what items are generally required for a campout. A Scout is NOT expected to own every one of these items prior to his first campout.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking backpack or camp box |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping bag | <input type="checkbox"/> Pillow |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pants (short and/or long depending on weather, 1-2 pairs) | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal first aid kit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shirts (short and/or long sleeve depending on weather, 2) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pocketknife & Totin' Chip Card (NO locking knives or sheath knives) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Underwear (2 pair, thermal underwear if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Wipes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Socks (3-4 pair) | <input type="checkbox"/> Hand sanitizer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scout Uniform Shirt | <input type="checkbox"/> Day pack |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping Clothes
(with warm cap if cold) | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal snacks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rain Gear (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Bottle, 1 liter (2-3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimsuit (if needed) | <input type="checkbox"/> Merit badge work sheets (if needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunglasses (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket or sweatshirt
(layer clothes) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen and chapstick | <input type="checkbox"/> Gloves (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insect repellent (optional) | <input type="checkbox"/> Boy scout handbook, notebook & pencil |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Folding Chair or camp stool | <input type="checkbox"/> Hiking boots and socks (socks with liners in them) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toothbrush & toothpaste | <input type="checkbox"/> Rope (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Personal Hygiene (towel, soap, shampoo (travel size) comb/brush) | <input type="checkbox"/> Compass/GPS
(and map of area if needed) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mess kit (with drinking cup, and fork, spoon, knife, or spork) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cap or Hat |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flash light | <input type="checkbox"/> Sleeping mat |

Do NOT BRING: Weapons, flammables, pets, toys (skateboards, noisemakers, electronics), firearms, fireworks, tobacco products, drugs or alcoholic beverages, adult printed material, liquid fuel, unhealthy snacks, sodas. Phones must be put away or placed with adults during campouts.

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Membership Guide Agreement

I have read Troop 218's Membership Guide and understand what is expected of me. I will abide by the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and the Outdoor Code. I will show respect to others, be friendly to my fellow Scouts, and show "Scout Spirit".

I fully understand that the consequences of misbehavior will vary depending upon the severity of the offense. I understand that these consequences can include warnings, sitting out during an activity, parent conferences, having my parent take me home from a scout activity, probation, suspension and expulsion from the Troop.

In choosing to participate in Troop 218 meetings and activities, I hereby indicate my agreement and commitment to observe Troop 218's Membership Guide.

Scout's Signature

Date

I have discussed the behavior expectations and misbehavior consequences with my son. Furthermore, I agree to pick up my son at any hour from a scout activity, if necessary, even if the activity is out of town.

I consent to my son's participation in Troop 218's meetings and activities. I hereby indicate my understanding and agreement with Troop 218's Membership Guide, and I agree to support my son's commitment to the Troop's Code of Conduct and Discipline Policy.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date