

Troop 224 – Outings Coordination

Due to continuing difficulties with organizing outings from both patrol and transportation perspectives, scouts and parents are reminded of the following troop policies:

Outing Attendance – Scouts and parents wishing to attend an outing must make a commitment at the troop meeting directly preceding the outing weekend. A **firm** commitment must be made and no grace period is allowed. Therefore, a *maybe* is a *no*. Outing dates are published well in advance and scouts and their parents need to come to the troop meeting having predetermined whether the scout is going or not. It is unfair to those planning the trip (patrol leaders, trip leaders, grubmasters, Outings Chair, etc) to try and accommodate late changes and they will no longer be accepted. The only exception to this rule will be if a parent or scout is called by the Scoutmaster and invited to attend (This would usually only occur when additional drivers are necessary.).

Late arrivals – On backpacking trips, no late arrivals can be accommodated. This is a serious safety issue and is not allowable under any circumstances. On other outings, late arrivals will only be allowed if approval is obtained from the Scoutmaster or trip leader at the troop meeting before the trip.

Early departures – On backpacking trips, early departures are not allowed – again this is a safety issue. On other outings, campers leaving early put an unfair burden for cleaning and repacking troop gear as well as camp clean-up on the remaining campers. Everyone has homework to get done on Sunday afternoon so this is not a viable excuse. Leaving early can only be done with the permission of the Scoutmaster or trip leader.

Scouts arriving late or departing early may not receive full credit for attendance at the event.

Departures-Scouts are not to leave any camp out without checking out with the Scoutmaster. We have had instances where a parent has picked up their son without letting anyone know they have been picked up. This creates a potential safety issue in that we do not know who has/has not been picked up.

Transportation – ALL transportation will be organized by the Outings Chair or designated Travel Coordinator. Please do not make separate travel arrangements with other scouts/parents without getting approval from the coordinator. This a very challenging job for the coordinator and separate arrangements being made by parents compound the difficulty greatly. In addition, we often try to place scouts in different vehicles to introduce scouts to others they may not associate with on a normal basis This also helps avoid the forming of cliques within the troop. If your son has significant “issues” with another boy and prefers not to be in the same vehicle, please advise the coordinator and they will attempt to accommodate the request.