

# Outings

## Rules

Though the 'troop encourages each Scout to have a good time on each day trip or weekend outing. There are several rules that must be observed by the Scouts:

**1. No boy may carry a pocketknife unless he has earned his Totin' Chip.** This is part of the first year camper program held on the May campout. If a Scout is found improperly handling his knife it will be confiscated for the duration of the outing and given to his parents when the Troop arrives home. Furthermore, a Scout's Totin' Chip will be taken from him. Totin' rights will not be granted until the Scout has repeated the Totin' Chip safety training.

**2. For obvious safety reasons sheath knives are not permitted and should not be carried by anyone (youth or adult) for any reason.** A sheath knife is one that has a fixed blade that cannot be folded back in the handle. Any Scout found in possession of a sheath knife will have his knife confiscated for the duration of the outing and given to his parents when the Troop arrives home.

**3. Walkman, Discman, Came Boys, and other electronic devices are strictly prohibited.** Outings are an opportunity for boys to get to know fellow Scouts and enjoy the beauty around them. These devices create an artificial barrier between the Scout and his surroundings. If a Scout is found in possession of one of these devices it will be confiscated for the duration of the outing and given to his parents when the Troop arrives home.

**4. The Buddy System is to be used at all times.** No Scout is to leave the rest of the Troop for any reason unless he has obtained permission from a uniformed adult leader and has another Scout to accompany him. After lights out no scouts are to leave the camp for any reason.

**5. If a Scout or adult commits to attending a campout and subsequently is unable to attend, he remains liable for his share of the food bill.** The designated shopper for each patrol is not to purchase his food until the Thursday night prior to the campout. This is to give each scout the opportunity to cancel without affecting the Patrol's menu. If a boy does not notify his Patrol's shopper by Wednesday night it will be assumed that he is going on the outing.

**6. No soft drinks or other junk food may be consumed before 10:30 a.m. on a weekend campout.** The 10:30 a.m. rule also applies to the Troop's week long Summer Trip/Summer Camp.

**7. While on an outing each Scout is acting as an ambassador of Troop 8 and the First Presbyterian Church and is expected to act as such.** This includes behavior on the bus, in vehicles, in the campground, and when in any public setting.

**8. Eating and drinking are not permitted on the rented Troop bus at any time.**

**9. All Scouts must ride on the Troop bus when rented unless the Troop is car-pooling to the activity.** This rule does not apply to situations where a Scout must come to a campout late or leave early for sports or family activities.

### **Cost**

From time to time the Troop imposes a nominal fee on Scouts and parents attending an outing. This is usually done when there is an exceptional expense involved or the trip is over one hundred miles round trip. In all cases the amount shall be sufficient to partially offset the cost of the outing, not to increase the Troop's coffers.

### **Equipment**

There are a number of personal equipment items that each Scout should have. Some camping equipment can be expensive, so it is important to look for high quality products that will last for many years. Good camping equipment can be purchased from sporting goods stores, camping specific stores, and mail order companies such as L.L. Bean, Cabelas, or Campmor.com, the Chief Cornplanter Council Scout Shop or the USA National Supply Division catalog.

Complete equipment listings for a campout can be found in Chapter 9 on pages 224—231 of the *Official Boy Scout Handbook*. Should you have any questions or concerns please see your Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.