

Adults Camping with the Troop

Troop 1911
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Policy:

- Generally, parents/guardians can go camping with the Troop
- Adult attendees go through a short orientation before camping
- Must adhere to all official BSA Scout policies, including:
 - Class A and B health forms must be completed
 - Youth Protection Training completion if total camping time exceeds 72 hours (i.e., 2 weekend campouts or more)
 - Adhere to the Scouter code of conduct:
<https://www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/bsa-scouters-code-of-conduct/>

Principles, Policy, and Methods:

- Objective: Scouts become self-reliant, lead and do things for themselves
 - “Scouting is a game with a purpose” - they may not realize they are playing!
 - “Never do anything that Scouts can do themselves”
 - “Have you asked your SPL”? - Scouts first go-to for questions/issues should be the youth leadership
- Role: Coach scouts in doing things rather than doing it for them
 - Largely the role of a Troop Guide and Assistant Scoutmaster
 - “If you teach a man a fish...” principle
 - “We’re here to have a good time...oh, and the Scouts can come along too.”
- Patrol Method: Scouts operate in small teams
 - Scouts should tent with other scouts in their patrol or in same area as their patrol
 - Scouts cook/eat/clean up together, but have distinct roles at each meal
 - Special emphasis on eating together as a patrol - wait until cooking is done for all, say grace, all eat at the same time
 - Patrol is first - set up cooking/patrol area before personal gear, take down patrol area as a team Sunday right after breakfast before finishing personal gear
- Positivity
 - Scouts will maintain positive attitudes; adults may need to intervene if there is unresolved conflict, foul language, etc. but give scouts the opportunity to resolve conflict on their own
 - Adults should know and assist with implementing and enforcing the Troop Code of Conduct
- Cell phones/electronics
 - Scouts should leave cell phones/devices in vehicles during campouts
 - Exceptions can be made for photographs with Scoutmaster approval
- Meals/cooking/coffee
 - Adults generally sign up to host a meal for the adult (Old Goat) patrol on the campout. This includes shopping and leading the cooking (they can recruit help). Save receipts to turn in.
- Expenses
 - Fill gas tank before leaving and immediately upon return - turn in receipts for reimbursement
 - Keep & turn in food receipts - for adults or scouts

- Gas expenses are divided amongst the scouts; food expenses are divided equally
- Registered adults have a troop account; otherwise may go on their son's account