

BSA TROOP 265
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of these bylaws is to establish policies and guidelines for the operation of Troop 265 that are more specific than, or not covered by, the policies established by the Boy Scouts of America.

2. Basic Policy Statements

- 2.1. The Troop will operate within the policies established by the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2.2. Anything not covered in these bylaws will be interpreted against the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2.3. Any conflicts between these bylaws and the policies of the Boy Scouts of America will be covered by the policies of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 2.4. No boy will be deprived of the Scouting Experience because of lack of money. Any families that cannot afford equipment, uniforms or camping fees should contact a member of the Troop Committee for assistance.
- 2.5. Due to potential health risks, smoking will not be permitted in the presence of Scouts during any Troop function.

3. Objectives

- 3.1. The Troop meetings and campouts should provide a fun, learning experience for the Scouts.
- 3.2. The Troop will sponsor at least 4 merit badges per year with at least 2 being from the required Eagle list.
- 3.3. First aid skills and first aid merit badge will be taught concurrent with Troop meetings.
- 3.4. It is recommended that the choice of summer camp be considered for its advancement program and opportunities.

4. Troop Committee and Leaders

4.1. Troop Committee

- 4.1.1. The Troop Committee is made up of parents and other volunteers of the community.
- 4.1.2. As a minimum, the following offices will be maintained:
 - 4.1.2.1. Chartered Organization Representative
 - 4.1.2.2. Committee Chairman
 - 4.1.2.3. Treasurer
 - 4.1.2.4. Advancement Chairman
- 4.1.3. People to fill the above offices will be voted on annually in February or March and be reconfirmed prior to the recharter in April with the exception of the

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Chartered Organization Representative who will be appointed by the sponsoring organization.

4.1.4. In August, the Committee will review these bylaws and recommend changes as they see fit.

4.1.5. The Troop Committee will have the final say on all items relating to the operation of the Troop.

4.2. Troop Leaders

4.2.1. As a minimum, the following leadership positions will be maintained:

4.2.1.1. Scoutmaster

4.2.1.2. One or more Assistant Scoutmasters (at least one for each patrol)

4.2.2. People for these positions will be recruited by the sponsoring organization and approved by the Troop Committee.

5. Junior Leaders

5.1. It is the intention of the Troop Committee that the Junior Leaders will run the Troop meetings and campouts and be involved in the overall operation of the Troop.

5.2. In the event that the junior leader is not fulfilling the responsibilities of his job, he may be removed from his position by a vote of his patrol or the troop depending on the position in question. Said vote will be conducted by the Senior Patrol Leader. In the event the SPL Position is in question the election will be held by the troop guide or ASPL.

5.3. As a minimum, the following positions will be maintained as part of the Junior Leaders:

5.3.1. Senior Patrol Leader

5.3.2. Assistant Senior Patrol Leader

5.3.3. Patrol Leaders

5.3.4. Other positions outlined in the Junior Leader's Handbook as the number of boys permits.

5.4. The Junior Leaders will establish the annual schedule in August. This schedule will cover the time period of October through October of the following year.

5.5. In August, the Junior Leaders will review these bylaws and recommend changes as they see fit.

5.6. Senior Patrol Leader elections will be held in March and September for a six month term. During the transition, the outgoing SPL will work with the newly elected SPL as long as needed to assure a smooth transition.

5.7. Patrol Leader elections will be held in April and October of each year for six-month terms.

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- 5.8. The remaining Junior Leader positions will be appointed by the Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders within 2 weeks of vote.
- 5.9. Patrol Leaders and Assistant Patrol Leaders will be approved by the Senior and Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders.
- 5.10. Candidates may decline positions, appointments, or nominations.
- 5.11. In case of vacancies, special elections or appointments may be made.
- 5.12. Planning Campout / meeting
 - 5.12.1. For Scouts to be eligible for the Annual Planning Campout Junior Leader campout, they must hold a leadership position and/or be a First Class Scout.
 - 5.12.2. Upon agreement of the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster, special invitations may be extended to other members of the Troop to attend the Annual Planning Campout.
- 5.13. All Junior Leader positions must be approved by the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters.
- 5.14. The SPL and ASPL will not be assigned to specific Patrols during their terms in office.

6. Troop Schedule

- 6.1. As outlined above, the Troop schedule will be established annually in August by the Junior Leaders.
- 6.2. Changes to the schedule will be communicated as needed.
- 6.3. The schedule will contain, as a minimum, the following:
 - 6.3.1. Date, time, place, and theme of Troop Meetings.
 - 6.3.2. Date, time, and place of weekend activities.
 - 6.3.3. Date, time, and place of summer camp.
 - 6.3.4. Date, time, and place of Roundtables.
 - 6.3.5. Date, time, and place for equipment check. Twice yearly.
 - 6.3.6. Date time and place for all other troop activities
- 6.4. The Troop schedule will be approved by the Troop Committee.

7. Campouts/Activities

- 7.1. Weekend campout or activity fees will be determined prior to each event. Consideration will be given to anticipated fixed costs, food, transportation, and the number of registered leaders going when determining the fee. This fee will be determined by the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, **Outdoor Chairman** and **or** Assistant Scoutmasters.

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- 7.2. All campout/activity fees, and permission slips **MUST** be turned in at the Tuesday meeting prior to the campout or the scout can not attend. This rule can be suspended at the discretion of the Outdoor Chairman, Scoutmaster and or adult leader in charge of the outing.
- 7.3. The location of summer camp will be decided at the Annual Planning Campout.
- 7.4. Any registered adult that attends a weekend campout or activity may not be charged a fee.
- 7.5. For campouts or activities that are more than 50 miles one way, the Troop will pay mileage and road tolls to the adults that are helping with the transportation. The mileage rate will be \$0.10 per mile. The total miles paid for each trip will be determined by the Scoutmaster or other leader in charge.
- 7.6. No AM / FM radios, tape players or other electronic entertainment devices will be allowed on any campout or activity unless approved by the Scoutmaster.
- 7.7. Two way radios may be used at the discretion of the adult leader in charge. Channel 14 is the designated troop channel. Any abuse of that channel will result in confiscation for that outing.
- 7.8. To be eligible to go on a campout, a Scout must average 50% meeting attendance. Consideration will be given for school or religious related activities that conflict with Troop meetings.
- 7.9. In addition to the standard Campout program, a Venture Patrol will be available to those Scouts who are 14 years of age and at least Star rank. This program may include wilderness backpacking, overnight bicycling trips, and other high adventure activities.

8. Uniforms

- 8.1. The official uniform for Troop 265 will be as follows:
- 8.2. During the months of October through April, official Boy Scout shirt, (tan) with approved B.S.A. neckwear. Patrol ropes are part of the troop uniform.
- 8.3. During the months of May through September, the Troop 265 t-shirt, or B.S.A t-shirt may be worn; the patrol rope is part of the uniform.
- 8.4. Official Boy Scout hat is optional.
- 8.5. For Summer Camp Scout shorts, socks and belt are required.
- 8.6. The official neckerchief of the Troop is green with a yellow border and has a custom design on it. This neckerchief will be worn with the tan B.S.A. shirt for all public functions. Each Scout and uniformed leader will be issued one neckerchief when they join the Troop. Additional neckerchiefs may be purchased.
 - 8.6.1. Special earned neckerchiefs can be worn at a Court of Honor and Eagle Court of Honor.
- 8.7. Neckerchiefs will be rolled, held by a slide and worn under the collar with the top shirt

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button open.

8.8. The official Troop 265 uniform will be worn to all Scout activities unless otherwise instructed by the Scoutmaster.

9. Fundraisers

9.1. Fundraising programs will be established Annual Planning Campout. At that time, certain fundraisers will be designated as "Troop Profit Only" such as aluminum recycling.

9.2. Profits from the other Fundraisers will be divided between Scouts raising the money and the Troop. The formula used to divide the profits will be 50% for the Troop and 50% for the Scouts.

9.3. In cases where Scouts work as a group to raise money, the Scouts' share of the profits will be divided among those Scouts participating in the fundraiser. The distribution of the profit to the individual Scout will be based on the amount of time and/or effort that Scout has put into the fundraiser, and be consistent with 9.2 above.

9.4. No money will be given directly to the Scout. It will be held in the Troop Treasury under the Scout's name and may be used for camping, equipment or other fees related to Scouting.

9.5. If a boy leaves the Troop with money in the Treasury under his name, that money will become the property of the Troop. Exceptions will be made to this policy if a boy is transferring to another Troop, his family moves out of the area or on approval of the Troop Committee.

9.6. It is the intention of the Troop to use these Fundraisers to help families cover the cost of Scouting.

10. Discipline

10.1. The Scouts are expected to abide by the Scout Oath and Law.

10.2. The Junior Leaders and other Scouts are expected to correct those Troop members (including themselves) who are not abiding by the Scout Oath and Law.

10.3. It is expected that Patrol Leaders and Patrol members will work with their Assistant Scoutmaster on handling the discipline of their Patrol.

10.4. Serious discipline problems, such as discussions with parents or a Scout being sent home, will be handled through the Scoutmaster or the adult leader in charge at the time.

11. Advancement

11.1. "Active in your troop" requirement for Star, Life and Eagle rank is defined as attending at least 50% of troop meetings and 50% of outings for the required time period preceding the Board of Review for that rank.

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11.2. Merit Badges

11.2.1. BSA policy concerning merit badges will be followed. In addition, the following Troop 265 policy will be in effect for merit badges.

11.2.1.1. No scout will earn more than 5 merit badges from any one counselor.

11.2.1.1.1. Troop Sponsored MB Classes are exempt.

11.2.1.1.2. Summer Camp MB Counselors are exempt.

11.2.1.2. No scout will earn more than 2 Eagle required merit badges from a counselor who is a family member.

11.2.1.2.1. Troop Sponsored MB Classes are exempt.

11.2.1.2.2. Summer Camp MB Counselors are exempt

11.2.1.3. Merit Badges earned after 7/1/02 are under the new rule.

11.2.1.3.1. (i.e. if a scout has already earned 3 MB from a counselor who is a family member he may NOT use that counselor again.)

11.3. Boards of Review

11.3.1. Scouts will be required to appear in Class 'A' Uniform (as specified in the By-Laws) for a Board of Review and have their Scout Handbook no matter what rank.

11.3.2. No Parents or Family Members may be present (in the room) during their sons Board of Review.

11.3.3. Committee Members and adults over 21 may serve on a board of review.

11.3.4. Eagle Board of Reviews

11.3.4.1. 3 – 6 members

11.3.4.2. Representative from Local Council is required.

11.3.4.3. Representative from Troop Committee is required.

11.3.4.4. Representative from Charter organizations or Community is required.

11.3.4.5. The remainder of the board members may be from the Community or Troop Committee.

11.3.4.6. The Eagle Candidate and Scoutmaster will have input to the members of the board with final approval from the Committee Chairman and/or Advancement Chairman.

11.3.4.7. Merit Badge Sash is included as part of the required attire.

11.3.4.8. Only the Scoutmaster (or his representative) may observe the Board of Review.

12. Registration Fees

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12.1. The Troop recharter in April of each year. During the month of March, these fees will be collected.

12.2. The registration fee will cover the following items:

12.2.1. National Boy Scout registration.

12.2.2. Boys' Life subscription.

12.2.3. Dues for the entire year.

12.2.4. Accident insurance.

12.2.5. Troop 265 neckerchief and slide.(first time registration only) No Scarf

12.2.6. Patrol rope.

12.3. The annual registration fee will be \$45.00 for the first Scout in each family and \$36.00 for each additional Scout from the same family. For new Scouts, it will be prorated as follows:

Month of Registration	Fee for first Scout	Fee for additional Scouts
April	\$45.00	\$36.00
May	\$45.00	\$36.00
June	\$44.00	\$35.00
July	\$42.50	\$33.50
August	\$41.00	\$32.00
September	\$39.50	\$30.50
October	\$38.00	\$29.00
November	\$36.50	\$27.50
December	\$35.00	\$26.00
January	\$33.50	\$24.50
February	\$32.00	\$ 23.00
March	\$30.00	\$ 21.00

12.4. New Scouts will be assessed an additional \$20.00 to cover the cost of a book shoulder bands and 1 neckerchief.

12.5. All Adult Leaders will be required to pay their registration fees. Great Trail Council will specify these fees.