



BYLAWS OF BOY SCOUT TROOP 902

**Cornerstone United Methodist Church
Bear, Delaware 19701**

TROOP 902 MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Boy Scout Troop 902 of Bear, Delaware is to help young men to fulfill their duty to God and country and to obey the Scout law.

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.*

These By-laws of this Troop are designed to protect the safety, education, values and welfare of its members. All things in these By-laws are superseded by the rules and regulations written by the Boy Scouts of America.

- I. BSA Troop 902 will operate under the Patrol method, led by the Senior Patrol Leader (S.P.L.) voted in by his peers and under the leadership and supervision of the Scoutmaster. As needed, a small number of registered Boy Scouts may be assigned positions in the Troop, such as, Scribe, Bugler, Quartermaster and Historian, etc.
- II. A Patrol will consist of no more than 8 Scouts on a regular basis. A preferred patrol consists of 6 Scouts, a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader.
- III. Troop leadership positions will be determined as follows. The Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader will conduct an election by secret ballot to determine the top three candidates for a position. Those candidates will then undergo a panel interview to determine the most qualified candidate. The panel will consist of the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters for the positions of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Troop Guide. The panel for all other positions will consist of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, and Senior Patrol Leader or his designated alternate (Assistant Senior Patrol Leader or Troop Guide).
 - A. Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. – Term is 6 months with elections held twice a year, in January and June. The actual length of the term is up to the discretion of the Troop Leadership.
 - B. Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leaders – Term is 6 months with elections held twice a year, in January and June. The actual length of the term is up to the discretion of the Troop Leadership.
 - C. All other Junior Troop leadership positions – Term to be determined as needed.
 - D. All other patrol leadership positions will be appointed by the Patrol Leader with the approval of the S.P.L.
 - E. Only the Scoutmaster (after notifying the Troop committee) can remove a junior leader from his position permanently. The Scoutmaster can remove the junior leader from his responsibilities for up to 30 days or until the Troop committee meets to resolve the problem.
- IV. Patrols must have the following:
 - A. Name – Must be Scout oriented
 - B. Flag – Must be brought to all Scout functions unless otherwise determined by the S.P.L.
 - C. Call or Yell – Clear and short, with a reference to their Patrol name. The Patrol call is given anytime the Patrol name is said by a Troop leader or when arriving to any Troop assembly.

V. Uniforms

- A. All Scouts in Troop 902 must have a Class "A" uniform and must wear this at each regular Troop meeting each week, unless otherwise directed by the Scoutmaster. A Class "A" uniform consists of BSA approved shirt, socks, belt, neckerchief, slide, and BSA approved pants. Lack of proper uniform can result in the scout or his patrol loss of privileges.
- B. A Troop 902 Class "B" shirt will be given to each new Scout coming into the Troop. A second shirt may be purchased from the troop.
- C. Camouflage pants or shirts are not permitted at anytime while the scout is representing Troop 902. BSA does not permit the wearing of any other type of uniform.

VI. Discipline

- A. Any serious discipline problems on a camping trip will be handled as follows:
 - a. First serious offense: Meeting involving two ranking adult leaders and Scout to ascertain a solution. A two deep leadership is always required.
 - b. Second serious offense: Parents will be called by the Scout with two ranking adult leaders present to advise the parent of the problem. The parent may come to camp and take the scout home.
 - c. Third serious offense: The parent will come to camp and take the scout home. NO exceptions will be allowed.
 - d. A Conference is held with the parents and Scout by the two ranking adult leaders upon their return from the event. A report of the event is filed with the Troop Committee Chair. If the parents are not satisfied with the action of the ranking adults the event may be turned over to the Troop Committee for resolution.
- B. All Scouting events and Weekly meetings:
 - a. If two adult registered leaders determine that a particular scout has a persistent discipline problem. The offender can be barred from attending the next scheduled camping trip. If the parents desire they may, with the scout meet with the Scout committee to appeal the decision.

VII. Adult Supervision

- A. A two deep leadership is required at all Boy Scout meetings and functions.
- B. A Junior Assistant Scoutmaster may be 18 years old, but at least one Assistant Scoutmaster must be 21, so he or she can serve in the Scoutmasters absence.
- C. All persons transporting scouts during scouting activities must be at least 21 years of age and possess a valid driver's license and vehicle insurance.

- D. All persons transporting scouts must have driver's license number, vehicle tag number, and vehicle insurance policy numbers on record with the Troop. This is necessary for proper documentation on the BSA Tour Permits.

Troop Dues

- A. Troop dues of \$100 are due by November 1st of each year. These dues can be paid out of the scout's individual account, by cash, or by check payable to BSA Troop 902.
- B. Failure to pay dues by the November 1st deadline may result in loss of participation in any further scouting activities until dues are paid.
- C. Hardship or financial cases should be discussed with the Charter Organization Representative.

VIII. Troop Activity Fees

- A. Troop activity fees are due by the specified due date for each activity. These fees can be paid out of the scout's individual account, by cash, or by check payable to BSA Troop 902.
- B. Failure to pay fees by the specified due date may result in loss of participation in the scouting activity.
- C. Hardship or financial cases should be discussed with the Charter Organization Representative.

IX. Early Dismissal from Camp

- A. If a scout is planning to leave early from a weekend campout, the scout and his parent/guardian must notify the adult Leader in Charge before departing from Cornerstone.
- B. The adult Leader in Charge must be informed of the day, time, and the individual that will pick up the scout.
- C. The individual picking up the scout is required to check in with the adult Leader in Charge before the scout can be discharged from camp.

X. Troop 902 Eagle Rank Requirements

- A. All Eagle Rank Candidates are not only required to adhere to the BSA National Requirements for an Eagle Scout, but also adhere to the "Troop 902 Eagle Guidelines" in order to be considered for the Rank of Eagle Scout. Copies of this document are available from the adult leaders.

XI. Electronic Devices

- A. All scouts are required to turn off all electronic devices (cell phones, IPODs, etc) during scout meetings, campouts and scouting activities. These devices may be used traveling to and from activities, but not during the activities unless instructed by the adult Leader in Charge.
- B. Failure to turn off these devices may result in the confiscation of the device by the adult Leader in Charge until the end of the meeting, campout, or activity.