

**BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA  
ATLANTA AREA COUNCIL  
FOOTHILLS DISTRICT  
MOUNT ZION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
TROOP 795**

**POLICIES, PROCEDURE, AND REQUIREMENTS**

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# WELCOME

From the Scoutmaster

Troop 795 is chartered by Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, which provides a meeting place and storage facilities. The Scouting Activities program is carried out by the Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters under the supervision of the Troop Committee, as prescribed by the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Boys meeting the eligibility requirements for membership are welcomed to the Brotherhood of Scouting, which is exciting and rewarding to the Scout and his family. The adventure challenges the boy along the way and the reward is a young man who rises to the potential that you see in him. He will be surprised to realize these achievements and these will remain with him forever.

The affiliation request of each new Scout gives the Scoutmasters an opportunity to meet with parents/guardians and explain the goals, objectives, practices, procedures and requirements of our Troop. In practice, the Scouts themselves run our Troop. Each Scout is afforded the opportunities to develop his duties to reliance, group and individual skills, constant increases in his abilities and knowledge of the outdoors and nature, and what being a good citizen is all about. The vehicle to accomplish this transformation is called the Patrol Method.

We ask the parents/guardians direct involvement with not only their Scout's advancement, but with other Troop functions, whether administrative or activity oriented. Examine the Troop structures and ask about those areas of interest or specialty that you can enjoy. Ask questions and get involved.

Welcome to Troop 795!

# GENERAL

## UNIT CHARTER

The Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, grants the unit charter of Troop 795 to Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in accordance with the requirements, bylaws, rules and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America. The Charter is on-file with the Membership Chairperson.

## MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to install values in young people and to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetime in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, the Scout Slogan, and the Outdoor Code.

## ADMINISTRATION

### *The Troop Committee*

The Troop Committee is the Board of Directors for the Troop. It has a Chairman who presides at meetings and functions, and Committee Members responsible for Advancement, Training, Membership, Finance, Transportation, Outdoor Activities, Publications, etc. The Troop Committee appoints the Scoutmaster and approves his choice of First Assistant Scoutmaster.

## ACTIVITIES PROGRAM

### *The Scoutmaster*

The Scoutmaster directs the activity side of the Troop where the boys are. He manages a group of Assistant Scoutmasters who supervise the actual meetings and activities of the boys. The Scoutmaster supervises the Patrol Leader's Council, which plans and executes all activities of the Troop, from summer camp to the to the smallest Patrol hike. He also conducts a Scoutmaster conference with each Scout at each point of rank advancement for the Scout. He sets the example for the Troop at all functions. He implements the Patrol Method in Troop management.

### *The Assistant Scoutmasters*

The Assistant Scoutmasters provide a mechanism of continuity in the Scouting program by accepting roles of responsibility that enables the Troop to have a meaningful activity. They supervise the individual activities of the boys and offer advice where needed. They perform the detailed administrative needs of the Activity side to insure safety and security for the participants. They mentor Patrol Leaders. Assistant Scoutmasters must be trained by attending Basic Training.

## ***Adult Leaders***

Adult leaders not otherwise specifically assigned provide support and assistance to the activity program by providing transportation to outings, teaching merit badge clinics, assisting with large attendance functions, etc. Their collective experience and knowledge enhances the activity and demonstrates a willingness to help others, a quality we try to instill in the boys. You must be a registered Adult Leader and complete an Adult Application that is kept on file with the Membership Chairperson.

## ***Patrol Leader's Council***

This is the backbone of the Activities side of the Troop. Each Patrol elects a leader, who represents them and their views at monthly meetings, where the next month's activities are planned. It consists also of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Scribe, Troop Guides, and Quartermaster. The Patrol Leader's Council conducts the annual Planning meeting, where the next year's outings are decided. The Patrol Leader's Council administers the procedures of the Troop. Any voice in the Troop can be heard by their representative on the Patrol Leader's Council. The Patrol Leader's Council runs the Troop.

## **Scout Activities**

The activities set by policy are weekly Troop meetings, monthly campouts, quarterly service projects for the Charter Organization, Courts of Honor, Summer camp, the Family Campout, Patrol Leader's Council meetings, merit badge sessions and twice yearly Junior Leader Training sessions. Additional activities that all Scouts are encouraged to attend are Eagle Scout work projects, charity service projects, Cobb District activities and Atlanta Area Council functions (Scout show, NESA day, etc.). The weekly Troop meetings are learning and planning sessions, where Scouts acquire the knowledge to enjoy the monthly outings, where they put into practice these skills. Scouts participate as Patrols, with elected leaders and adult advisors. Scouts learn both individual and group skills by this Patrol method of learning.

# JOINING TROOP 795

## MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

The joining requirements for boys are spelled out in the Boy Scout Handbook. He must have completed the fifth grade, or has earned the Arrow of Light Award, or be at least 11 years old, but not yet 18. The requirements for the Rank of Boy Scout are spelled out in the Boy Scout Handbook.

## MEMBERSHIP JOINING PROCESS

A parent or Guardian should accompany their son to a Troop meeting at the time a decision is made to join Troop 795. The Membership Chairman will give a membership packet of necessary forms to the parent/ guardian for review and completion. The parent/ guardian and the boy should meet with the Scoutmaster or First Assistant Scoutmaster to learn about the Scouting program we offer, and become aware of the Policies, Procedures and Requirements of Troop 795 before a commitment to join is made. A boy may not participate in an outing, nor attend more than three meetings until he is properly registered with the Troop, and all his fees are paid.

There is a place for the parents/ guardians in the Troop. A quality program is achieved by delegating the work among many responsible adults. The more adults who join our Troop, the fresher the program and the better the examples set for the Scouts. Adults should complete the Troop Resource Survey and make known their areas of interest.

## REGISTRATION AND FEES

Complete and return the forms in the membership packet to the Membership Chairperson:

1. Form B—Fee Schedule 2006 Boy New Membership
2. Boy Scout Application (28-2090) (Paper Copy)
3. Class 1 and 2 Health Form (BSA 34414 1999) (PDF)
4. Troop 795 Permission Slip (Rev 2-2006)
5. Troop 795 Family Information (Rev 2-2006)
6. Adult (Parent) Application (BSA 28-501J) (Optional but strongly recommended)
7. Troop 795 Parent Resource Survey (Rev 1-2005) (Optional but strongly recommended)
8. Troop 785 Policies (Parents and Scout sign) (Rev 2-2003)
9. Adopt-a-Mile program Parental consent form (Rev1-2003)

Provide any pertinent medical information (especially that which involves prescription drugs) to the First Assistant Scoutmaster. The Scout will not be permitted to travel without this information being on file.

# REQUIREMENTS

## UNIFORM

Boy Scouts of America is a uniform organization and as such, establishes uniform standards for Troops to follow. Troop 795 requires that all Scouts wear the prescribed uniform at all Troop functions. Uniform inspections are conducted at each meeting. The Troop 795 prescribed uniform consists of:

1. Khaki Boy Scout shirt with all appropriate badges and insignias
2. Green Boy Scout pants or shorts
3. Green Boy Scout belt and brass buckle
4. Green and red Boy Scout socks
5. Troop 795 neckerchief and appropriate slide (an official Boy Scout bolo he may be substituted for the Troop 795 neckerchief only by Eagle Scouts)
6. Shoes or hiking boots

The Troop 795 Activities uniform (Class B) may, at the direction of the Scoutmaster, be worn at Eagle Scout projects and other work details, as well as games and other activities. The Activities uniform consists of:

1. Troop 795 polo shirt (Staff positions will be of a different color)
2. Green Boy Scout pants or shorts (or other, as directed by the Scoutmaster)
3. Green Boy Scout belt and brass buckle (or other, as above)
4. Green and red Boy Scout socks (or other, as above)
5. Shoes or hiking boots

Failure to wear the prescribed Troop 795 uniform to Troop functions will result in an attendance discrepancy against the Scout. Three discrepancies of any kind will be considered an absence. Failure to wear the prescribed Troop 795 uniform to an outing will result in the Scout not being allowed to participate in that outing, and will be recorded as an absence.

## ATTENDANCE Requirement

Pre-High School Scouts are required to attend 75% of all scheduled Troop and Patrol functions to remain on active status. This includes Troop meetings, outings, workdays and service projects. The Scribe will take attendance at each function, maintain the attendance records, and provide a copy to the Scoutmaster monthly.

After a Scout enters the ninth grade, the attendance requirement is 50% of all scheduled Troop and Patrol functions to remain on active status.

Troop 795 Monday night meetings begin at 7:00 PM at the Scout Lodge. Our Rule for meetings is simple: If Cobb County Schools are opened on Mondays, then Troop 795 has a meeting.

At that time, the doors to the Scout Lodge will be closed while opening ceremonies are conducted and attendance is recorded. Scouts arriving after opening ceremonies will be recorded as tardy. Three tardies in a quarter are counted as an absence.

Attendance records will be reviewed at the end of each calendar quarter. If a Scout's recorded attendance is below the 75% (50%) requirement, he will be placed on inactive status and will not be permitted to participate in any Troop activities until he has had a conference with the Scoutmaster, who will decide the Scout's status.

## **CONDUCT**

Troop 795 subscribes to a Code of Conduct that is outlined in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Slogan, the Scout Motto, the Outdoor Code, and the policies of the Boy Scout National Headquarters and the Atlanta Area Council.

Any Scout that violates these policies, or endangers the health or safety of any member of Troop 795, will be dealt with swiftly and fairly. The gravity of the violation will determine the extent of the corrective action, and is left to the discretion of the adult leadership present at the time of the conduct incident. Less serious violations will be handled according to these guidelines:

1. The first offense will result in a conference with the Scoutmaster (or the adult leader present), recognizing the Boy Scouts of America policy of two deep adult leadership.
2. The second offense will result in a conference as above, to include the Senior Patrol Leader.
3. The third offense will result in a conference as in 1 above, to include the Scout's parents or guardians.
4. Continuation of Code of Conduct violations will result in the Scout being restricted from participating in Troop activities.

## Troop 795 Policies, Procedures and Requirements Statement

I have read and understand these Troop 795 Policies, Procedures and Requirements, and will comply with them to the best of my ability.

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Scout Signature

DATE

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date