

TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

1. You will enforce reasonable travel speed in accordance with state and local laws in all motor vehicles.

2. If by motor vehicle:

a. *Driver Qualifications:* All drivers must have a valid driver's license and be at least 18 years of age. *A youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions: (1) Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted); (2) no record of accidents or moving violations; (3) parental permission has been granted to leader, driver, and riders.

b. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people (including driver) the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL). In some states (for example, California), this guideline applies to 10 or more people.

c. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops.

d. Safety belts are provided, and must be used, by all passengers and driver. Exception: A school or commercial bus, when not required by law.

e. Passengers will ride only in the cab if trucks are used.

***Troop 714 Policy states that drivers under age 21 may not drive anyone under 18 who is not in their immediate family for Scouting events without a signed note from the parent or guardian of such passengers authorizing this driving arrangement. Such permission note must be reviewed with the trip leader and the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair not later than the troop meeting prior to trip departure. Drivers under age 18 may not carry any unrelated non-adult passengers for any Scouting events."**

The Driver's Pledge

- I will not drive when I feel fatigued. I realize that when I am fatigued, I process information more slowly and less accurately and this impairs my ability to react in time to avoid accidents.
- I will arrange my schedule so that several days before a Boy Scout "driving trip," I will get a good night's sleep every night to avoid the cumulative effect of not getting enough sleep.
- I will make trip preparations far enough in advance so that last-minute preparations don't interfere with my rest.
- I will make travel plans that take into account my personal biological clock and only drive during the part of the day when I know I will be alert.
- I will be smart about engaging in physical activities during Scouting outings and will make sure that I will be ready to drive alertly.

Our Pledge of Performance:

1. We will submit changes to notify the local council in the event our itinerary changes.
2. We will plan our activities by and adhere to the policies contained in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and the *Sweet 16 of BSA Safety*.
3. We will use the *Safe Swim Defense* in any swimming activity, *Safety Afloat* in all craft activity on the water, and *Climb On Safely* for climbing activity.
4. We agree to enforce reasonable travel speed (in accordance with national, state, and local laws) and use only vehicles that are in safe mechanical condition.
5. We will apply for a fire permit from local authorities in all areas where it is required.
6. We will be certain that fires are attended at all times.
7. We will at all times be a credit to the Boy Scouts of America and will not tolerate rowdiness or un-Scoutlike conduct, keeping a constant check on all members of our group.
8. We will maintain high standards of personal cleanliness and orderliness and will operate a clean and sanitary camp, leaving it in a better condition than we found it.
9. We will not litter or bury any trash, garbage, or tin cans. All rubbish that cannot be burned will be placed in a tote-litter bag and taken to the nearest recognized trash disposal or all the way home, if necessary.
10. We will not deface natural or man-made objects.
11. We will respect the property of others and will not trespass.
12. We will not cut standing trees or shrubs without specific permission from the landowner or manager.
13. We will, in case of backcountry expedition, read and abide by the *Wilderness Use Policy* of the BSA.
14. We will notify, in case of emergency, our local council Scout executive, our parents, and our single point of contact.
15. If more than one vehicle is used to transport our group, we will establish rendezvous points at the start of each day and not attempt to have drivers closely follow the group vehicle in front of them.