



BSA Troop 18
Policies
Napa Valley District
Mt. Diablo Silverado Council

- 1) A Scout must attend meetings regularly. If he misses 3 meetings in a row without an excuse, he will be put on probation for 3 weeks. If by that time his attendance has not improved, he may be dropped from the Troop.
- 2) Troop 18 will attempt to have at least 1 outing per month.
- 3) The Troop will attend Summer Camp for at least 1 week each year.
- 4) The Troop will hold regular uniform inspections.
- 5) Class A uniform will be worn at all Troop meetings. A scout has 2 months to get his uniform from the waist up, 4 months for Scout pants. Parents should encourage their sons to earn their uniforms. If money is a problem, the Troop will advance the money for uniforms and the Troop Committee will make arrangements for payback. New uniforms are not a requirement.
- 6) A minimum of 3 Courts of Honor will be held each year. Parents should attend with their families.
- 7) Troop Savings – Scouts can save money towards Summer Camp, uniform and other scout expenses by participating in Council and Troop Fundraisers. Any money earned by a Scout is placed in a Trust Fund in his name. If a Scout leaves the Troop and money remains in his account, it becomes part of the Troop Savings Account and will not be refunded or paid to the Scout.
- 8) A Merit Badge can be earned by checking out a Merit Badge book from the Troop Library, contacting a Merit Badge Counselor, and working with the Counselor until the requirements are met. Upon completion, the Merit Badge patch is presented at the next Troop Meeting. Recognition is given at the next Court of Honor. A list of counselors with contact information is available for reference in the scoutmaster's office.
- 9) The Troop Committee, not including the Scoutmaster, will conduct all Boards of Review. It is the responsibility of the Scout seeking a Board of Review to make arrangements for his review. The Napa Valley District Advancement Chairman and 3 other adults will conduct eagle Boards of Review.
- 10) A Board of Review may be held for a Scout NOT advancing in his Progress Awards. Each Scout should show some progress every 3 months. Progress Awards are Tenderfoot, 2nd Class, 1st Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.



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- 11) Dues are \$12.00 for 6 months, payable Jan. 1 and July 1. Scouts are encouraged to earn their dues by performing service around the home. Registration is \$15.00 per year and is payable in January of each year. Scout Savings can be used for dues and registration if available.
- 12) In order to go on a troop outing, a Scout must attend the meeting just prior to the event and cannot be on attendance probation. (See No. 1 above.)
- 13) Scouts will travel in Class A uniform on all outings. Unless instructed otherwise, a scout may switch to Class B or C before hiking or setting up camp.
- 14) Meetings are held every Wednesday, at Archerd Hall. Gathering time is 7:00 PM with the presentation of colors at 7:15 sharp. Meetings will end at 8:30 PM.
- 15) When Permission Slips or similar items are required in order to participate in an outing, the deadline given will be a determining factor in whether the Scout is eligible to go – i.e.: if not turned in on time, he may be ineligible.
- 16) There will be an annual Troop Activity Planning Meeting held each fall. Parents will be asked to attend and volunteer to participate in at least one outing or activity per year.

Special Note to Parents:

It is the intent of Troop 18 to provide the highest quality Scouting program possible. In order for a Scout to benefit from leadership training, character development, and mental and physical fitness, he must attend meetings, campouts, and Courts of Honor. If there is any reason that your son cannot participate in any of the above activities, please contact our Troop Committee and we will help. Help is available for transportation, camping gear, camp fees, and other personal reasons. All matters are kept confidential. Let us help your son become a leader!

Yours in Scouting,

_____, Scoutmaster

Scout's Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian

Date



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Official Scout uniform	Scout shirt Council patch Troop numeral Veteran troop insignia (numeral 25) Patrol emblem Badge of office (adult and junior leaders) Shoulder loops – red Badge of rank World crest Arrow of Light award (Arrow of Light recipients) Official shorts or trousers, belt, and socks
Full Class A	Official Scout uniform Neckerchief and slide
Class A	Scout shirt with proper insignia Neckerchief and slide
Class B	Troop T-shirt or red knit scout shirt
Class C	BSA shirt from scout camp or other scout activity
Court of Honor	Awards ceremony where scouts receive recognition for rank advancement, merit badges earned, and fulfillment of leadership roles
Merit Badge	Badges awarded to Scouts for fulfilling requirements in specific fields of interest
Merit Badge Counselor	An adult expert in a chosen merit badge subject who is registered and approved by the council
Board of Review	When a Scout completes all requirements for a rank, he appears before a “board of review” composed of members of the troop committee to be certified for advancement
Dues	Dues help cover troop expenses such as craft supplies, rank badges, merit badges, telephone, and refreshments
Registration	Annual BSA registration fee and Boy’s Life magazine