



New Policies for 2013-2014

"The patrol system is not one method in which Scouting for boys can be carried on. It is the only method."

—Lord Baden-Powell, Scouting's founder

In Troop 1, we strongly believe in the principles of youth leadership and the patrol method. When your scout is given a position of responsibility in his patrol or troop, he learns valuable real-life leadership skills that cannot be taught in a classroom or read in a book—skills that, according to a recent survey, proved useful to 83% of former scouts in their later lives.

Building upon its existing system of youth leadership, Troop 1 has decided to make a special effort this year to place more responsibility on the troop's youth leaders. Troop 1's youth and adult leaders have decided upon the following new requirements for scouts holding certain positions of responsibility in the troop. We need your full support in making this change—with the support of every parent, scout, and leader, we can create a more cohesive patrol system and increase the troop's overall success. Thank you.

Patrol Leaders

Patrol Leaders must meet the following requirements, in addition to fulfilling the duties of their office listed in the *Patrol Leader's Handbook* and described by the youth and adult leadership of Troop 1:

- **Attendance at 75% of Monday night meetings (must arrive on time/early)**
- **100% coverage* at all troop events**
- **50% of patrol members must advance a rank during Patrol Leader's term**
- **One patrol event must be planned and executed during Patrol Leader's term**

Senior Patrol Leader

The Senior Patrol Leader must meet the following requirements, in addition to fulfilling the duties of his office listed in the *Senior Patrol Leader's Handbook* and described by the adult leadership of Troop 1:

- **Attendance at 75% of Monday night meetings (must arrive on time/early)**
- **100% coverage* at all troop events**
- **Meeting plans must be sent to the Scoutmaster at least 24 hours in advance**

Quartermaster and Scribe

The Quartermaster and Scribe must meet the following requirements, in addition to fulfilling the duties of his office as described by the youth and adult leadership of Troop 1:

- **100% coverage* at all troop events**

Historian

The Historian must meet the following requirements, in addition to fulfilling the duties of his office as described by the youth and adult leadership of Troop 1:

- **100% coverage* at campouts and day trips**

***100% coverage** means that either the youth leader or his assistant (if he has one) must be present at all troop events. If the youth leader cannot attend an event, he must notify the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster of his inability to attend, listing the name of the scout who will cover for him.

If a scout holding one of these positions of responsibility fails to meet any of these requirements, he may not receive credit for his time in the position and thus be ineligible to advance in rank (at the discretion of the Scoutmaster and Senior Patrol Leader).

Thank you for your support of our program. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Scoutmaster.

New in the 2013-2014 Troop Calendar

The 2013-2014 Troop Calendar is different from the yearly calendars that have been used in previous years. The following describes some of the main changes that have been made.

High-Adventure Year

Troop 1 has decided to plan outdoor events that go beyond the limits of what we have done in the past. This year, Troop 1 scouts will experience a wide variety of terrain types, including mountains, snow, coast, and desert, culminating in the ascent of Mount Whitney, the highest peak in the contiguous United States. Because of the difficulty of the Mount Whitney backpacking trip, participation will be limited to scouts who:

- a) Attend the other high-adventure trips during the year
- b) Exhibit adequate physical fitness to climb to 14,505 feet

Patrol Meetings and PLC Meetings

This year, Troop 1 has implemented a new, (roughly) rotating schedule of meetings for Monday nights. For every four Monday night meetings, one will be a Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC) Meeting, two will be regular Troop Meetings, and one will be individual Patrol Meetings.

The Patrol Meetings will work as follows: after the entire troop opens the meeting, each patrol will separate into an isolated area where each Patrol Leader conducts a meeting with his patrol. Patrol Leaders will be required to plan these meetings in advance, and will receive assistance from older Senior Scouts during the meeting.

Please check the Troop Calendar frequently so that you know which type of meeting will occur on each Monday night. Remember: all scouts should attend Patrol Meetings, but only youth leaders should attend PLC meetings.



Update Your Contact Information

We at Troop 1 want to keep all of our members up-to-date with troop news, events, and other communications. Much of the information that we have so far, though, no longer reflects the current state of the troop. **Please fill out and return this form to the Troop Scribe** so that Troop 1 has the most current information possible from our members. In the future, you will be able to update this information on the Troop Website by logging into www.troop1wla.org, but for now, please complete this form by hand. Thank you.

Scout's Information

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ BIRTHDAY ____/____/____
GRADE ____ SCHOOL _____ SCOUT RANK _____
CELL PHONE NUMBER (____) ____-____ EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Mother's Information

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER (____) ____-____ CELL PHONE NUMBER (____) ____-____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Father's Information

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
HOME PHONE NUMBER (____) ____-____ CELL PHONE NUMBER (____) ____-____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

Communication Preferences

SCOUT PREFERS TO BE CONTACTED

BY (check all that apply):

- ☐ EMAIL
- ☐ HOME PHONE CALL
- ☐ CELL PHONE CALL
- ☐ TEXT MESSAGE
- ☐ MOTHER'S EMAIL
- ☐ FATHER'S EMAIL

MOTHER PREFERS TO BE

CONTACTED BY (check all that apply):

- ☐ EMAIL
- ☐ HOME PHONE CALL
- ☐ CELL PHONE CALL
- ☐ TEXT MESSAGE

FATHER PREFERS TO BE CONTACTED

BY (check all that apply):

- ☐ EMAIL
- ☐ HOME PHONE CALL
- ☐ CELL PHONE CALL
- ☐ TEXT MESSAGE



QUARTERMASTER USE ONLY

Tent Checkout Form

TENT # _____

PATROL # _____

SCOUT _____

This year, instead of issuing tents on a per-campout basis, Troop 1 will be assigning tents to certain scouts for the entirety of the Scouting year. Those scouts who receive tents will be responsible for the following:

- **Storing the tent at home for the entire year**
- **Bringing the tent to any camping trip when requested or desired**
- **Keeping the tent in good condition without losing any parts —**
remember, this will be your roof for this year.

The Troop will no longer bring tents to trips; if a scout's patrol decides that tents will be necessary for a trip, then the patrol leader must ensure that the right number of tents is brought on the trip. The tents will be assigned to individual scouts at the patrol leader's discretion, and, before campouts, patrol leaders will be responsible for assigning tent-less scouts to tents.

Keep in mind that **you will be held financially liable** for the equipment if, upon return to the Troop, the tent is found to be missing parts or otherwise be damaged. This includes all bags for the different bits of the tent, poles, and stakes. The tent itself will be inspected to make sure that there are no rips, tears, evidence of mold, or any other such marking.

Please complete the following information and return this form to the Quartermaster **only if your (son's) patrol leader assigns you to keep a tent**. A scout must have this completed before a tent is issued. A signature of a parent or guardian is required where indicated.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT, UPON ISSUE OF A TENT, WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR UP TO ITS FULL COST OF \$_____ IF THE TENT IS NOT RETURNED IN THE SAME CONDITION IN WHICH IT WAS ISSUED BY THE END OF THE SCOUTING YEAR.

SCOUT'S NAME _____

SCOUT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PARENT'S NAME _____

PARENT SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

PATROL LEADER'S NAME _____

PATROL LEADER SIGNATURE _____

DATE _____

RECEIVED ON ____/____/2013 _____

AXEL SARKISSIAN, QUARTERMASTER