



Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 395  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Chartered with St. James United Methodist Church

## Boy Scout Troop 395 Troop Rules

1. All Troop rules should reinforce Scout spirit and reflect the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They have been discussed and agreed upon by Troop 395 Key Three. The Key Three are the Scoutmaster, the Charter Organization Representative and the Committee Chair.
2. All BSA YPT policies will always be followed during all Troop events. During Scouting activities, meetings and events, the Troop Leadership will follow the guidelines outlined in *The Guide to Safe Scouting* published by BSA.
3. For safety reasons, no open toed shoes can be used by Scouts or Adult Leaders at any Troop function except for use while showering.
4. The currently approved Class A field uniform for BSA Troop 395: 1) Official BSA Scout Shirt, 2) BSA pants or shorts, 3) BSA socks, 4) BSA belt or belt from one of the BSA High Adventure Bases, 5) Troop neckerchief being held by a scout-made or BSA neckerchief slide, and 6) BSA branded hat, if desired.
5. Scouts and Adult leaders will travel to/from Troop outings in the BSA Class A field uniform unless directed by the Scoutmaster.
6. The currently approved Troop 395 relaxed uniform code, or Class B uniform: 1) Official Troop t-shirt or BSA branded t-shirt, 2) BSA pants or shorts, 3) BSA belt or belt from one of the High Adventure Bases, and 4) BSA socks.
7. Scouts are not permitted to carry butane, alcohol or naphtha-based lighters, but may use them with adult supervision.
8. Scouts are not permitted to carry knives without earning the BSA Totin' Chip. Once earned, knives may be used during Troop meetings, Troop outings and official BSA activities.
9. Scouts and Adult leaders are not permitted to carry fixed-blade or sheath knives of any kind at any time.
10. Scouts are always to follow the Troop 395 Electronics policy. (See attached document)
11. Parents when involved as a leader at a Scout event, you are not "Mom or Dad" you are a leader.
12. All adults are invited to participate actively in the Troop Committee for a minimum of six months prior to being invited by the Scoutmaster to join the Scoutmaster's Corps as an Assistant Scout Master (if interested). Approval will involve the advice and consent of the Charter Organization Representative and the Troop Committee Chair.
13. Assistant Scoutmasters must always reinforce the ideals of the Scout Oath and Scout Law. They serve Troop 395 at the consent of the Key Three and may be released from service for any reason.
14. All official Troop communications come from either the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair unless otherwise authorized by the Scoutmaster.
15. Scouts are prohibited from using the elevator at the St. James CLC unless directed by the Scoutmaster or another designated Troop leader.
16. Scouts may not use the vending machines on premises without the express permission of the Scoutmaster.
17. Only the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and Scouts of 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank or higher may sign off on 1<sup>st</sup> Class, 2<sup>nd</sup> Class, Tenderfoot and Scout rank requirements unless otherwise authorized by the Scoutmaster.
18. Only Adult Leaders and Scouts having attained the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class can use hammocks with approval from the Scoutmaster on Troop outings, unless otherwise communicated by the Scoutmaster.
19. A candidate for Senior Patrol Leader must be at least of 1<sup>st</sup> Class rank and have successfully completed National Youth Leadership Training or its' equivalent, unless expressly waived by the Scoutmaster.



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20. A candidate for Patrol Leader must have attained at least the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Class, except for the New Scout Patrol or as otherwise authorized by the Scoutmaster.
21. A candidate for the Eagle Patrol must have attained the rank of Star Scout and must be invited by the current members of the Patrol, with the advice and consent of the Scoutmaster.
22. All service hours for rank advancement must be pre-approved by the Scoutmaster and must benefit a non-profit, charitable organization and must not benefit the Troop, District or Council.

## **Boy Scout Troop 395 Electronics Policy**

Technology has evolved to become an everyday part of our lives and can be a great tool. Just like any tool, we must understand that there is an appropriate time, place, and application for use. This is in no way meant to be a punishment to the Scouts. We have chosen to allow the use of certain electronic devices during certain Scout activities and limit the use during meetings and at times when use will distract the scout from the task at hand.

### **Scout Rights and Responsibilities**

1. Any scout who possesses a personal electronic device shall be solely responsible for its care. The troop shall not be responsible for the theft, loss or damage to personal electronic devices brought to scouting activities by a scout.
2. Scout possession of personal electronic devices shall be permitted, but the use of these personal electronic devices shall be limited as outlined below and may be amended by the Scoutmaster at any time as needed and may be collected temporarily for the benefit of the activity.
3. These devices shall be kept out of sight and powered off or silenced during these scouting activities.
  - a. From opening through closing at all Troop meetings.
  - b. On Campouts-during all scheduled program time, troop campfires, cracker-barrel, after “Lights Out”, or when it interferes with assigned duties.
  - c. Anytime their use negatively impacts another’s enjoyment, experience or sleep.
  - d. Anytime their use creates safety concerns.
4. The requirement that personal electronic devices be turned off does not apply when the Scout is using the device for an educational or instructional purpose that has been approved by the Scoutmaster.
5. Personal electronic devices shall be permitted in buses and cars during transport to and from Scouting activities as authorized by the driver, unless use of the personal electronic device causes a disruption in the bus or car. To help limit disruption ear buds/headphones are to be used.
6. Scouts shall not use personal electronic devices on any Scouting activity to access and/or view internet websites that are otherwise blocked to their use at home or school.
7. Scout use of personal electronic devices that disrupts a scouting activity or is not in accordance with these rules may result in confiscation of the personal electronic device. When a personal electronic device is confiscated, it shall only be released and/or returned to the Scout’s parent/legal guardian.



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### **Unauthorized Use**

Unauthorized use of personal electronic devices includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. Devices will not be used in or around the area of bathroom and shower facilities.
2. Possessing, viewing, sending, listening or sharing video or audio information having sexual, violent or threatening content at any Scouting activity shall be prohibited and may result in confiscation of the personal electronic device.
3. Any activity which may be in violation with Scouting's Youth Protection policy, Bullying Prevention policy, or Internet Safety policy.
4. Taking and/or posting on the internet inappropriate photos or videos of others without their parents' or guardians' permission.

### **Special Notes**

At most Scouting events there is limited or no access to outlets for charging electronic devices. It is the responsibility of the Scout to make sure that they conserve battery power in their devices. If charging areas or outlets are present, all rules regarding their use must be followed. Charging ports in vehicles are for adult use only.

All requests to parents or guardians to pick up a Scout prior to the scheduled end of a Scouting event will come directly from the Scoutmaster or another adult leader in charge unless otherwise directed by the Scoutmaster, and not from a Scout. If parents or guardians have a question concerning pickup, they should contact the Scoutmaster or adult leader in charge. During Scouting activities, Scouts should not communicate via phone calls or texts messages with their parents or guardians. *In case of family emergencies or personal issues or concerns, all phone or text communications from the scouts or from the parents or guardians must first go through the Scoutmaster or adult in charge.* It is critical for the working of the Troop during Scout activities that the Scoutmaster or adult in charge be the first point of contact. Parents will be given the Scoutmaster's phone number as the primary point of contact for any emergency or concern during scouting activities.

## **Acknowledgment**

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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