

WELCOME TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 216



**CHARTERED BY
ST. CECILIA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #13216**

www.troop216.info

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Troop 216 was **chartered** on February 16, 2006, by St. Cecilia's Catholic Church Knights of Columbus Council #13216 in full compliance with all of the requirements set forth by the Boy Scouts of America, a Congressional corporation, established in 1910. The troop is located in the Cahokia Mounds District of the Lewis & Clark Council. The troop maintains an excellent working relationship with the parish through the good work of the Chartering Organization Representative, Jon Hicks, who monitors the Committee's work.

The guiding precepts of the troop are the **Boy Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan**. Each Scout is expected to live by the standards. Each Scout learns these early in his advancement and is expected to be able to articulate them at any time when asked and definitely at each Board of Review in his advancement.

Boy Scout Oath

*On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.*

Boy Scout Law

*A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY, LOYAL, HELPFUL, FRIENDLY, COURTEOUS, KIND, OBEDIENT,
CHEERFUL, THRIFTY, BRAVE, CLEAN and REVERENT.*

Boy Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily.

One of the ultimate **aims of the Boy Scouts of America** is to provide quality leadership for our nation. Therefore, Troop 216 is a "boy run" troop – meaning that the Patrol Leaders' Council (which comprises scouts elected by their fellow scouts into positions of responsibility) runs the troop and makes all important decisions. This means that the lessons learned by the Scouts through their advancement, working together in patrols and community service, are intended to prepare them for their roles as America's leaders in years to come.

We try to base all troop operations on the concept that **the Scouts run the troop**. This is done using the **patrol method** which is a group of 6 to 8 Scouts, led by the Patrol Leader and his assistant. New Scouts are assigned to a patrol. Together they do what is necessary on outings and in meetings to enliven the program. The **Patrol Leaders Council** is comprised of the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leaders. Together with the Scoutmaster in attendance they establish the program for the troop. The enrolled Scouts elect all officers of the troop semi-annually. The Senior Patrol Leader is elected with the concurrence of the Scoutmaster.

Adult leaders are confirmed by the **Troop Committee**. The leaders include the **Scoutmaster Staff** comprised of the Scoutmaster and the Assistant Scoutmasters. Additionally, the Troop Committee is made up of registered parents and other interested adults. The Scoutmaster Staff is responsible for mentoring the boys to provide an active, exciting program while providing opportunities for boy leadership to grow and watching out for health and safety related issues on a day-to-day basis. The Troop Committee ensures the permanency of the troop and exists to support the Troop's program through financial, logistical and other means. Working closely with the Scoutmaster Staff, the Committee is responsible for ensuring adherence to the official Boy Scout Program, overseeing operations, supporting the Scoutmaster Staff, supporting the annual program,

maintaining financial integrity, conducting the Boards of Review and resolving any difficulties that may surface.

Troop 216's adult leadership is dedicated to the scouting program. All are BSA trained – and some have completed the BSA's advanced Wood Badge leadership training. Each loves Scouting and brings a special talent or two to the troop. Many were Boy Scouts as youth. Most have extensive experience in outdoor skills such as camping, backpacking and hiking. All are dedicated to the personal growth of individual scouts, and to accomplishing the aims of scouting through application of the eight methods of Scouting.

If after reading this booklet you have additional questions, don't hesitate to contact the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chair or any other Committee Members or Assistant Scoutmasters.

We hope you and your son(s) will enjoy Troop 216 and become active participants.

Yours in Scouting,
Troop 216 Committee

PARENTS' INFORMATION

This document is intended to provide an overview of Troop 216 responsibilities, operations and activities. We welcome recommendations from Scouts and parents on new programs/activities.

SCOUT RESPONSIBILITIES: Each Scout should participate in planned Troop and Patrol meetings, campouts, hikes, civic events, fundraising projects and conservation/service projects. Scouts are expected to wear the uniform correctly to all events requiring it, be faithful in paying dues (\$40 annually) and live the Scout Oath and Law in their daily life, particularly at all Troop and patrol activities. Additionally, we expect all boys active with this Troop to behave appropriately at all functions. (For a more detailed explanation of Scout responsibilities see next section.)

PARENTS' RESPONSIBILITIES: Parents should support their Scout son(s) in all Troop endeavors, provide transportation to/from Troop scheduled events on an equitable basis with all other parents and actively participate in Courts of Honor and fundraising projects. When asked, they should provide assistance as needed by either the Scoutmaster or the Troop Committee. While we try to handle most behavior problems within the Troop structure, parents will be advised if/when their son(s) may demonstrate improper attitude or behavior. If any Scout becomes too unmanageable at a Troop function/activity, his parents may be called to get him. A disciplinary Board of Review may also be held to discuss a Scout's discipline/attitude and to counsel him on his future behavior.

We strongly encourage parents to be involved in the Troop and we also ask that they let the Troop do its job. Since one of the Troop's responsibilities is character development, we ask that parents not interfere in areas where their son should be working to develop his character/leadership/responsibility. Parents should encourage their son(s) to take responsibility and initiative and speak for themselves when in need of advancement, Boards of Review, information of all kinds, etc. While it may be easier or quicker for you to get/give information to/from the leadership of the Troop it does not help your son develop into a responsible leader.

(SPECIAL NOTE: *A parent of every Boy Scout is requested and needed to participate in at least one outdoor activity per year – this will assure that sufficient adult supervision will be available at each of the Troop's activities.*)

MEETING PLACE: Regular Troop meetings will be held at Liberty Middle School on Monday nights, 7:00-8:30 p.m. **Note: *During the summer meetings will be moved to St. Cecilia's Fellowship Hall.*** Parents are welcome to attend all Troop and Troop Committee meetings. Occasionally there will be an Open Forum Parent Meeting that will run during the regular Troop meeting time in order to keep parents informed on the progress of the troop, answer any questions and discuss any concerns. Notices for meetings will be posted on the Troop website in the Calendar section. Scouts will be notified by Troop 216 leaders of any change in meeting location or time. During the school year troop meetings will not be held on days when school is not in session, including snow days (No School, No Scouts).

TROOP UNIFORM: Please see the Scout Responsibilities section for uniform requirements in Troop 216. A "uniform bank" will be established and parents are encouraged to donate uniform items that no longer fit their sons.

LEADERSHIP: The elected Senior Patrol Leader, in conjunction with the appointed Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and the elected Patrol Leaders will run the Troop. Scouts will be expected to cooperate when working/playing under their leadership. The Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, Junior Assistant Scoutmasters, and other boy leaders will also provide training, leadership and guidance to all younger Scouts. Other elected leadership positions include: Quartermaster,

Scribe, Librarian, Historian, Bugler and Chaplain Aide. It may be necessary for the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster to assign additional positions of responsibility based on Troop size.

PATROL/TROOP STRUCTURE: All Scouts will be assigned to a Patrol, under a Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leader. Each Scout will be expected to participate in Patrol meetings and/or Patrol events as scheduled. We expect all Scouts to cooperate with these leaders. Elections for Troop positions normally occur twice a year, and all registered/active Scouts in the Troop may be eligible to compete for Troop and Patrol positions.

DUES: All Troop 216 Scouts will be required to pay annual dues of \$40.00. This fee may be paid annually (\$40), semi-annually (\$20) or quarterly (\$10). This fee will be used for selected Troop insignia (troop numerals, Patrol patch, badge of office [when needed], badge of rank [when earned], merit badges [when earned], Scout Handbook [when applicable] and a custom Troop 216 neckerchief & slide.

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All annual recharter fees not paid by March 1st of the preceding year will automatically be deducted from Scout accounts, if available. Quarterly dues (due 1/1, 4/1, 7/1, 10/1) not paid by the beginning of the third month of each quarter (3/1, 6/1, 9/1, 12/1) will be automatically deducted from Scout accounts, if available.

Amendment 4/22/09 If Scout account falls to a negative balance, a notice will be sent to the Scout within 30 days; after 60 days a letter will go to parents; and after 90 days a meeting will be scheduled with the Troop Committee Chair. Until account is brought current, Scout will not receive rank advancements or be allowed to participate in troop activities other than weekly meetings.

FUNDRAISING PROJECTS: Appropriate projects will be selected by the Troop's adult leadership, boy leaders and Troop Committee. EVERY SCOUT is expected to participate in equal amounts, since the benefits (new/replacement Troop equipment, badges and awards) are for all Scouts.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES: Troop 216 has an active outdoor program consisting of camping, hiking and other special activities. There is at least one of these activities every month all year-round. The Troop provides tents, tarps, cooking stoves, lanterns, Patrol cooking/clean-up equipment and other items needed for a fun and safe camping environment. Each Scout needs to provide his own eating utensils (plate, cup, knife, fork, spoon, etc.). In addition, parents must ensure their son(s) have clothing and sleeping bags appropriate to the season. A detailed listing of camping equipment can be found in the *Boy Scout Handbook*. Every activity outside of Troop/Patrol meetings will have an information sheet/permission form detailing dates, times, place, cost, emergency phone number, etc.

TROOP EQUIPMENT: After each campout, we may require each Scout who attends to take home various items of Troop equipment to be cleaned and/or dried. We ask parents to ensure that their son(s) take these responsibilities seriously and to return all assigned equipment promptly. Some of this equipment is very expensive to replace so we need everyone's cooperation.

ADVANCEMENT: Advancement in Boy Scouts is not automatic. It is absolutely essential for each boy to use his personal initiative if he intends to advance in rank. Troop 216 provides ample opportunity for each boy who joins to advance all the way to Eagle Scout, if he so chooses. However, we do not force any Scout to advance. Each Scout must set his own goals. Advancement can be broken down into two categories:

RANK ADVANCEMENT:

Each rank (Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, Eagle) has a specific set of requirements which must be met before the Scout can earn that rank. The last two requirements for every rank except Scout are: "participate in a Scoutmaster Conference" and "meet with a Board of Review." To have a Scoutmaster Conference, a Scout must have completed all but the last two requirements for the rank he is working on. Parents please note that requirements should be signed off by a registered adult leader (Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, Troop Committee member). A Board of Review consists of adults from the Troop Committee who review a Scout's record and performance. The board members decide whether he has learned/retained enough knowledge to justify earning that rank. If a Scout passes a Board of Review he will be awarded his new rank immediately. If he does not pass he will be told exactly what is expected of him to pass the next time he meets the board. To meet a Board of Review a Scout must contact the Advancement Coordinator to schedule a meeting with the members, have had a Scoutmaster Conference, be in full Class A uniform, have his *Boy Scout Handbook* with him and be current in paying his dues.

MERIT BADGES:

Earning merit badges is required for Star, Life and Eagle ranks. A Scout wishing to earn a merit badge must secure a Merit Badge Request Form, also known as a "blue card", from the Scoutmaster, obtain the name of and contact a merit badge counselor, acquire a merit badge pamphlet and comply with the requirements for that badge. A merit badge is not complete until the requested form is returned to the Scoutmaster, signed by the counselor. Counselors will only work with a group of at least two Scouts to comply with the BSA Child Protection Policy. Merit badges are awarded only at Courts of Honor. The Troop maintains a merit badge pamphlet library and our Scouts can check out any of the pamphlets they may need to work on merit badges. These pamphlets must be shared with all Scouts in the Troop and should be returned on a timely basis. Parents may choose to purchase merit badge pamphlets for their son(s) at A&R Paints-Troy, the Lewis & Clark Council Scout Shop or online at www.scoutstuff.org. The Troop welcomes donations of any pamphlets to expand our library.

SAFETY: The safety of all Scouts in the Troop is of primary concern to the Troop leadership. Because of this, non-folding sheath knives, fireworks and martial arts weapons will not be permitted at any Troop or patrol functions. Firearms and archery equipment are allowed only at those events specifically scheduled for the use of such items, even then, only under qualified adult supervision. For more information see the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

TROOP COMMITTEE: The Troop Committee works for the chartering organization and is primarily responsible for supporting the Scoutmaster in delivering a quality Troop program and handling Troop administration. Some of these responsibilities include: providing adequate meeting facilities, carrying out policies and regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, providing adequate funding and disbursements in line with the approved budget plan, obtain/maintain and properly care for Troop property and recruit and train quality adult leadership. While only registered adults are official, voting members of the Troop Committee, all parents are welcome to attend the monthly Committee meetings which are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. All parents of Scouts registered with the Troop are considered members of the Troop Committee and we encourage any and all parents to become registered with the Lewis & Clark Council. There are a variety of jobs that need to be accomplished to make the Troop function efficiently and it takes more than just a few parents to do this. All positions are held by volunteers – there are no paid positions. Vacant positions may be filled at any time by interested volunteers.

MERIT BADGE COUNSELORS: Troop 216 adult leaders serve as Merit Badge Counselors for a wide variety of merit badges. The Counselors are parents and other adult leaders within the Troop

who have an expertise (either through vocation, avocation or special training) within one or more subjects. Counselors must be registered separately through Lewis & Clark Council. Counseling a merit badge requires commitment on the part of the counselor. Please take into consideration that a long-term commitment may be required, on your part, in order to complete the session. Counselors running instruction sessions must make a commitment to attend all Troop meetings for a three month period (even though the actual instruction sessions may only last 2, 3 or 4 weeks). If the Counselor finds that he/she cannot complete this commitment, it is his/her responsibility to find another approved, registered Counselor to take over for the meeting(s) he/she cannot attend. This allows Scouts to finish requirements and have them signed off by the Counselor.

COMMUNICATIONS: As Troop 216 grows, communication will become a more pressing issue. There are several means of communicating. Almost all of the families in the troop have email and we send out announcements regularly using this medium. We also keep parents and Scouts informed via our website, www.troop216.info. Additionally, troop meetings and Troop Committee meetings are often venues for communication. At any time, a parent or Scout may contact any other member of the troop, Scoutmaster Staff or Troop Committee by such means as he or she deems appropriate. ***Troop 216 encourages free and open communication about any topic or concern involving our Scouts or program.*** It is our mutual goal to develop and implement the best Scouting program possible for our Scouts and to ensure that they fully enjoy and benefit from their Scouting experience. Good communication is a key leadership skill.

CONTACTS: Have a question? Need information? Please contact either one of the following:

**Dave Padgett
Committee Chairman**

**Mark Faerber
Scoutmaster**

SCOUT RESPONSIBILITIES

INTRODUCTION: In this section are a number of items that discuss what Troop 216 expects of a Scout in terms of his behavior, uniform and participation. These items provide a clear set of expectations for each Scout.

RESPONSIBLE TO: Each Scout is responsible to any, or all, of the following – his Patrol, Patrol Leader, Assistant Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, other boy leaders, Assistant Scoutmasters, Scoutmaster, and all members of the Troop Committee.

BEHAVIOR: Every Scout is expected to behave appropriately at all Scout functions.

GENERAL: Behavior problems can be either discipline or attitude related. We try to handle most behavior problems within the Troop structure, but there are times when we will contact parents about a problem. These times may include incidents that we feel are too serious to deal with on a Troop level, or repeated occurrences of the same problem. At those times we will contact the Scout's parents to have them discuss the problem with us. On campouts or other non-meeting events, the parents will be called and told to come and take their son home. At troop meetings the Scout will be given a letter requesting that he not attend any more meetings unless he brings at least one of his parents to discuss the problem with the Scoutmaster. This letter will be followed up by a phone call to the parents. If the problem is deemed serious enough (a fight, for example), the parents will be called immediately to come and get their son. In the most extreme instances, actions will be taken to remove a Scout from Troop 216. The general rules of the Troop are the Scout Law and the Scout Oath. The Scout Oath is: ***“On my honor, I will do my best: to do my duty to God and my country, to obey the Scout Law, to help other people at all times, to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.”*** The Scout Law is: ***“A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.”*** Full explanations of the parts of the Scout Oath and Law are found in the *Boy Scout Handbook*. Beyond that, we also have some behavior guidelines for both meetings and campouts.

AT TROOP MEETINGS: The leadership of Troop 216 tries to provide safe, fun and educational Troop meetings every week. Every Scout is asked to observe the following for the good of all members:

1. Be on time: Troop meetings start promptly at 7:00 PM which means that you are with your patrol, quiet and ready to start at that time.
2. Participate in every activity offered to you. If you don't like an activity, you need to contact your Patrol Leader (PL) and let him know so your voice will be heard in the Patrol Leader Conference (PLC).
3. Be attentive, which means pay attention to the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), your Patrol Leader, program instructors and adult leaders.
4. Be cooperative. If asked to do something (within reason), do it. If asked not to do something, don't do it.
5. Don't harass or hassle other Scouts, adult leaders or instructors.
6. Unless you have specific permission, do not touch, use, or take anything that does not belong to you (a.k.a., other people's stuff). This includes items within the classroom.
7. Bring only Scout or meeting program related items with you to Troop meetings. MP3 players, toys, games, radios and other non-Scout related items are not allowed and may be confiscated until the end of the meeting.

We also must remember that we are guests in the church building and are only permitted in, and allowed to use, certain parts of it. Troop 216 is responsible for the building and any damage to the building and its contents while we are using it/them. All Scouts are expected to adhere to the following rules concerning the church building:

1. If you arrive when no adult leaders are present and the building happens to be unlocked, **DO NOT ENTER!**
2. At no time will you be allowed to go around the outside of the building.
3. No food or drinks are allowed (unless for special events)-they will be taken away from you and thrown away.
4. If you track mud/dirt into the building please let an adult leader know so that it is cleaned up.
5. Horseplay will not be tolerated.
6. After each meeting or event make sure to clean/straighten up the room(s) that we used, picking up all trash (ours or not ours) and putting furniture back in its place. No one is allowed to leave the room until the area is policed to the satisfaction of the Senior Patrol Leader and/or the adult leader in charge.

ON CAMPING EVENTS: All of the above rules and guidelines apply on camping events with some changes and additions that are camping specific. These include:

1. Arrive on time. Help is always needed to load the equipment prior to our departure. Departure times are established in order for the troop to travel safely and arrive at the campsite in a reasonable amount of time. If you are unable to make the departure time please discuss your problem with the Scoutmaster. If we are loaded and ready to go and you are not there at the established time we will leave without you.
2. You **WILL** wear a seat belt at all times while traveling no matter what seat you are in.
3. No one is allowed to ride in the back of pickup trucks at any time, in any place, under any circumstances whatsoever.
4. The driver of the vehicle you are riding in is the dictator of that vehicle. You will obey him/her at all times. You are a guest in their vehicle and proper behavior is expected. Consumption of food or beverages in someone's vehicle is at the discretion of the driver, not the son of the driver. Please respect their wishes.
5. You **WILL** be in full uniform while traveling. If you don't have one on you will be asked to do so. If you don't have it with you, you will be asked to go home and get it. If you don't get back in time see item #1. When we are returning home the same procedure applies.
6. You will do as you are told by your patrol leader, senior patrol leader, other youth leaders and all adult leaders.
7. Troop 216 uses the buddy system. A Scout is not allowed to wander around camp without a buddy. During most campouts your buddy is also your tent-mate. If you need to go somewhere and you don't have a buddy please see your Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or an adult leader. **DO NOT GO ANYWHERE WITHOUT A BUDDY!**
8. Each patrol has a duty roster for campouts. You will do your assigned duties promptly; not at the next meal or the next day but at the time that you are assigned. You will not do anything else until your duties are completed.
9. Along with #7, you will not get in the way of someone else doing their assigned duty. Therefore, if you are not a cook for a meal, stay out of the cooking area.
10. **NO FLAMES OF ANY KIND, IN ANY TENT, AT ANY TIME, IN ANY PLACE, FOR ANY REASON!!** This includes matches, cigarette lighters, open candles, candle lanterns, gas lanterns, stoves of any kind, heaters, campfires, fire starters/flints, etc.
11. Quiet times are enforced, usually from 10:00 or 11:00 PM until 6:00 or 7:00 AM. Usually they are enforced by the Troop leadership, but when we are in state or

federal parks the rangers may also enforce this. Quiet time means that you are in your tent asleep. If you are not, you will be warned once and then sent home. The troop cannot afford to be kicked out of a camping area because of one boy's foolishness.

12. A Scout's tent is his home on a campout. Just as you wouldn't go into someone's home without knocking or ringing the bell, you don't enter someone else's tent without their permission.

UNIFORM: All Scouts are expected to wear correct uniforms to all Troop and Patrol events. Correct uniforms and guidelines for wearing them are:

- "Class A": Consists of a Scout long or short-sleeved shirt with proper earned insignia (including Merit Badge sash/Order of the Arrow sash), Scout long or short pants or blue jeans/khaki pants or shorts. Optional items are: Scout-type belt, hat or socks. Neckerchief and slide may also be worn during appropriate events, check with the Scoutmaster or SPL if you are unsure if it is needed.
- "Class B": Consists of the Troop activity t-shirt or any other Scout related t-shirt/sweatshirt (camp t-shirts, Council t-shirts, etc.) and Scout pants/shorts, blue jean pants/shorts or khaki pants/shorts.
- Scouts MUST wear the Class A uniform to all Courts of Honor, Boards of Review, all troop meetings during the school year, while traveling to and from campouts and other events and to all other events requiring it.
- Scouts may wear either the Class A or Class B uniform to all Troop meetings during summer break and to all other Scouting events where the Class A uniform is not required.

PARTICIPATION: Each Scout should participate in as many Troop and Patrol functions as possible. This includes Troop meetings, Patrol meetings, campouts, hikes, civic events, fund-raising projects, and conservation/service projects. We realize that there will be conflicts with other family, school, church and sports events but it is to your advantage to be as active as you can be in Scouts. Make it a top priority instead of a secondary one. When you are at a Troop or Patrol event we ask that you be there not only in body but in mind and spirit as well. We also ask that you do your best at all times to be a team player, thinking of what is best for your Patrol and Troop not just for you. There will be a cold, rainy morning on a campout (we guarantee it) where you are the cook for your Patrol and you won't want to get out of your nice toasty warm sleeping bag but if you don't no one in your patrol will eat unless you do. This is where being a team player really counts, doing your part even when you don't feel like it. And don't forget to smile....no one likes a grumpy cook!

Everyone likes the fun events – campouts, hikes, swimming, canoeing, high adventure, etc. – but you really show your stuff on the things that aren't as much fun – fundraising projects and service projects. But a Scout is Helpful; therefore, EVERY SCOUT is expected to participate in fundraising projects in equal amounts, since the benefits (new equipment, etc.) are for all Scouts in the troop. You should also participate in service and conservation projects because we help others outside the Troop at those times. Every Scout should be faithful in paying dues since that money comes back to him in the form of a better program. In addition any Scout who is not sufficiently active may not be registered for the following year unless he shows intent to become more active.

SAFETY: The safety of all Scouts in Troop 216 is of primary concern to the Troop leadership. Some safety items have already been mentioned, but there are a couple more: non-folding sheath knives, fireworks and martial arts weapons will not be permitted at any Troop or Patrol function. In addition, firearms and archery equipment are allowed only at those events specifically scheduled for use of such items, and even then only under qualified adult supervision. For more information see the *Guide to Safe Scouting*.

INFORMATION: This section is for items that don't fit into the categories already listed.

- **Scoutmaster Conference:** To have a Scoutmaster Conference, a Scout must have completed all but the last two requirements for the rank he is working on. He must then make a request to the Scoutmaster. Conferences are generally conducted at Troop meetings but may be held at any other Troop function where time permits.
- **Boards of Review:** Once a Scout has completed his Scoutmaster Conference he should contact the Advancement Coordinator, Mrs. Faerber, to schedule an Advancement Board of Review. Once a date has been determined the Scout is required to be in complete Class A uniform (including neckerchief and slide), have his *Scout Handbook* with him and have received sign off on the Scoutmaster Conference. Boards of Review may also be called by the Troop Committee or Advancement Coordinator for Scouts who are not advancing in rank.
- **Lost & Found:** A lost and found box will be available at the Troop meetings for items lost during Troop activities or meetings. Look there first for any item you may have lost. We will not search for people to match up the lost items. Any items left in the box for more than two months are subject to being thrown away, given away or used as Troop equipment.

Troop Conduct & Discipline

Code of Conduct

Each Scout in Troop 216 shall practice living by the Scout Oath and Scout Law in every day life, as well as, at all scouting functions.

The Code of Conduct is as follows:

All Scouts in Troop 216 are responsible for living up to the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan. The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Troop Committee and **must be signed by each Scout and parent and returned to the Committee** upon initial registration. Any situation that is not covered below will be decided by the present Scoutmaster Staff or Troop Committee and discussed with the parent and Scout.

1. A Scout will take care of all troop or patrol gear issued to him or his patrol and any personal property belonging to others. A Scout will be responsible for all negligent damage he causes.
2. Printed material or pictures which a Scout would not want his parents to see is not acceptable and will not be brought to troop or patrol meetings or on troop campouts or other activities.
3. Fighting with or striking another Scout is not acceptable under any circumstances. Hazing of new Scouts is not permitted. Both situations may require parents to pick up the Scout from the campout, activity or meeting immediately (at the family's expense). Please refer to the Scout Responsibilities section, page 8, under Behavior/General in the Troop 216 Information packet for specific guidelines.
4. Engaging in unsafe acts is not acceptable. Unsafe acts include improper use of knives or axes, sharp sticks, ropes or other materials, the use of fireworks of any type, and other activities as proscribed by the Guide to Safe Scouting.
5. Using language that a Scout would not use in front of his parents is not permitted.
6. Scouts will maintain a positive attitude and remember that "cheerful" is the eighth point of the Scout Law.
7. Any Scout who has a problem with another Scout or an adult leader will immediately inform two adult leaders of the problem and seek a solution.
8. Scouts will utilize the "buddy system" on all troop outings.
9. Scouts will always maintain the "Rule of Three" -- individual Scouts will not be alone with an adult leader to which he is not related but will always seek to be in the presence of a second adult leader or Scout. For example, two Scouts should work on a merit badge at the same time with a counselor.

10. Scouts will only use pocket knives (having completed their Totin' Chip requirements) – no hunting knives, switchblades, gravity knives, sheath knives or butterfly knives will be permitted. Fire starters or flammable material are only allowed with proper adult supervision (having completed their Fireman's Chit requirements) and are NOT allowed in or around tents.
11. Scouts are not permitted to have in their possession any radios, cell phones, electronic music or game devices. When the troop goes on an outing it is expected that Scouts will focus on the theme of that outing.
12. Scouts who indicated they would be going on an outing but change their minds and do not inform the Scoutmaster staff that they cannot go for whatever reason within two days before the beginning of the outing must share in the cost of the food and other troop expenses incurred.
13. The Scoutmaster Staff will determine if a Scout's conduct requires his removal from or prevents his participation in a Scout outing. When this occurs the parents will remove the Scout as soon as possible from the situation. Please refer to the Scout Responsibilities section, page 8, under Behavior/General in the Troop 216 Information packet for specific guidelines.
14. During the meetings the Scouts will not be allowed to leave the meeting areas for any reason, unless an Adult Leader has granted permission and there is proper supervision. This includes leaving with a parent. The meeting area will be kept neat and left clean including the restroom area.
15. You will wear either the Scout (Class A or B) uniform at every meeting unless told not to by the Scoutmaster.
16. We will strive to work as a TEAM at all times.
17. Non-compliance with any of the above Code will result in the Scout facing one or more of the following actions:
 - One-on-one meeting with Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and other adult leader
 - Peer to Peer Meeting with another Scout
 - Personal meeting with a group of adult leaders
 - Letter of apology prepared by the Scout
 - Scout's parent(s) requested to begin attending troop events
 - Scout and parent(s) present themselves before the Troop Committee
 - Suspension and/or removal from the Troop

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Troop 216 Parental Involvement/Interest Form

To Troop 216: Yes, I'm interested in helping out with troop activities! Here's some information about me to help you know and use available resources!

My Name: _____

Spouse's Name: _____

Phone: Home _____ Work _____

Other: _____

Email addresses: _____

My occupation _____

Spouse's Occupation: _____

My Hobbies and
Interests: _____

Spouse's Hobbies and
Interests: _____

Scouting Experience: _____

Camping/Outdoors Experience: _____

Military or other Leadership Experience: _____

Fundraising Experience _____

Volunteer Experience _____

Ages & names of other children _____

Scout Merit Badges I'd like to counsel: _____

(See www.meritbadge.com for list and requirements)

Other areas of interest: _____

COMPLETE AND RETURN TO DAVE PADGETT, TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIR