



## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

ALAMO AREA COUNCIL  
COYOTE DISTRICT  
BOY SCOUT TROOP 500  
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Subj: TROOP 500 CAMPOUT POLICY

The following provides Troop 500 policy for Troop Campouts.

1. Unless otherwise specified, the Class A uniform will be worn (properly) to and from all campouts.
  - Clean/printable (not looking like it was slept in or stuffed in a drawer).
  - Buttons buttoned.
  - Proper patches, to include rank insignia.
  - Close toed shoes (no flip flops or sandals).
  - Shirt tucked in.
  - Jeans or solid pants/shorts (although not required by T500, official BSA uniform shorts/pants are okay)
  - Upon arrival/check-in at a campsite, the Class A shirt may be removed, and Class B shirt (T500 t-shirt) or other appropriate shirt may be worn.
  
2. Campouts normally are scheduled for departure early Friday evening from St Mark's, returning Sunday morning around 11am. Any variations will be briefed.
  - Be there a minimum of 30 min prior to departure time.
  - All Scouts should bring their Scout Handbook, T500 Notebook (provided by T500), and writing/note-taking material.
  - Any other material required for specific activities should be brought.
  - If a Scout cannot make a campout, it is common courtesy to let the Senior Patrol leader/Patrol Leader know in advance. Attendance is important for advancement, Scout spirit, and service.
  - Campouts will be planned by the Senior Patrol Leader/Patrol Leader(s) with guidance provided by the Scoutmaster/Assistant Scoutmaster(s)/Committee members.
  - The Senior Patrol Leader/Patrol leader(s) will ensure that a camp duty roster is prepared per the Troop 500 Camping Trip Patrol Duties roster.
  - The Senior Patrol Leader/Patrol leader(s) will ensure that a gear list is provided/passed to all Scouts. Initial starting point is the Troop 500 Camping Checklist.
  
3. Other
  - Arrive minimum of 30 minutes before departure time.
  - Be prepared.
  - All Scouts should bring their Scout Handbook, T500 Notebook (provided by T500), and writing/note-taking material.
  - Any other material required for a specific activity/meeting should be brought.
  - Respect for all other Scouts, leaders, parents, siblings, adults at T500 activities will be observed at all times. This includes good conduct and courtesy.
  - No electronic devices are authorized unless specifically approved for an activity (radios, IPODs, CD/DVD players, etc.)
  - Tour Permits, directions/maps, and Permission slips will be submitted/provided by the adult leaders.
  - If a Scout cannot make a campout, it is common courtesy to let the Senior Patrol leader/Patrol Leader know in advance. Attendance is important for advancement, Scout spirit, and service.

- All equipment should be cleaned after use (tools, cooking utensils, etc.) and brought back from the campout in good order.
- The Troop Quartermaster should be notified of any damaged, missing, or improperly functioning equipment.
- No Scout will use a saw, hatchet, or axe.
- Only Scouts who have earned (and have in their possession) a Totin' Chip will be allowed to use a pocket knife.
- Only authorized pocket knives are allowed on Scout campouts or any other Scout activity. No hunting knives, combat/survival knives, switchblade knives, etc.
- Playing with (or unauthorized use of) fire/campfires/stoves/lanterns/tools is not allowed.
- The Outdoor Code should be observed at all times.
- Teamwork and organization is essential—packing/loading gear, setting up at the campsite, maintaining the campsite, breaking down/loading gear for return trip, unloading and properly storing gear upon return.
- The National and Troop 500 Colors will be brought and properly displayed on all campouts.
- Accurate head counts must be made, and adequate transportation provided for.
- The Buddy System will be observed at all times.
- Safety and accountability is paramount.

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