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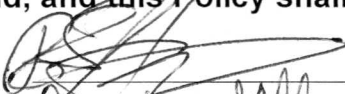
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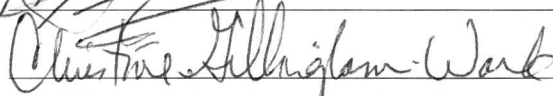
GENERAL INFORMATION

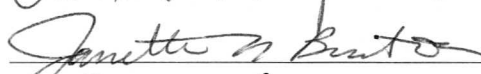
This Policy is to aid and explain the standing operational procedures of the Troop, and to provide guidance in situations where there is no official BSA policy.

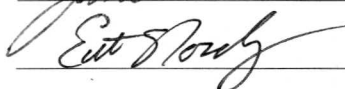
1. The term "Troop" refers specifically to Troop 53, the term "Committee" refers to Troop 53 Troop Committee. The terms "Scout," "boy, or "youth" refer to the boy members of the Troop, and the term "Scouter" refers to the registered adult leaders of the Troop. The term "Policy" refers specifically to this document.
2. The following Troop 53 Policy solely expresses the opinions of Troop 53 Troop Committee and is not an official policy of the Boy Scouts of America. This Policy is to provide for the smooth and effective operation of Troop 53 activities and to ensure that Scouts have a safe, continuous and well-rounded experience of Boy Scouting. At no time should this document be looked upon as absolute, but rather should be used as the ideal approach to managing the troop, providing for the safety of Scouts and Scouters, and for the continuity of the Troop.
3. Any situation not provided for in this Policy shall be resolved by the Patrol Leaders Council, the Scoutmaster, or the Troop Committee. In the event of a dispute, the Troop Committee and/or the Charter Representative will determine a formal decision.
4. So far as is possible, Troop 53 will be governed by the Patrol Leaders Council ("PLC"). The voting members of the PLC are the Senior Patrol Leader ("SPL") who is also its chairman, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) ("ASPL"), the Patrol Leaders, and the Troop Guide(s). Appointed Troop officers may serve as nonvoting members of the PLC.
5. The Scoutmaster serves as coach/counselor to the PLC and may veto any of its decisions. The Scoutmaster or the Scoutmaster's representative must be present at all meetings of the PLC.
6. The PLC will have the responsibility of the planning, implementing, and evaluation of the Troop meetings, activities, and outings.
7. On all Troop outings and activities, Scoutmaster's word is law. The Scoutmaster may assign leadership to another adult for a specific activity(ies), in which case that adult will act in the Scoutmaster's behalf.
8. This Policy becomes effective on the date they are finally adopted by the Scout Troop Committee. Any amendments or rewriting are effective when approved by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of the Committee members present. Proposed amendments will be submitted in writing to each Scout Troop Committee member at least 30 days prior to a vote.
9. This Policy is to be reviewed by every family currently with the Troop and all incoming families, and the acceptance statement shall be signed by both the parent(s)/ guardian(s) and the youth. Upon signing, the last page is to be returned to the Scoutmaster for filing. A signed copy is to remain with the family's copy of the Policy.

This Policy, ratified on February 4, 2013, is the Official Bylaws of Troop 53. Previous editions are void, and this Policy shall stand until amendments or a rewrite occurs.

Signed and dated:  Troop 53 Committee Chairperson

Signed and dated:  Troop 53 Committee Treasurer

Signed and dated:  Troop 53 Committee Member

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PURPOSE

The Mission of the Boy Scouts of America

"It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and in other ways prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime in achieving their full potential."

The purpose of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is to provide for boys an effective program designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship and leadership, and to develop in them personal fitness, thus to help in the development of American citizens who:

- Are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit;
- Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness;
- Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts;
- Have a desire and the skills to help others;
- Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems;
- Are knowledgeable about and take pride in the American heritage and understand America's role in the world;
- Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and
- Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in the giving of leadership to American society and the forums of the world.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Scouts are to maintain good behavior and follow the Code of Conduct. Scouts not following the Code of Conduct may, at the discretion of the Scouters, be asked to leave a meeting or activity and/or have their parents or guardians pick up the Scout from the meeting or activity. The Scout will be welcome to return at the next meeting or activity unless specifically asked to terminate membership after deliberation by the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee (see Membership).

The Code of Conduct for members of the Troop, Scouts, and Scouters is the Boy Scout Law:

1. **Trustworthy:** Besides telling the truth, dependability is just as important in your relationship with your fellow Scouts and Scout Leaders.
2. **Loyal:** The Troop is a family in the community of Scouting and other troops are extensions of our family, they deserve to be treated as family.
3. **Helpful:** New Scouts look to older Scouts as role models; you should be generous with your skills and be aware of your behavior. Younger Scouts also need to be aware of their responsibilities and behavior.
4. **Friendly:** All Scouts are part of the brotherhood of Scouting. An appreciation of different customs and styles of behavior or dress are part of being friendly.
5. **Courteous:** Good manners are minimum standards and make social interactions work with all types of people. The Scout shall endeavor to be punctual and respect others' value of time.

6. **Kind:** At about 15 years of age, muscle mass increases dramatically in males...the 11 to 14 year old Scout can't really compete on the same physical level. The older Scout needs to understand this difference and act accordingly. No Scout should let looks or personality be a major influence in how they act with fellow human beings.
7. **Obedient:** Scout Laws and community laws have the same goal, and that is to prevent chaos while minimizing limitation of freedoms. Whether a law is good or bad does not change the law.
8. **Cheerful:** "Cheerful service" is the motto of the Order of the Arrow, but should be a guideline for all of us. Requests from your adult or youth leadership should not be answered with looks of anger or disgust. The family has to function together and bothersome tasks happen to all of us.
9. **Thrifty:** Besides money, natural resources have to be conserved; besides these, time and property should be used with the realization that they are not endless.
10. **Brave:** Part of being Scout-like is having courage regarding personal convictions while not being reckless or having a mindless "macho" approach in your relationship with others.
11. **Clean:** A Scout keeps his mind and body fit and clean, and associates with others who believe in these same ideals. A Scout is expected to leave for an activity or arrive for Troop functions with clean clothes and clean body. Abusive or foul language is inappropriate to the Scouting movement and disrespectful to others, as are racial slurs, ridicule and insults.
12. **Reverent:** A Scout is respectful of all religions and faiths, and is faithful in his own religious duties.
13. Additionally, Troop 53 requires the following:
 - a. Scouts are required to attend and be prompt to all scheduled meetings and activities.
 - b. All Scouts are encouraged to be in regular attendance at all Troop and Patrol activities. When unable to attend any meeting, each Scout should notify his Patrol Leader or SPL in advance of his intended absence. An absent Scout should be contacted by his Patrol Leader or SPL. Continued absences should be reviewed by the Scout Troop Committee. Attendance at meetings and activities is considered necessary to demonstrate "Scouting Spirit". Scouts in leadership positions who miss a meeting, are responsible for making arrangements to ensure that their responsibilities at the meeting will be met.
 - c. The following items are prohibited from all BSA activities:
 - i. alcoholic beverages;
 - ii. illegal drugs;
 - iii. tobacco products;
 - iv. pornographic materials;
 - v. open blade sheath knives;
 - vi. any knife without possession of the "Totin' Chip" (applicable to Scouts only);
 - vii. any instrument capable of emitting a projectile (i.e. BB guns, firearms, sling shots, bow and arrows, etc.)
 - viii. fireworks and/or pyrotechnics of any kind
14. When on outings, I understand unless otherwise posted, that lights will be out, I will be quiet, and I will be in bed by 11:00P.M.
15. Scouts will be assigned to Scout tents. Only Scouts assigned to a specific tent are allowed in that tent unless otherwise instructed by a SPL or SM.
16. Sounds will be kept at a respectful volume at all times.
17. I will take responsibility for any property owned by a camp, the Troop, or another individual that I damage.

18. The use of profanity, or abusive or racial language will not be permitted.
19. I will not bring any electronic devices, like radios, MP3s, game devices, etc. to any Troop event. Cell phones are allowed for emergency communications only.
20. I will use matches and lighters only when appropriate and safe and only if I have my Fireman Chit.
21. I will follow Totin' Chip rules and regulations when using knives, saws, and axes.
22. I will use the buddy system on all Troop activities.
23. Troop 53 is primarily responsible for the behavior, safety, and welfare of our members on all camping events. At District or Council events, as well as at BSA camps, all District/Council/camp leaders have the right and responsibility of helping and correcting any problem they encounter. Scouts will follow the directions of those leaders as if they were the Troop 53 leaders.

MEMBERSHIP

To seek out, encourage, and invite all boys ages 11 to 17 to join the Scouting movement. To accept and register any boy who desires to join the Troop upon receipt of the proper registration fees and dues. To operate the Troop with membership extended equally to all in a bond of brotherhood and comradeship.

1. To become a Troop member a boy must:
 - Meet the membership requirements set by the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) National Council,
 - Visit a Troop meeting,
 - With his parents, discuss membership with the Scoutmaster or Scout Troop Committee representative, and
 - Agree to live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.
2. Membership will become effective upon receipt by the Scoutmaster of an application accompanied by appropriate fees and dues and the receipt of a signed statement of acceptance of this Policy.
 - Dual membership in a Boy Scout and Venturing program is allowed by the BSA, as both groups are a part of the Scouting movement.
 - A Scout may have his membership in the Troop terminated for any of the following reasons:
 - A. He transfers to another Scout unit;
 - B. He decides not to remain active;
 - C. He does not live by the principles of the Scout Oath and Law, and his membership is terminated by action of the Scoutmaster and the Scout Troop Committee;
 - D. Violation of the Code of Conduct:

First Offense:

Scout will be dismissed from the meeting or activity at the discretion of the activity leader and a parent/guardian will be notified and asked to pick the Scout up. This will count as a one (1) unexcused absence with reinstatement on the following meeting.

Second Offense:

Scout will be dismissed from meeting or activity ONLY to be reinstated after a meeting with the Scout Troop Committee, including the Scoutmaster, the activity Leader, the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the Scout. Final Decision will be made by a majority vote of the Scout Troop Committee present.

Third Offense:

Termination of Troop membership by recommendation of the Scoutmaster and the Scout Troop Committee.

3. A Scout who leaves the Troop in good standing may rejoin the Troop upon:
 - Filling out a new registration form if his has expired, and
 - Payment of appropriate dues or fees determined at time of reinstatement.

FEES, DUES, AND FINANCES

To accurately and efficiently account for all moneys paid by or on behalf of each Scout to the Troop for registration, Boys Life, dues, camp fees, transportation or any other fee. To encourage each Scout to pay his own way, meet his financial obligations, and develop the traits of thrift and self-reliance.

1. All funds for the Troop will be held within an escrow account. This account will be the responsibility of the Troop Treasurer. This account is known as the Troop 53 General Account.
2. The registration or transfer fee shall be paid by each boy upon submitting his application or transfer (registration must be renewed by January 31 of subsequent year) and shall be a necessary requisite for Scout membership. This initial registration fee shall include the sum of the full registration fee required by the National Council of the BSA, and the prorated cost of one year's subscription to Boys Life magazine. Scouts will be provided with opportunities to meet his financial obligations through fundraising activities outlined below.
 - The dues for each registered Scout shall be set by the Troop Committee. Once paid, this money is not refundable.
 - Dues will be assessed on a yearly basis, and be paid by January 31 of each year. Other payment arrangements can be made as needed.
 - Scouts joining other than at the rechartering time will be charged a prorated share of the National BSA registration fee and Troop 53 dues based on the number of months remaining in the charter year.
 - In the event of transfer, no registration/dues will be refunded, but Scouting allows for a transfer of membership.
 - Dues are required to be current and a Scout may be denied attendance at activities if dues are not current.
 - Dues are collected to cover the costs of advancement, educational materials, and other incidental expenses.
3. Subsequent years' registration and Boys Life fees shall be paid to the National Council of the BSA by the Troop for all Scouts meeting the conditions of membership and current with his dues.
4. Activity fee, event fees, equipment fees, transportation, and/or special fees may be established by the action of the Committee and/or Activity Leader and shall be required to be paid equally by all Scouts participating in each of the separate events. The Committee may provide for or limit the extent of refundability of said fees. All fees must be paid in advance and in full by all participating Scouts.

5. The troop may schedule several fundraising activities during the year. Some of these fundraising activities will be for the purchase of Troop 53 equipment. Funds raised by these activities will be placed in the Troop 53 General Account.
6. Some fundraising activities will be scheduled to raise money for individual Scout's Scouting-related fees. A prorated share of the funds raised by the Scout during these activities will be held in an escrow account within the Troop 53 General Account. This account will be known as the Scout Account. The Troop Treasurer will have the responsibility of accounting for each Scout's Scout Account. Scouts are entitled to know the balance of their own Scout Account. A notice will be provided to each Scout on a regular basis (usually at Courts-of-Honor), showing the balance in their account.
7. Funds from the Scout Account may be dispensed to Scouts or transferred to the Troop 53 General Account upon written request. Scouts may only submit requests on their Scout Account to pay for Scouting expenses. Requests for cash reimbursement from their Scout Account must be accompanied by all original receipts, to include the date, the item(s) purchased, the purpose, the amount, and their name. Funds may be dispensed for, but not limited to:
 - Camping fees — food, travel, lodging, etc.
 - Uniform and insignia fees (Scouts may submit request for clothing purchased for the purpose of Scout activities, i.e., gloves, boots, wool pants, etc.)
 - Annual Troop dues
 - Individual camping equipment (equipment must be used at least one time on an official Troop or BSA outing)
 - In the event of a dispute, the Scout will have the opportunity to submit a written request to the Committee, and a final decision will be made by a consensus of the Committee members.
8. Scouts who terminate their membership in Troop 53 will forfeit all funds after six months. These funds will then convert to Troop 53 General Account funds, to be used for Troop 53 expenses.
9. Scouts who are reinstated in Troop 53 who submit a written request for reinstatement of their Scout Account may have a part or all of their funds transferred back to their Scout Account upon approval of a consensus of the Committee.
10. Scouts who transfer to another Scouting organization may submit a written request for their share of their Scout Account. Request should include the name and address of the new Scouting organization's Treasurer. Upon approval of a consensus of the Committee, a check for the balance of the Scout's Scout Account may be issued to the Scout's new Scouting organization.
11. Funds from a personal Scout Account will automatically be deducted whenever a fee has not been received within a timely manner, plus any late fees that may be established by the Troop Committee, provided sufficient funds are available in the account.

MEETINGS

To provide all Scouts in the Troop with the opportunity to progress in the Scouting Program and to encourage and instill the desire to participate regularly in Troop, Patrol, and in Troop Officer Meetings held to discuss, plan, organize and participate in Scouting activities. Also, to hold regular adult officer and Scout Troop Committee meetings in support of the program outlined by the Scout Troop Committee.

1. Troop meetings shall be held weekly at Coronado High School. Service Patrols may be asked to arrive earlier and/or stay later. During the summer, meetings may be less frequent.

2. Troop meetings shall be conducted by the SPL of the Troop. Troop meetings will be designed to strengthen each Patrol, provide each Scout with a common experience, and give each Scout the chance to learn new skills that will make his Scouting experience more enjoyable and valuable.
3. Each Patrol is encouraged to hold regular patrol meetings. Patrols will be allotted time for "Patrol Corners" as a part of each Troop meeting. Meetings are recognized as a must if the Patrol is to coach Scouts, develop teamwork, and provide the Patrol Leader with leadership opportunities.
4. The Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) shall hold regular meetings each month as scheduled by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and/or Scoutmaster. Short review meetings will be held as required at the end of a Troop meeting. PLC members are expected to attend PLC meetings unless excused by the SPL.
5. The PLC with the guidance and approval of the Scout Troop Committee shall develop a yearly schedule of activities. This schedule shall outline the Troop activities for the entire Scout year and shall be published and distributed to all Scouts, Scout Troop Committee members, Leaders, and parents. Other, shorter duration schedules are encouraged, and will be developed as required.

SPECIAL NOTE: The Boy Scouts of America and Troop 53 authorize excused absences due to commitments to a Scout's church, school, family, or illness.

6. The Scout Troop Committee shall hold a regular meeting each month and any other such meetings as requested by the Scout Troop Committee Chairperson. Conduct of the meetings shall be in accordance to Robert's Rules of Order. All Committee Members should be in attendance and all Scout parents are openly invited to attend.

TROOP LEADERSHIP AND ELECTIONS

Our goal is to provide all Scouts in the Troop with the opportunity and instill the desire to undertake an active leadership role in the direction and operation of the Troop, and to provide leadership opportunities necessary to meet rank advancement requirements.

1. Troop leadership positions are those identified positions in the Scoutmaster's Handbook.
2. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is the youth leader of the Troop. In his absence, the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) (ASPL) will assume the SPL responsibilities.
3. The SPL, ASPL, and Patrol Leaders constitute the voting members of the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) which may also include the other Leadership Corps positions.
4. The PLC is responsible for developing the annual calendar of events in the keeping with this guide. This calendar is then submitted to the Scout Troop Committee for approval.
5. The PLC is responsible for carrying out their role in support of the annual calendar, Troop events, and other functions as described in the Patrol Leaders Handbook.
6. There will be regular Troop leader elections. Patrol Leader candidates will be at least Second Class rank and have the approval of the Scoutmaster. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) candidates will be at least First Class rank, and must have the approval of the Scoutmaster. National Youth Leadership Training is desirable. All other Troop positions are self-nominated and voted on by the Troop.
7. Should an elected or appointed leader be inactive with the Troop, or be determined to continue to be ineffective or unwilling after adequate counseling from the adult Troop leaders, he will be replaced in that office. The Scoutmaster may appoint a replacement until such time as an election can be held by the Troop.

ACTIVITIES

To provide all Scouts of Troop 53 with the opportunity and instill the desire to participate in a year-round outdoor program totaling a minimum of ten (10) days and nights of hiking, overnight camping, camporee and summer camp or backpack experiences with adequate equipment and supervision and involving a balance of Scouting skills, training, teamwork, conservation, service, physical fitness and fun.

1. Troop Activity are defined as activities that have been approved by the PLC, Scoutmaster and Troop Committee.
2. The Troop shall plan, attend, and participate in at least two (2) community service projects each year. One shall benefit the Chartering Organization and one may include a conservation project. Additionally, the Troop shall plan a minimum of five (5) hiking events.
3. The reasonable standard of activity for each Scout in the Troop shall be:
 - Three (3) Troop meetings or Scouting activities per month.
 - Seven (7) days and nights of Troop camping each year. (Attendance at Boy Scout Camps shall count towards this seven (7) day requirement.)
 - One (1) service activity each year.
 - Three (3) hiking event.
4. Attendance at all Troop and Patrol activities by all properly registered Scouts shall be encouraged but may be restricted or limited to those who meet certain medical, experience, or advancement requirements established by the Scout Troop Committee.
5. The Troop shall schedule and plan at least one (1) long-term camping activity of at least one (1) week's duration each year, and an additional week of camping may be scheduled subject to the approval of the Scout Troop Committee.
6. Specific requirements are set forth as follows:
 - A Scout's parent or legal guardian shall be encouraged to accompany him on his first overnight outing. Each parent or guardian shall be contacted by the Scoutmaster or Activity Leader as to equipment needs, camping details and requirements. Parent(s)/guardian(s) need to be made aware of their obligations if the Troop is to survive and remain strong and active.
 - Unless otherwise specified, all transportation is provided by parents of the Troop.
7. Attendance at all activities is highly encouraged but is contingent upon receipt by the Activity Leader of an approved medical form, parental permission slip and full payment of fees.
8. To attend an extended backpack/high adventure trip, a Scout must have:
 - completed qualifications as determined by the Scoutmaster and Troop Leadership Council;
 - completed ten (10) nights of Troop camping;
 - attended four (4) hiking activities;
 - submitted an approved medical form;
 - have parental permission; and
 - have paid the full trip fee.
9. Waiver of any of the above conditions shall be by Troop Committee approval. The Troop Committee shall consider waivers when requested or deemed justifiable by the majority of the Troop Committee.
10. Each parent should thoroughly review the waiver and health record portion of the BSA registration permission slip to ensure that the Scout's safety and medical condition are safeguarded

EQUIPMENT

Troop 53 will, within its financial limits, provide equipment for the use of the Scouts and Scouters.

1. The Troop Quartermaster will have the responsibility of inspection, inventory, maintenance, storage, and cleanliness of all Troop 53 equipment.
2. Troop equipment will be purchased as approved by the Scout Troop Committee.
3. Troop equipment is for the use of the Troop members while participating in official BSA functions. Variance from this Policy must be approved by the Scoutmaster. Any use for other than official Troop functions will incur reimbursement by the appropriate person(s) for expendable supplies and repairs/maintenance as a result of such use. Abuse/misuse of Troop equipment may result in denial of further use.
4. All Troop equipment will be issued on or before the day of departure at the location designated by the Activity Leader. Equipment will be returned promptly upon termination of an activity. Abuse/misuse of Troop time and/or Troop equipment will result in denial of use and/or an assessment for damage or repair.
5. Troop equipment will be inventoried after each outing to determine required repairs, suitability, and safety. Equipment deemed beyond repair shall be surveyed by Scout Troop Committee and disposal of the equipment shall be approved by the Scout Troop Committee.
6. On BSA outings (not Troop outings), registered adult leaders of the Troop are entitled to use Troop equipment. They shall however, reimburse the Troop for expendable supplies.
7. In the event that Troop 53 should be disbanded, the Troop's equipment and remaining assets will become the property of the Charter Organization (Coronado High School PTA). There will be no rights by existing or former members of the Troop to claim any property owned by the Troop without consent of the Charter Organization.

ADVANCEMENT

To provide a planned program to each Scout in the Troop with the opportunity to grow and develop through experiences in Scout teamwork, Scout craft and Scout spirit and as a result, advance in rank from Scout to Eagle in a steady process of preparation, qualification, review and recognition. It is recognized that advancement is not the desired end, but is simply the direct result of what has taken place, the growth and development of a Scout in knowledge, skills, Scout spirit and ideals.

1. All Scouts are encouraged to earn the various ranks within the stated periods as follows:
 - Tenderfoot — 3 months after Scout
 - Second Class — 5 months after Tender Foot
 - First Class — 7 after Second Class months
 - Star — 10 months after First Class
 - Life — 10 months after Star
 - Eagle — 14 months after Life

2. The recommended standard for advancement will be First Class in the first year, and one rank each year thereafter.
 - The Scoutmaster and/or a designated adult leader and/or the Advancement Chairperson shall meet and counsel with each Scout (and parent(s)/ guardian(s) if deemed advisable) upon advancement in rank or if the above recommended time periods are not met. At this meeting, each Scout will be asked to commit himself to a definite goal date for his next rank.
 - All Scouts shall be provided the following opportunities for advancement:
 - (1) To prepare and learn on his own and in Troop and Patrol activities.
 - (2) To qualify or test: by successful demonstration of proficiency through actual experience.
 - (3) To be reviewed: to assure well-rounded growth.
 - (4) To be recognized: for the satisfaction of acknowledged accomplishment.
3. Approvals of qualification for the various advancement tests are:
 - Active Service: Approved by the Patrol Leader or Troop Scribe.
 - Scouting Skills: Approved by the Patrol Leader, Scouting Skill Instructor, Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader(s) (who have that skill award) or by such other persons authorized by the Scoutmaster.
 - Scout teamwork and spirit: Approved by both the Patrol Leader and the Senior Patrol Leader prior to the Scoutmaster's Conference.
 - Or by a qualified Leader and/or adult designated by the Scoutmaster.
4. The Scoutmaster or an adult assigned by the Scoutmaster shall hold a personal conference (within Youth Protection Guidelines) with each Scout following the completion of all rank advancement requirements to determine that the Scout is learning the true principles and purposes of Scouting. Prior to the conference, the Troop Treasurer will provide the Scoutmaster with a list of those Scouts whose dues are in arrears, whose registration is not current, or whose other financial responsibilities are in arrears. All Scouts in arrears must clear up their obligations before they are eligible to appear before the Board of Review.
5. Merit Badge advancement requires approval and signature of the Scoutmaster or authorized designee on the Merit Badge Card prior to contacting the appropriate Merit Badge Counselor. It is the Scout's responsibility to obtain the Scoutmaster's signature and approval. The guidelines set forth in the BSA Guide to Advancement (33088) will be followed.
6. The Troop Committee or the Advancement Chairperson shall conduct a Board of Review, at a location designated by the Advancement Chairperson, for each Scout recommended for advancement by the Scoutmaster or authorized assistant in accordance with BSA guidelines. It shall be the responsibility of the Scout to schedule a Scoutmaster's Conference with the Scoutmaster and to schedule a Board of Review with the Advancement Chairperson. In addition, each Scout is required to obtain all signatures and advancement documents prior to the Board of Review.
7. The Troop shall schedule a minimum of three Boards of Review and Courts of Honor each year. Additional Boards of Review will be held upon the request of the Scoutmaster.
8. Scouts appearing before the Board of Review shall be in full uniform and shall have their Boy Scout Handbook.
9. Scouts appearing at a Court of Honor for advancement, award or appointment of office shall be in full uniform. Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are urged and expected to be in attendance.

UNIFORM

The Boy Scouts of America is a uniformed organization. The Official Boy Scout uniform instills a sense of belonging and pride in the Scouting movement. The Troop Committee encourages all Scouts of Troop 53 to secure and properly wear the approved complete Boy Scout uniform and insignia at all approved Troop and BSA meetings, events and activities, except work details and as otherwise excluded. Adult leaders should set an example by wearing the proper adult uniform.

1. The approved uniform shall consist of
 - a. A regulation Boy Scout shirt as described in the uniform regulations. Insignia and awards shall be displayed in accordance with the regulations set forth in the Boy Scout Handbook.
 - b. The official Troop 53 Boy Scout neckerchief. The neckerchief is to be worn under the shirt collar, with a neckerchief slide.
 - c. Official Boy Scout pants or shorts, or a pair of appropriate pants or shorts.
 - d. A merit badge sash is worn by Scouts that have earned at least one merit badge and should only be worn at ceremonial functions of Troop 53.
 - e. During informal gatherings, Scouts are encouraged to wear official BSA T-shirts, Troop T-shirts, jackets or other official scout clothing.
2. The Troop shall provide the following items to all Scouts whose membership dues are in good standing:
 - a. One (1) Troop neckerchief.
 - b. One (1) Troop 53 Activity Shirt (T-shirt).
 - c. One (1) Troop 53 numeral patch.
 - d. One (1) set of shoulder loops.
 - e. Uniform insignia of rank, leadership position, awards, and other insignia as they are earned or awarded to the Scout.
 - f. Scout Binder.
3. The Scout is responsible for obtaining the following:
 - a. One (1) Pikes Peak Council patch.
 - b. The world crest insignia.
4. All insignia earned or awarded to a Scout becomes the property and responsibility of said Scout to have and to hold in perpetuity.
5. The Scout may, at his discretion, purchase additional items named above at his own expense, for the purpose of additional uniforms, provided that he is authorized to hold said items.
6. All Scouts shall be in the appropriate uniform or neat in appearance when appearing before the Board of Review and receiving an advancement or awards at a Court-of-Honor. Scouts shall be in approved attire at a Board of Review or Court of Honor unless advance permission to appear out of uniform is granted by the Scoutmaster.
7. All Scouts are expected to be in full uniform for periodic inspection. Inspections will be conducted in accordance with the guide and instruction bulletins issued by the National Council, Boy Scouts of America.
 - a. All Scouts are expected to wear only the badges and insignia they are entitled to wear and then in strict accordance to instructions by the National Council.
 - b. Scouts are expected to promptly remove all badges of office following their removal from office, election or appointment of a successor.

TROOP LEADERSHIP AND ADULT PARTICIPATION

To provide adequate, trained and qualified adult leadership to operate the Troop in accordance with this Troop 53 Policy, rules and guidelines of the Pikes Peak and National Councils of the BSA, and the purpose, aims and ideals of the Scouting program; to encourage participation, and provide opportunity for involvement in Troop 53 affairs to all parents of member Scouts; to enhance and enrich the parents' own relationship of all member Scouts.

1. All Scout parents/guardians are required to keep Youth Protection Training (YPT) current.
2. Troop leadership will be based on the Troop Committee Guidebook and the Scoutmaster Handbook (33009) in order to provide a uniform description of roles and responsibilities of adult leaders. The Charter Organization (Coronado High School School PTA) in conjunction with the Scout Troop Committee will select and appoint a Troop Committee Chairperson and a Scoutmaster using the BSA "Securing A Scoutmaster." In addition, the Charter Organization is responsible for approving all other adult leaders of the Troop.
3. Assistant Scoutmasters are selected by the Scoutmaster with assistance and approval of the Scout Troop Committee.
4. The Scout Troop Committee shall obtain and provide leaders in accordance to the By-laws and Rules of the Pikes Peak and National Councils of BSA. Troop leaders will become trained within one year of assuming Troop leader responsibilities.
5. The Scout Troop Committee shall strive to be composed of the adult officers as outlined in the BSA Troop Committee Guidebook.
6. Adult Leadership privileges may be revoked at any time by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Scout Troop Committee present or by the Charter Organization. Reasons for dismissal can be, but are not limited to:
 - a. Abusive behavior
 - b. Lack of participation in the Troop
 - c. Inappropriate participation in the Troop
 - d. Illegal activities within or outside the Troop
 - e. Failure to promote the ideals of the Scout Movement
 - f. Failure to abide by the Bylaws of the Troop and/or the regulations of the Boy Scouts of America
 - g. Failure to provide safe, wholesome activities
7. The Scout Troop Committee shall govern the Troop in accordance with this guide and the rules and guidelines provided by the Pikes Peak and National Councils of the BSA.
8. All adult leaders will be encouraged to fill out a medical record form and review it at least once a year upon re-registration. Physical examinations or other health forms may be required to be filed for special activities and/or council activities.
9. "Two-Deep" Leadership will be provided on all Troop activities and functions. "Two-Deep" is defined as two adults, one of which is must be age 21 or above, the other which must be at least age 18 or above and with at least one of the adults possessing current certification in Youth Protection Training (YPT).
10. All Scout parents/guardians are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings of the Scout Troop Committee and monthly District Roundtable Meetings.

11. Parental participation and responsibilities to their Scout and Troop are as follows:
 - a. New Scout member: parent(s) or legal guardian(s) shall accompany their Scout to the first Troop meeting he attends.
 - b. The Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall provide transportation for their Scout to and from all Troop and Patrol meetings.
 - c. The Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall be encouraged to accompany his/her Scout on the Scout's first overnight outing.
 - d. Transportation arrangements, when needed for outings and activities, shall be made by the activity leader. Designated drivers must have a valid driver's license and proof of adequate insurance prior to leaving on an outing. Transportation reimbursement shall be established by the Troop Committee. Each Scout's parents are expected to provide transportation on a shared rotating basis, or at the request of an activity leader.
12. Each Patrol shall be encouraged to have at least one (1) parent/guardian on each outing and overnight to assist the Activity Leader in supervising the outing. Two (2) adults for the first 5 boys, and one (1) adult for every 5 boys thereafter. Each Scout's parent or guardian is expected to volunteer his/her services at minimum, one (1) outing a year on a shared rotating basis.
13. Parent(s)/guardian(s) of each Scout advancing or receiving recognition at a Court of Honor are expected to attend that Court of Honor. Guests of the honored Scouts are also encouraged. The parent(s)/guardian(s) of all Scouts are urged to attend all Courts of Honor.
14. Each Scout's parent(s)/guardian(s) should become familiar with the advancement requirements for each rank as their Scout advances and are expected to encourage, guide and counsel their Scout on his advancement. They are expected to provide assistance to their Scout as necessary. Areas where a Scout may need help are transportation, equipment procurement, and developing study habits. Parent(s)/guardian(s) should be aware of the value to their Scout's advancement by regular attendance at Troop meetings, outings and activities. Questions on advancement should be directed to the Advancement Chairperson.
15. Each Scout's parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to assist their Scout in developing thrift and financial responsibility by requiring him to earn, at least in part, the money for registration, camp and transportation fees, dues, uniform and camping equipment. They should assist him in assigning jobs at home or locating outside work where he can earn his way. Each Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) are urged to assist the Pikes Peak Council in obtaining the operating funds required to bring Scouting to their Scout by participating to the best of their abilities in the Friends of Scouting (FOS) campaign.

ACCEPTANCE STATEMENT (Family Copy)

To ensure that all Scouts and families are aware of the Bylaws/Policy of Troop 53. Please complete and submit this form to the Scoutmaster. If any Scout or family has a dispute with this policy or with signing this policy, please submit a short written explanation to the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chairperson.

I (PRINT NAME OF SCOUT) _____ have read, understand and agree to abide by these Bylaws of Boy Scout Troop 53.

I/We (PRINT NAME(S) OF PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)) _____ as parent(s) or guardian(s) of the above named Scout, have read, understand and agree to abide by the Troop Bylaws/Policy and to help to the best of our ability to have our Scout live by the Scout Oath and the Scout Law and to obey the Bylaws of Boy Scout Troop 53.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT _____ DATE _____

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

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Informed Consent Agreement

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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN _____ DATE _____

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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.*

Scout Law

*A Scout is
Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient,
Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.*

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