
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

TROOP 31 – FLINT, MI

MEMBERSHIP PACKAGE

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TROOP 31 MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION FORM

SCOUT INFORMATION

Scout's Name _____

Mailing Address _____

House # Street City Zip Code

Scout's Birth Date _____ Scout's Phone Number _____

Current Grade in School _____

PARENT INFORMATION

Parent/Guardian Name [s] _____

Mailing Address _____

House # Street City Zip Code

Parent/Guardian Phone # _____

Parent/Guardian Emergency or Alternate Phone # _____

[Please circle emergency or alternate]

Parent/Guardian E-Mail Address _____

Would you like the troop newsletter e-mailed to this address? YES NO

[Please only circle yes if you are a regular user of e-mail]



TROOP 31 PARTICIPATION CONTRACT

Troop 31 of the Boy Scouts of America provides a high quality, very active program of Scouting adventure and numerous wilderness trips. In order to accomplish the Troop's programs and goals in the best Scouting tradition, it is important that all Scouts understand and acknowledge certain Troop standards as an ongoing obligation.

By signing below each Scout (with the support of his parents or guardian) acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. That he has read and understands the Troop 31 Program Guide.
2. That he will abide by the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code.
3. That he will support the program of leadership from his peers.
4. That he will comply with the policies of Troop 31.
5. That he understands the expectations for meetings and camping trips.
6. That he will support his troop and patrol by actively participating in the troop's fund raising activities.
7. That he will support the troop and patrol program in Troop 31 by actively participating with his patrol in activities.
8. If applicable, as a boy leader, he must set an example by meeting the expectations of his leadership position.
9. That he will wear his uniform proudly to all meetings and other designated troop functions as per the troop uniform policy.

Scout Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Guardian Name [Please Print] _____

Phone # _____



YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING

Troop 31 will conduct youth protection training on an annual basis. Scouts will be presented with information provided by the Boy Scouts of America including “A Time to Tell”, a youth protection video, materials in the front of the Scout Handbook, and other approved BSA materials. By signing below you give permission that your Scout may participate in such training for his protection.

I give permission for my child to participate in the above youth protection training activities conducted by BSA Troop 31.

Your child's name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Guardian Name [Please Print] _____

Phone # _____



DRIVER INFORMATION SHEET

Troop 31 is required to file a Tour Permit application with the Tall Pine Council for any troop outing outside of Court Street United Methodist Church. This Tour Permit documents that Scout leaders have the relevant and current training and that all drivers are licensed and insured. Auto insurance liability limits must be equal to the minimum state required. The BSA recommends liability insurance of at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. ***Please do not volunteer to drive if you have recent infractions that may classify you as an unsafe driver.***

If you should trade or purchase a new vehicle, please update this information with the Troop Outdoor Activities Coordinator. Please provide the following information for each adult driver (21 years or older) who may drive your vehicle. **This form must be on record for all drivers.**

Driver Name	Driver License Number [Including State]	Cell Phone #

Please provide the following information for each vehicle that you may use to transport our Scouts. Follow the example provided.

Vehicle/Year/ Make/Model	License Plate #	Owner's Name	Number of Seatbelts Including Driver			
				Bodily Injury Per Person	Bodily Injury Per Accident	Property Damage Per Accident
2005 Hummer H2	HDD 135	Bob Smith	6	50K	100K	50K



INTERNET PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

From time to time we would like to place group pictures [3 or more Scouts] on our troop website or in recruiting brochures/videos for promotional purposes. ***The pictures selected will never include identifying names.*** Please select the appropriate box and sign this form.

I **DO** give permission for my Scout's photo to be placed on the troop website [www.troop31.com] and in other recruiting/promotional materials as described above.

I **DO NOT** give permission for my Scout's photo to be placed on the troop website [www.troop31.com] and in other recruiting/promotional materials as described above.

Your Child's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

Parent Guardian Name [Please Print] _____

Phone # _____



UNIFORM POLICY

The uniform makes the Boy Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Boy Scouting is an action program, and wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Boy Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Boy Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth that believe in the same ideals. The uniform is practical attire for Boy Scout activities and provides a way for Boy Scouts to wear the badges that show what they have accomplished.

1. **Troop Meetings** – The complete Field Uniform [Class A] is the only acceptable uniform at weekly troop meetings. ***If Scouts need financial assistance to purchase uniform parts they need to speak with our Scoutmaster so arrangements can be made.***
The field uniform consists of a Scout Uniform Shirt, Scout Pants, Scout Belt, Scout Socks, Troop 31 Belt Bead Fob, Troop hat [to be determined by PLC], Proper Patches, Troop 31 bolo tie. Scouts not adhering to this policy will be restricted from certain troop meeting activities at first and if necessary will not be admitted to future troop meetings.
2. **Outings** – Scouts may be expected to wear uniforms on Troop 31 outings. If the uniform is to be worn for departure for an outing or to be brought along for the outing it will be listed on the Troop 31 Outing Checklist.
3. **Other Activities** – Scouts should be in full field uniform at the following activities:
 - a. **Troop Meetings**
 - b. **Boards of Review**
 - c. **Courts of Honor**
 - d. **Scout Sunday Service**
 - e. **Camporees**
 - f. **Summer Camp [as needed]**
 - g. **Color Guard in Flag Ceremony**
 - h. **Other activities as specified by Scoutmaster**

We strongly suggest that all articles of clothing be labeled with a Scout's name and "Troop 31."



CONDUCT AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

Scouts should strive to uphold principles in the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is realized that Scouting is a learning experience. Mistakes will be made and unacceptable behavior will manifest itself from time to time. Scouts should, as much as possible, be given the opportunity to learn from their errors.

Troop policy is not to insist on a rigid code of conduct, but to ensure a measure of orderliness and control that is necessary for: safety to troop members and others; assuring troop meeting goals are achieved; and creating a fun and learning experience for all participants. One-on-one activities between youth members and adults are not permitted; personal conferences must be conducted in plain view of others.

Scouts are expected to be responsive to directions given by patrol leaders and the senior patrol leader, backed up by the Scoutmaster or troop leader. Failure to join in planned activities and/or obstructive behavior will be addressed by the following successive measures:

1. A warning by the Patrol Leader or youth leader to the scout for the first infraction.
2. A second warning issued by the Patrol Leader or youth leader for the second infraction. Issuance of a second warning will require the Scout have a 15-minute time out period away from the troop.
3. A third warning will result in the scout reviewing his actions with the Scoutmaster. Parents will be expected to meet with the Scoutmaster to discuss the situation.

The Scoutmaster after consultation will decide an appropriate course of action that may include; temporary isolation from the rest of the troop or removal from the troop meeting by asking the boy's parents to take him home. Dangerous activity will not be tolerated, and will be stopped by the Scoutmaster or troop leader by the appropriate means necessary. It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster to inform the boy and his parents of unacceptable behavior; discipline is the parents' responsibility. Parents and the leaders must work together to solve discipline problems.

Certain actions will be cause for a boy's immediate removal from a troop activity: willful law violation; actions immediately harmful to himself or others; threats to cause substantial damage to the environment. Parents will be notified, and may be asked to take the boy home. This will apply to outings as well as troop meetings. A Scout may be suspended or removed from the troop only with the Scoutmaster's recommendation and concurrence by the Troop Committee.



TROOP MEETING RULES

- Rule of two for youth: All Scouts must be with at least two other people during any meeting or function of Troop 31. Scouts may be pulled off to the side for one-on-one conferences with the Scoutmaster or another adult as long as other people are in view.
- Scouts and leaders are expected to follow the Scout Oath and Law at all times.
- Scouts are to keep hands and feet to self at all time
- Follow meeting agenda set forth by the Patrol Leader's Council [PLC]
- Cursing will not be tolerated at any time.
- Scouts are not to leave the meeting room they are in for any reason without first asking the adult leader in charge of them at the time.
- No drinks, gum, or candy are allowed at the meeting facility as per church policy.
- Any vandalism to the meeting place may result in dismissal from the troop.
- Scouts misbehaving during or disrupting meetings will first be warned and then sent home if the behavior continues.
- Scouts are expected to participate in our troop program if they are at the meeting. Obvious exceptions would include medical problems.
- Electronic devices including cell phones should not be used during meetings. There is no reason with an active program that such devices will be needed. Cell phones not to be seen or heard at troop meetings.
- We will simply not tolerate any Scout degrading another Scout for any reason! Our troop is a no put down zone.
- Scouts should come prepared to the troop meetings with the following: full Scout uniform, Boy Scout Handbook, notepad and pen or pencil, and merit badge books if needed.
- ***We require parents come inside to pick up their child for safety reasons.*** This will eliminate Scouts from running around outside after the meeting and getting injured. Join us at 8:20PM each week for announcements and closing.
- Scouts are to show respect to the adult leaders, the youth leaders and all other Scouts. Any form of disrespect will result in warnings and then if necessary removal from our troop. Our leaders are all volunteers therefore disrespect will never be acceptable.



CAMPING RULES

- Scouts are to come to camp prepared. A gear list is provided prior to the camping activity planned. Scouts must have all required items on the list.
- Scouts are expected to observe quiet time.
- Scouts are to keep hands and feet to self at all time
- Scouts, at no time, shall PLAY with fire.
- Scouts are not to enter other Scout's tents or belongings without their direct permission.
- Every Scout is expected to participate in "scheduled" activities.
- Cell phones or other devices that receive calls/Internet/texts, etc. are prohibited at any troop overnight activity. The leaders will be happy to let Scouts use their phones at appropriate times.
- No trading cards, CD's, tapes, games, guns, sling shots, cigarettes, illegal drugs, "adult materials," fireworks, snap pops, sheath knives, lighters, trading cards, toys, electronics, **glow sticks**, or unscoutlike materials are allowed in camp.
- Aerosol cans are prohibited from use at all troop events. **Any mosquito repellent is to be applied away from tents.**
- Scouts are expected to take care of all troop equipment during outings and be careful entering and exiting tents as to not damage the zippers.
- Scouts are never to peel bark off of a living or standing tree or deface or damage any standing tree.
- Scouts are **NEVER** to leave camp without the permission of the Scoutmaster or his designee **FIRST. When they do they need a buddy!**
- Scouts may not use a knife, ax, or saw until they have been trained and have received their Totin' Chip Card from a qualified Scout leader.
- Scouts cannot run in camp! It is very dangerous to run in camp because of tent lines, stakes, roots, stumps, and other hazards. There are designated areas in camp for running and playing.
- Scouts are not to bring snacks on events unless specifically asked. They attract animals which can injure Scouts or damage our camping equipment. Scouts will be personally liable for *any* damage to troop gear as a result of their carelessness! Any snacks will be thrown out on Friday evening to prevent animal attacks.
- Scouts are to follow all meeting rules on camping trips.
- Scouts are not allowed to bring suitcases on any activities. They are not easily transported by Scouts and take up a lot of space. Duffle bags and backpacks are the best options.
- Scouts are expected to do their fair share during set-up, dish, water, fire, and cook duty, and during take down. Duty rosters will be followed.

Troop 31 – Flint, Michigan – Centennial Bead System for Youth **Created February 2010**

In 1990 the first Official Bead System of Troop 31 was developed. Over the years Troop 31 has had various bead and patch recognition systems. Beginning in **February 2010** a new system was implemented using a belt fob. Beads will hang on fob 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 depending on the particular activity.

Belt Fob Locations by Number



The purpose of this bead system is to recognize Scout participation, advancement, training, service, and other special accomplishments within the troop. This bead system will be for both leaders and Scouts in the troop. Bead recognitions will be given out as follows:

Troop Activity Beads – Fobs 1, 3, 5

Red Pearl Pony Bead – Attended Eagle Court of Honor

White Pearl Pony Bead – Attended Regular Court of Honor

Blue Pearl Pony Bead – Attended Troop Meeting

Cream Pony Bead – Attended Monday Night Alive Activity

Rose Pony Bead – Attended Troop activity not classified on this sheet

Navy Pony Bead – Attended Scout Sunday Service

Copper Pony Bead – Attended Summer Camp

Tan Pony Bead – Attended Camping Trip with Snow

Medium Blue Pony Bead – Attended Camping Trip with Rain

Brown Pony Bead – Attended Camping Trip with Temperature over 85 degrees

Purple Pony Bead – Attended Camping Trip or Weekend Outing

Black Pony Bead – Attended Hike [1 for 3-5 miles, 2 for 6-10 miles, 3 for 11-20 miles, 4 for more than 20 miles]

Training/Advancement/Special Award Beads – Fob 2

Navy Glass Pony Bead – Elected to a Leadership Position

Red Pony Bead – Merit Badge Earned

Gold Pony Bead – Rank Earned Tenderfoot through Eagle

Orange Pony Bead – Two for each Rank Earned Tenderfoot through First Class

Silver Pony Bead – Participation in NYLT, Troop Leader Training, or other troop approved training

Light Blue Glass Pony Bead – Recruited a Scout into Troop 31

Yellow Pony Bead – Individual or Patrol Spirit demonstrated

Neon Pony Bead – Special Award earned not required for a rank or Eagle requirement [Religious, 50 Miler, Etc.]

Light Pink Pony Bead – Completed official training in First Aid [CPR, First Aid, Etc.]

Service and Fund Raising Beads – Fob 4

Green Glass Pony Bead - Participated in the Scouting for Food Service Project

Turquoise Pony Bead – Participated in the Crim Road Race Service Project

Light Blue Pony Bead – Service to Court Street Church

Orange Glass Pony Bead – Assisted with another Scout's Eagle service project

Dark Blue Pony Bead – Participated in troop or community service project

Peach Pony Bead – Participated in a troop fund raiser