

TROOP 66

GARDEN CITY

NARRAGANSETT COUNCIL

CRANSTON, R.I.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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I. QUALIFICATIONS

To be accepted for membership in Troop 66 a boy must:

- A. Be 11 years old or completed the fifth grade or have earned the Arrow of Light Award, but be younger than 18 years old.
- B. Attend at least two Troop meetings. Boy and parent or guardian will meet with the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- C. Be approved by the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- D. Sign and return:
 - 1. Letter of Understanding and Agreement (page 9)
 - 2. Medical treatment authorization form and health history
 - a) Class 3 for Scouts and Scouters over 40--good for 1 year
 - 3. Parents questionnaire
 - a) Troop Resource Guide
 - 4. Completed Boy Scout application or transfer form and appropriate fees
 - 5. Forms and applications are at end of this document
- E. Pay the pro-rated annual dues (see Section VI). The first night a boy meets with the Troop, he is considered a visitor. If he wishes to join our Troop and returns a second time, he is treated as a Troop member. Troop 66 will endeavor in every possible way to teach scouting to boys and give them the opportunity to practice it. In return, the Troop expects that each Scout will participate in a positive way to the best of his abilities. We also encourage the participation and support of parents in all scouting activities and will ask for their assistance at various times of the year.

II. ORGANIZATION

- A. The Troop shall consist of a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) with one or more assistants and patrols of 6 to 8 Scouts in each. The Senior Leaders and the Patrol Leaders shall function and be known as the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) or Greenbar. This group shall be under the direction of the Scoutmaster.
- B. Each adult serving on the Committee must be registered with Boy Scouts of America. Registered Scouters are responsible for providing valid e-mail address to the Scoutmaster, Chairman, and Secretary. If the Scouter does not have access to e-mail, a valid USPS mail address must be given to the Scoutmaster, Chairman, and Secretary. **An adult must be a Registered Scouter to go on campouts or attend Yawgoog.**
- C. The Troop Committee selects the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair and other primary officers. (See Section XI.)
- D. The SPL is voted in by the entire Troop. His term runs from September to September. The SPL picks his assistants (ASPL). The Patrol Leaders are elected by the members of their patrol. The Patrol Leaders appoint their assistants. **All leadership positions need the approval of the Scoutmaster.**

E. Additional appointed positions are:

1. Quartermaster
2. Scribe and Librarian (appointed by the SPL)
3. Bugler and Chaplain Aide (appointed by the Scoutmaster).
4. Historian (Appointed by the SPL with Scoutmaster approval)

Scouts holding these appointed positions will maintain memberships in their respective patrols.

F. The requirements for both **SPL** and **ASPL** are:

1. Be at least 14 years of age
2. Hold the rank of Star or above
3. Has been a member of the Troop at least a year
4. Previously held the office of Patrol Leader
5. Have both long & short term camping experience
6. Have attended White Stag

G. The requirements for Patrol Leader are:

1. Be First Class or above **OR** have the approval of the Scoutmaster
2. Have been in the Troop for at least 3 months

Note: There are no special requirements for Assistant Patrol Leaders

Any of the above subject to modification with Scoutmaster approval

H. The term for all Scout elected and appointed leadership positions will be for 12 months with rights and privileges of being re-elected or re-appointed. Elections will normally be held once in June. **Leadership positions will be reviewed on a continual basis and changes will be made when necessary as determined by the Scoutmaster.**

III. TROOP ACTIVITIES

The **SPL** is the Scout in charge of all Troop meetings official BSA functions, campouts, and other Troop activities. This Scout has the full support and backing of the Scoutmaster, PLC, and Troop Committee.

A. BEHAVIOR

1. All Scouts shall act as gentleman and give their undivided attention to the leaders, adults, and fellow Scouts. Scouts will act at all times in a manner in keeping with the Scout Oath and Law. The Troop leadership shall make every effort to direct behavioral problems in a positive direction.
2. When attending a patrol meeting in a private home, a Scout's behavior shall not offend the host or hostess in anyway.
3. If a Scout does not behave as expected at either the Troop or patrol meetings, he will be told to call his parents or guardian and be picked up. Recurring behavioral

problems will cause the Scout or Scouts involved to be ineligible for the next campout as directed by the Scoutmaster and Assistants.

4. A member of Troop 66 who is in possession of, or a user of, alcohol, narcotics or drugs at a Troop meeting, official BSA function, campout, or other Troop activity may be subject to immediate expulsion from the Troop.
5. The use of tobacco by Scouts at a Troop meeting, official BSA function, campout, or any other Troop activity is strictly prohibited.
6. The use of a motor vehicle is strictly prohibited at a Troop meeting, official BSA activity, campout, or other Troop activity by a Scout, unless released by a special permission slip. This permission slip will be signed by the parent/guardian of the Scout and approved by the Scoutmaster. In no event will a Scout transport another Scout.
7. **No Scout** is to have the following at a Troop meeting, official BSA activity, campout, or other Troop activity: **cell phone**, beeper, radio, CD player or any other type of electronic device. **No portable televisions are allowed at Troop meeting, official BSA activity, campout, or other Troop activity by Scouters or Scouts without approval of the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee.**

B. ATTENDANCE

1. Scouts are expected to maintain a 70% attendance for all Troop meetings, official BSA functions, campouts, and other Troop activities, including campouts and Troop meetings. Exceptions are inevitable however, and are permitted when acknowledged through advance notification and approved by the Scoutmaster.
2. It is the Scout's responsibility to provide **advance** notification to his Patrol Leader if he is to be absent at a Troop meeting, an official BSA function, a campout, or any Troop activity. This includes patrol meetings, Troop meetings, and campouts.

C. ADVANCEMENT

1. Advancement is a major portion of our Scouting program and as such, each Scout is expected to advance in rank. Reasonable expectations of a rate of advancement are:

Scout to Tenderfoot	2 months
Tenderfoot to Second Class	6 months
Second Class to First Class	6 months
First Class to Star	6 months
Star to Life	6 months
Life to Eagle	12 months

2. Individual advancement will be achieved through a combination of Troop meetings, official BSA functions, campouts, other Troop activities and individual initiative. In this way, the Troop Advancement Program will make every effort to make the Eagle Scout rank available to any Scout willing and able to accept the challenge.

3. By the time a Scout has reached First Class it is expected that he will be able to instruct any Scout in any requirement from Scout to First Class. By doing so, he will have demonstrated Scout spirit and qualify for additional rank.

IV. UNIFORM

- A. The complete Scout uniform for Troop 66 shall consist of the following:
 1. Scout short sleeve shirt with all badges and insignia
 2. Scout pants with official belt
 3. Troop 66 neckerchief with slide
 4. Merit badge sash (worn on special occasions)
 5. Scout shorts are worn from April 1 through Nov. 1
 6. "Knee socks" are to be worn at all times with Scout **shorts**
 7. Red berets will be worn with the Scout uniform
 8. A tie-dyed "66" tee shirt and Scout shorts/pants are considered class "**B**" uniform
- B. The class "**A**" Scout uniform will be worn:
 1. At all Troop meetings
 2. At all Boards of Review
 3. At all Courts of Honor
 4. Official BSA functions
 5. At Scoutmaster and Merit Badge conferences
- C. The Scoutmaster may declare the Uniform of the Day for Troop meetings, official BSA functions, and other Troop activities.

V. TROOP BOARD OF REVIEW

- A. A Board of Review must be preceded by a Scoutmaster's Conference. This conference will be held as needed.
- B. Boards of Review will be held on a monthly basis or as needed.
- C. Progress Record Forms must be presented fully completed at both the Scoutmaster's Conference and Board of Review. These are in the Scout Handbook.
- D. A Scout must have 70% or better attendance at Troop Meetings and campouts and 50% at official BSA functions, and other Troop activities to be eligible for advancement.

VI. DUES

- A. Dues for membership in Troop 66 are \$60.00 per year, collected annually and payable by September 30 or by prior arrangement, paid monthly. Dues for boys entering the Troop during the year will be pro-rated. **Dues are for September to September.**
- B. Dues cover registration, a Boy's Life subscription, and liability insurance. Only one Boy's Life subscription is required per family and dues will be adjusted accordingly.

- C. The balance of dues collected will be used to provide a complete Scouting program for boys in the Troop, under the direction of the Troop Committee. Items covered include, but are not limited to, the cost of badges, special awards, Courts of Honor, campground entrance fees, postage and miscellaneous expenses encountered throughout the year. *Accordingly, dues may vary annually depending on the programs adopted by the Troop and approved by the Troop Committee.*
- D. The direct cost of all camping expenses is not included in the Troop dues.
 Certain special trips and/or campouts will require additional cost on the Scouts part. An example of this could be: white water rafting, White Mountain backpacking or other large or extended trips. **The cost of Scouts campout food is not included in Troop dues.**
- E. In addition to dues, Troop 66 supports the Sustaining Membership Program (SMP), and parents are encouraged to help underwrite the costs of the Scouting Program beyond the Troop level. This is also called Friends of Scouting (FOS)
- F. During the course of the program year, Troop 66 will have 2 or 3 fundraisers. These will be decided on by the Troop Committee. **All families (Scouts) are required to buy or sell a set number of items or tickets.** If a family chooses not to participate in a fundraising activity they must make a donation **equal** to what the Troop would have made from the fundraising activity.

VII. KNIVES AND AXES

- A. Unless specific exceptions are granted by the Scoutmaster, personal axes and hatchets are forbidden at any Scouting activity.
- B. Sheath knives may not be carried by Scouts. A pocketknife is more than adequate. (Boy Scout regulation knife or one approved by the Scoutmaster).
- C. Knives may only be carried and used by those scouts who have qualified for the "Tote-N-Chip" card. This card is earned by demonstrating knowledge of safe-use procedures to the Scoutmaster or someone designated by the Scoutmaster.
- D. Any violation of these rules will result in confiscation of the instrument involved by an adult leader.

VIII. MEDICAL RELEASE

- A. **Anyone** camping with the Troop needs to have an up to date-**within one (1) year, class 3** medical form on file with the **Scoutmaster**.
- B. An additional form authorizing emergency medical treatment must be completed and returned to the Scoutmaster before participating in each and every camping activity. **(Troop 66 Permission Slip)**
- C. Any medication that a Scout is required to take on an official BSA function, campout, or other Troop activity must be reported to the adult in charge.
- D. The Scoutmaster or the adult in charge will be notified if a Scout is taking medication.

- E. Should a Scout have any special needs which require modifications of Boy Scout regulations, the Scoutmaster or adult in charge will be notified. Modifications will be provided in accordance with policies published by the Narragansett Council BSA.

IX. CAMPOUTS

- A. While participating at an official BSA function, campout, or other Troop activity, no Scout can leave the campsite or group to participate in another activity without the permission of his Patrol Leader, who will report the leave to the Assistant Scoutmaster or Scoutmaster. Greenbar members need adult permission. If a Scout wishes to leave the campgrounds, he must have permission from the Scoutmaster.
- B. If a Scout does not do his share of the work, the Patrol Leader has the right to refer him to an adult leader.
- C. No Scout can attend a campout without a permission slip signed by a parent or legal guardian.
- D. Tents will not be taken down at a campout until an adult gives permission to do so.
- E. No one should leave a campsite unattended while a campfire is burning.
- F. No swimming on an, official BSA function, campout, or other scouting activity without the permission of The Scoutmaster.
- G. If a Scout loses or damages any of his patrol's equipment, he must pay for it or replace it.
- H. If a Scout rips a tent, he is responsible to repair it.
- I. If a Scout loses a tent, he must replace it.
- J. **Canned foods** on campouts or hikes are not permitted as the main part of the meal. They may be used as part of a bigger meal.
- K. Parents need to ensure that their Scouts are dressed properly and have the needed gear to attend campouts. This is especially needed during winter campouts. Refer to the campout page of the Troop Website. **No sneakers or jeans are allowed on campouts from December to April.**

X. CHANGES

These rules and regulations may be amended or modified at any time by the action of the PLC or the Troop Committee.

The procedure for amendments to this policy statement of Troop 66, Garden City, will be approval by three-fourths of the Policy Committee. The Policy Committee will be made up of members of the Troop Committee. Representatives of the Policy Committee will then present the proposed changes to the Troop Committee or Greenbar (if applicable) for their approval. These changes will be presented to the Troop Committee at a Committee meeting. The proposed changes will be read into the minutes. All members of the Committee will be notified of the proposed changes. A two-thirds majority vote of present Registered Scouters is required to adopt the changes at the next scheduled Committee meeting.

There must be one month's notice given to all Registered Scouters before a vote to change any significant policies not specified in these rules and regulations, including but not limited to the scout uniform, major purchases, etc. A two-thirds majority of the Registered Scouters present at the next meeting shall be required to change any significant policies not specified in these rules and regulations including but not limited to the scout uniform, major purchases, etc.

XI. ELECTIONS

Elections will be held on alternating years starting in April 2008 for **Scoutmaster and other officers**. Elections for the Scoutmaster and Secretary will be held on even years. Elections for Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, and Treasurer will be held on odd years. Persons running for Scoutmaster and Committee Chairperson must have a minimum of two years of active service with the Troop, in order that they fully understand the weekly, monthly and yearly operations of the Troop. The Scoutmaster and all other officers have the opportunity to continue on in their positions if they choose. If there is someone else interested in that position and are qualified then there will be an election for that position in April of every appropriate year. Newly elected officers will assume their new positions in September of that year. Persons seeking to be Scoutmaster should come from the ranks of the Assistant Scoutmasters and be Wood Badge trained.

The above statement can be waved by a majority vote of all the Registered Scouters present at an election meeting in April. If there is reason to have an emergency election to remove or replace an elected official there must be one month's notice given to **All Registered Scouters** that an election needs to be held. . A two-thirds majority of the Registered Scouters present shall be required to remove an elected official of the Troop.

XII. REMOVAL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If there is reason to remove a committee member, there must be one month's notice given to all Registered Scouters that a vote needs to be taken at the next meeting. A two-thirds majority of the Registered Scouters present at the next meeting shall be required to remove a committee member. The individual may resubmit a Scouter application at the next annual recharter.

XIII. MEETINGS

Committee meetings are held on the 1st non-holiday Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Meshanticut Park Baptist Church. A quorum shall be required to conduct any Troop business. The number of Registered Scouters at a committee meeting must be at least 25% of the total number of registered Boy Scouts to constitute a quorum.

Enclosed with this copy of Troop 66 Rules and Regulations are the following (some of these are not on the website):

- 1) Copy of Letter of Understanding and Agreement

(Page 11 to be signed and returned.)

- 2) Copy of Troop Resource Guide

- 3) Copy of Scout application form
- 4) Copy of Scouter -adult- application form
- 5) Class 3 medical form--good for one (1) year
- 6) Copy of Campouts
- 7) Copy of Troop Schedule
- 8) Copy of Troop Roster
- 9) Copy of Class 1 & 2 medical form, needed until Class 3 is filled out and signed by a doctor

If any of the above Troop 66 Rules and Regulations are in conflict with National BSA policy---
National BSA policy will apply.

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING and
AGREEMENT

TO: Troop 66, Garden City

Cranston, RI

Narragansett Council

From: _____ (boy's name)

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREEMENT:

I have read the "rules and regulations" pamphlet of Troop 66 and I understand and agree with them fully.

Troop 66 has a website, <http://www.boyscoutsTroop66.org/> and from time to time we will post pictures of the Scouts in various Scout activities on this site. **At no time will any individual in any of the pictures posted on the web site be identified by name.**

Scout's name (print) _____

Scout's signature _____

Parent/Guardian name (print) _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____

Please return this signed page to the Scoutmaster

XIV. CHANGES FROM INCEPTION

Troop 66 Rules & Regulations revised & rewritten.....	March 1997
Dues raised from \$40.00 to \$50.00 (start 9-97)	September 1997
Electronic equipment not allowed	December 1997
Election requirements for Scout positions.....	December 1997
Elections for Scoutmaster and officers.....	January 1998
Dues rose from \$50.00 to \$60.00 (start 9-01)	November 2000
Medical forms, Class 2 changed from 1 to 3 years	April 2001
Meetings changed to 1-1/2 hours from 2 hours.....	September 2001
Added picture, web site consent to page 11	October 2001
Deleted Class 2 medical form information.....	February 2002
Added wearing of white turtlenecks in winter	February 2002
Added SPL & ASPL have attended White Stag	May 2003
Changed web site address.....	May 2003
Changed web site address.....	June 2006
Scoutmaster & Comm Chair positions require 2 years service in the Troop	March 2008
Appropriate fees added to the list of requirements to be accepted for membership in Troop 66.....	May 2008
Statement that Participating parents shall be members of the Troop Committee and function as a resource aid to the Scoutmaster and the Committee Chair deleted.....	May 2008
Requirement to provide valid e-mail address or USPS address to Committee Chair & Secretary added.....	May 2008
Clarification that the Troop Historian will maintain membership in his patrol.....	May 2008
Clarify that elections for Boy Scout Leadership positions are held in June	May 2008
Specify that Leadership positions will be reviewed on a continual basis and changes will be made as determined by the Committee not the scoutmaster	May 2008
Uniform requirement that a white turtleneck may be worn under the short sleeve Scout shirt in the winter deleted.....	May 2008
Clarify that the Scoutmaster can dictate which uniform is worn for Troop meetings, official BSA functions, and other Troop activities	May 2008
Drop attendance requirement for official BSA functions, and other Troop activities other than Troop Meetings and Campouts to 50%.....	May 2008
Delete “and their Families” from “dues collected will be used to provide a complete Scouting program for boys and their families”.....	May 2008

Procedures for leaving the campsite or group while participating at an official BSA function, campout, or other Troop activity, no Scout can leave the campsite or group clarified.....May 2008

Talking or leaving your tent is prohibited after taps or before reveille is deleted.....May 2008

Do not leave a campsite on a hike or a Camporee without someone being left to watch the campsite is deleted.....May 2008

No drinking out of the water jugs deleted.....May 2008

Specify that camping gear is detailed on the Campouts page of the website and state that jeans are prohibited from December through April.....May 2008

A two-thirds majority vote of present Registered Scouters is required to adopt changes to Troop 66 rules and regulations.....May 2008

Specify that elections for the Scoutmaster and Secretary will be held on even years and elections for Committee Chair, Advancement Chair, and Treasurer will be held on odd yearsMay 2008

Specify that waiving the specified election procedures requires a majority of only the Registered Scouters who are present at the election not all the Registered Scouters on the Charter.....May 2008

Require a two-thirds majority of the Registered Scouters present shall be required to remove an elected official of the TroopMay 2008

Procedures for removing a committee member addedMay 2008

Specify that the number of Registered Scouters at a committee meeting must be at least 25% of the total number of registered Boy Scouts to constitute a quorum.....May 2008

Specify that a two-thirds majority is required to make significant changes to policies...May 2008

Various nonsubstantive clarificationsMay 2008

Specify that Leadership positions will be reviewed on a continual basis and changes will be made as determined by the Scoutmaster not the committeeSeptember 2008