

A New Scout's (and Parent's) Guide to



WELCOME! I hope you are as excited about joining Boy Scout Troop 114 as we are about having you. We want your Boy Scout experience to be an enjoyable one, so we've prepared this booklet to help you get started on the right track. Inside you will find information on everything you need to know about Troop 114. Together with your Boy Scout Handbook, you'll have all the information you need to get a good start in Scouting.

We strongly recommend that both Scouts and parents read this booklet. It will take less than half an hour. Parent understanding and participation is important in making our program work smoothly. In the pages that follow there will be several suggestions for how parents can help. We find a strong correlation between Scouts that do well in the program and active parents. If you haven't been given one by the Troop, you can purchase a Boy Scout Handbook at the Scout Store in the Twin Rivers Boy Scout Council Office, located on Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, NY. The handbook contains lots of valuable information that you will use throughout your time in Scouting, including equipment lists for overnight camping trips, advancement information, and a description of the Boy Scouts of America program.

It is important that you fill out the last page of this guide. This information is helpful in updating our database so that we can keep a record of your advancement throughout Scouting. Both a parent and Scout should sign the bottom indicating that you have read, understand, and will abide by the code of conduct.

If at any time you have questions about any activity that Troop 114 is doing, ask your Patrol Leader or any of the Troop adults. Our goal is for you to have fun in Boy Scouts, participate in great adventures, and learn new and exciting things that will be useful throughout your life.

Sincerely,
Richard Slovak
Scoutmaster



OK, let's get started!

BASIC INFORMATION

- Troop meetings are held every Tuesday from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.
 - Troop meetings are held all year long, including during the summer.
 - The usual meeting location is the Presbyterian Church Hall, Church Street, Valatie.
 - You will be advised at a Troop meeting and through our e-mail newsletter if the meeting location or time is changed.
 - During the school year we usually do not meet during school vacation.
 - We do not meet if ICC school is cancelled or closes early due to snow; we do meet if it is only delayed in the morning.
- Every Scout Troop has a local sponsor. Ours is the Presbyterian Church.
 - They provide our meeting space, and a store room in the basement for our

- equipment.
- The meeting space is used during the day by a nursery school, and at other times by other groups – *therefore*, it is everyone’s responsibility to take good care of the room so it is ready for others to use. While on Church premises, Scouts should:
 - Not play with any of the nursery school toys and equipment. If you accidentally break one, you’ll have to pay for it.
 - Do not touch heat or light switches.
 - Do not go into other Church rooms.
 - When you are outside of the Church before, during, or after Troop meetings, remain quiet and respect the neighbors – we want to remain friendly with them.
 - Keep the bathrooms clean. If you make a mess, clean it up!
 - Remember, we have to show respect for our sponsor by acting in a responsible way and taking care of the facilities they loan us. If we don’t take care of the rooms, we may not be allowed to use them.
 - Our Troop is one of many located in Columbia County. Together, we all belong to the Mahikan District. Around the Capital region, there are many Districts, which all together form the Twin Rivers Council. The Council office is located at 253 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 12205. We sometimes participate in special activities, like Camporees, with other Troops in our District and Council.
 - ***When a Scout Leader raises his hand in the Scout Sign (three fingers), that is a special signal to get quiet. “When the sign goes up” you should immediately stop what you are doing, be quiet and raise your hand in the Scout Sign to show you are paying attention.***

TROOP ORGANIZATION

The basic unit of a Scout Troop is the Patrol.

- 4 to 10 Scouts in a Patrol
- There is a Patrol Leader elected by the Scouts, and an appointed assistant.
- You will be assigned to a Patrol by the Scoutmaster.
- The Patrol Leader is in charge of the Patrol. It is important that you listen to his directions. If you have any questions about Troop activities, call your Patrol leader – he is there to help you!

All the Patrols together form the Troop.

- The Troop is led by the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and Assistant SPL.
- They are experienced Scouts, and during every meeting you will see them calling everyone to order, giving instructions, teaching, and leading the Troop.
- It will help you if you give them your attention at all times and follow their instructions.
- The Troop also has other Scout leaders, like a Quartermaster, someone to organize bottle pickup, etc. Together with the Patrol Leaders, they all work together to make the Troop run smoothly.
- These leaders meet monthly to plan Troop activities, and twice per year (fall and spring) with the adult leaders to plan outdoor events. If you have any ideas for Troop meetings or other activities, let them know – they want your suggestions!

Adult leaders guide the Troop.

- The Troop is led by the Scoutmaster – Mr. Slovak.
- There are several Assistant Scoutmasters, whose job it is to help the Scoutmaster, and you. They are: Mr. William Graham, Mr. Jon Meredith, Ms. Eileen Digan.

Troop adult committee.

- There is a committee of adults who oversee the Troop program to make sure it is running smoothly. All parents are urged to participate on the committee. No experience is necessary!
- Committee meetings are held the first Wednesday evening of every month, at the Church, at 7:00.
- The committee consists of a Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Advancement Chair, Sponsor Representative and Outdoor Coordinator, plus other interested parents.

TROOP MEETINGS

- Troop meetings start promptly at 7:00 pm unless otherwise announced.
- Most Troop meetings begin with an opening ceremony, followed by uniform inspection and announcements. Following the announcements there is usually an instruction period when older Scouts review a skill needed for advancement and/or a coming outdoor activity. After the instruction period is often a game involving a Scout skill and/or a fun game.
- Meetings may also include Patrol Corners, where Patrols can meet to discuss arrangements for upcoming activities or work on specific advancement requirements.
- The time available for a fun game depends on how well Scouts cooperate during the earlier part of the Troop meeting. If everyone pays attention and gets quiet when the sign goes up, there is usually plenty of time for a fun game.

- Following the games there may be additional announcements of upcoming activities.
- The meeting ends with formation of the Scout circle of brotherhood. Everyone is expected to be quiet and reverent during the circle. During the circle we sometimes have a special closing, and always have the Scoutmaster's benediction. It is tradition for everyone in the room to participate in the Scout circle.
- Depending on the activities going on during the Troop meeting, there may be opportunity for you to have a Scoutmaster conference for completion of a rank (see advancement page). If you need one, check in advance with the Scoutmaster.
- Some Troop meetings involve special activities. These are announced on the yearly calendar, by e-mail, and at the previous meeting. Special activities often require meeting earlier than 7:00 and ending by 9:00. Some special activities include swimming, bowling, roller skating, sledding, and indoor rock climbing. If you have some special activities you would like the Troop to do, let your Patrol Leader know.
- Parents are welcome to drop off and pick up their Scout for the meeting, or stay for the entire meeting.
- Periodically, special meetings called a "Court of Honor" are held. It is during this time that Scouts are awarded the badges they have earned. This is an opportunity to bring your whole family to a meeting. Everyone should attend every Court of Honor.

It is important for you and the Troop is that you fill out and return to Mr. Graham the personal information form on the last page. This will help us keep you in the information loop for meetings and outings and aid us should we need to get in touch with a parent in the event of an emergency. The car insurance information is essential if a parent drives on any Scout event. Please include it because we may be calling you to help with driving to or from a hike or service project. A parent and Scout must sign the bottom of the form indicating that they have read, understand, and agree to follow the Code of Conduct. Thanks!



MONEY

- No dues are charged by Troop 114, but all Scouts are expected to help with our fund raising activities.
- The National Boy Scouts of America charges dues annually – in January. The dues are \$27. If you join after January, your dues for the remainder of the year are reduced. If you transfer from Cub Scouts or another Troop no payment is required during the year.
- Boys Life Magazine is available through the National office for an additional fee. However, Troop 114 automatically pays for one subscription per family.

FUND RAISING

- To pay for Troop equipment (like stoves and tents) and expenses (like badges and outdoor events), the Troop does fund raising.
- *All Scouts are expected to participate in fund raising activities in lieu of Troop dues. Lack of participation, as scheduled by the Troop, will be discussed with Scouts and parents, and could be an obstacle for advancement.*
- Our primary fund raising activity is collecting returnable cans and bottles.
 - The Troop maintains two boxes for returnables, one at Mario's True Value Hardware Store, and one at the Niverville Deli.
 - Scouts are assigned for several one week periods throughout the year when it will be their responsibility to collect all the cans and bottles from both sites. Garbage bags are available at Troop meetings for Scouts to take and use as needed for bottle collection.
 - Cans and bottles should be taken to Kinderhook Beverage (on Rte 9 near the Stewarts and Trustco Bank) where they are turned in for the refund.
 - Refund money should be given to the Scout assigned to manage the bottle and can collection, at the next Troop meeting.
 - It is recommended that you visit the boxes three times per week to prevent overflow.
 - Scouts are responsible for cleaning up the boxes and surrounding area each time they visit – if we don't keep the area clean we may not get permission to keep our box there.
 - If you have questions about the procedure, call the Scout assigned to manage the boxes.
 - *The weekly email provides a reminder for Scouts to collect during their assigned week.*
- Our second fundraiser is the Veteran's Run.
 - It is held Veteran's day each year (November).
 - The race starts and ends at the Martin H. Glynn square (next to our meeting room)
 - Scouts and Parents are needed that day to do a variety of tasks – registration, directing runners, help guide parking, putting out post-race food, etc.
 - Following the race, all Scouts are needed in uniform to participate in the Veterans ceremony.
 - The race was started by Eagle Scout Andrew Earl to raise money for a historic marker at the Square and as a way to honor our Veterans by getting people to attend the memorial ceremony. Half of the race proceeds go to a local charity and the other half are kept by the Troop for our use during the year.

A SCOUT UNIFORM

WHAT TO BUY OR NOT

- If one is not provided by the Troop, your first purchase should be a Boy Handbook. These can be bought at the Twin Rivers Council Office on Washington Ave Extension, Albany.
- In the first few months of becoming a Scout in Troop 114 you should get:
 - A hat
 - Short or long sleeve shirt
 - A Scout belt
 - Patches for your uniform – Council patch and Troop number for the left sleeve, American Flag for your right sleeve. If you were a Cub and earned the Arrow of Light, it can be sewn below the left pocket. Once you earn your first badge of rank it can be sewn on the left pocket. The Scout Handbook has more information on patches.
 - These can be purchased at the Twin Rivers Council Office in Albany, OR, you can sort through the used Scout uniform parts in our basement store room. Feel free to take what you need – but return them when you leave Scouting. OR if you know a former Scout, see if they will give you their uniform.
- The following uniform parts do not need to be purchased:
 - Pants (any pair of dark green pants would substitute, and jeans are acceptable)
 - Summer shorts (any pair of dark green shorts are a good substitute)
 - Sox
 - Summer t-shirts (get one at our Veteran's run, or at summer camp)
 - Neckerchief – this will be given to you when you join, along with a neckerchief slide to hold the neckerchief in place. The Troop will also provide shoulder loops.



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WHEN TO WEAR THE UNIFORM

- At every Troop meeting. There is uniform inspection at every meeting where we check to see that you have a complete “class A” uniform – hat, shirt with patches, neckerchief and slide, belt. You get extra points if you have a homemade neckerchief slide.
- Outdoor events where we are hiking, camping, canoeing, or doing something similar, do not require a uniform, but a Scout related T-shirt or Scout hat is good to wear.
- Certain special activities do require a full uniform – you will be told when one is needed.
- During the summer months (June, July, August) a “class B” uniform is sufficient – just a t-shirt with a Scout emblem somewhere on it.

COMMUNICATIONS – HOW WE KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT ACTIVITIES

Information about Troop activities are transmitted to Scouts and parents in 4 ways. It is your responsibility to listen and read.

1. At the start of the fall season, and in the spring for the summer season, a calendar of events is posted on our website, posted on our bulletin board at the troop meeting, and e-mailed to all families.
 - a. The calendar lists all Troop meetings, all outdoor events, all service projects.
 - b. Updates to the calendar are provided occasionally via the other methods of communication.
2. Weekly e-mails are prepared by Assistant Scoutmaster Graham and sent to all Scout families.



- a. The e-mails are usually sent Tuesday evenings, after the Scout meetings.
 - b. The e-mail contains a summary of the Troop meeting, and information on the next Troop meeting.
 - c. It has a list of upcoming activities, and often contains announcements about permission slips, meeting times, and any changes in status. This is the most up-to-date source of information for our activities.
 - d. It lists those Scouts who have responsibility for can and bottle pickup during the next week.
 - e. Our web address, Facebook page and Twitter link are listed below.
3. Announcements are made at every Troop meeting regarding upcoming activities.
 - a. It is the Scout's job to pay attention to get the latest "news."
 - b. Permission slips and deposits are collected.
 - c. Equipment and uniform needs for an event are discussed.
 - d. Activity meeting times are reviewed.
 - e. Can and bottle money are collected.
 - f. If you missed a Troop meeting, chances are you missed some important information.
Call your Patrol Leader to find out what you missed.
 4. Activities, permission slips, and other information are available on our website.
 - a. WEBSITE ADDRESS – <http://www.bsa2114.legrego.com>
 - b. The website also has pictures of past Troop events.
 - c. The calendar listed above in 1.
 - d. Lots of links to useful websites.
 - e. Email information gets posted on our website.
 5. The Troop also maintains a FACEBOOK PAGE – <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Valatie-Boy-Scout-Troop-114/287395564702823>
This page is full of Troop 114 and BSA related information – and is fun to look at.
 6. Our Twitter link is: <https://twitter.com/ValatieTroop114>

ADVANCEMENT

The first rank in Boy Scouts is called the **Scout** rank.

- To earn this rank you must pass the joining requirements listed in the Scout Handbook.
- Only the Scoutmaster can pass you on these requirements, but your parents and other Scouts can help you learn and review them.
- When you are ready to pass the requirements, make an appointment with the Scoutmaster for a conference.
- Once you pass you will be officially inducted into the Troop at a Court of Honor.
- You don't have to wait for the Court of Honor to begin work on your next rank.
- No boy can go on an overnight trip until he has had his Scoutmaster conference.

The next rank is **Tenderfoot**.

- The requirements for this rank are listed and explained in the Scout Handbook.
- Any First Class or higher rank Scout, or Adult leader can pass you on these requirements.
- When passed the Handbook should be initialed and dated.
- When all requirements are done you will need to schedule a Scoutmaster conference. The Scoutmaster will review each requirement to make sure you know them.
- Following the Scoutmaster conference will be a Board of Review.
 - 3 or more adults in the Troop
 - Purpose is to find out how well you are living up to the Scout Oath and Law.
- Following the Board of Review you will receive your rank badge at the next Court of Honor.

Following Tenderfoot is **Second Class**, then **First Class**.

- The procedure is the same as Tenderfoot.
- You can work on requirements for higher ranks even if you are not ready to advance to that rank. For example, a Tenderfoot can complete the first aid requirements for First Class.

After First Class, advancement requires that you earn merit badges.

- Advancement to higher ranks (Star, Life, Eagle) is explained in your handbook.
- Any Scout can earn merit badges at any time, but they do not count towards your advancement until you become at least First Class.

The best times to pass advancement requirements is:

- At Troop meetings set aside for this purpose, or during Patrol Corners. Most meetings have instruction in something required for rank advancement.
- At outdoor events. Tell your Patrol Leader in advance what requirements you want to pass during the activity, and prepare what you need to pass the requirement.
- At summer camp. This is a great place to pass rank requirements and earn merit badges.

All rank and merit badges are awarded at a Court of Honor.

- About three or four are held annually.
- All Scouts should attend, even if you are not getting an award, to show support for your fellow Scouts.
- Parents, grandparents, and siblings are invited to these ceremonies.

The Troop maintains an electronic database of all advancement. The last page of this document will provide the information we need to get you into the database. To ensure that your records are up-to-date, and match the written record in your Scout Handbook, you should periodically give your handbook to Mr. Graham.

NOTE: Your advancement will depend on you living the Scout Oath and Law. The Troop considers participation at meetings and activities (outdoor trips, service projects, etc) as one way in which the Oath and Law is demonstrated, and looks for a 50% participation rate in each. Inability to participate in 50% of meetings and 50% of activities (e.g. because of other community involvement) should be discussed in advance with the Scoutmaster and Advancement Chairman – before it becomes a

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Our Troop tries to have at least one outdoor activity every month.

- Activities are generally planned every fall and spring by the Patrol Leaders Council.
- Activities range from day trips to several days.
- Many include one night of camping.
- What is planned depends on what the Scouts say they want to do.
- Activities include day hikes, overnight backpacks, canoeing, biking, rock climbing, etc.



To participate in an outdoor activity you must:

- Be at least Scout rank.
- Be a registered member of the Troop.
- Have completed a Scout medical form and given it to the Scoutmaster (see below)
- Have turned in a permission slip (available on our website) and any deposits required.

Outdoor activities generally:

- Start by meeting at the Presbyterian Church.
- You can pick up group equipment from our store room before you leave.
- Meeting time is stated on the permission slip.
- At the end of the trip, we return to the church. Scouts can phone home when we arrive to get picked up. A quick pick up is appreciated since at least two adults must wait at the church until all Scouts are picked up.
- Require at least two adults for up to 10 boys. If there are more boys, more adults are needed. Any parents who would like to join us on a day hike or overnight trip are welcome, but please inform the Scoutmaster in advance. Rarely, we may need to limit the number of adults to conform to group size limits.
- Require transportation to and from the start of the trip. We often depend on parent support to take us to a trailhead or pick us up. We expect that during the year parents will volunteer at least one time to drive to or from an outing. To volunteer, call the Scoutmaster, or Outdoor coordinator, or come to a Committee meeting.

On the adventure:

- On most outdoor activities you will participate as a member of your Patrol.
- The Patrol will decide on a menu, who is purchasing food, and who will cook and clean up.
- Scouts should do the food purchasing. Parents can assist at the store.
- Total cost for food is usually divided equally among all who attend from the Patrol.
- *If you said you were going, once the food is purchased you are responsible for your cost share even if you do not attend.*
- Every Scout has a part to play on each outing – be sure you understand your role in it.

Physically challenging activities:

- Some of our outdoor activities, like backpacking, hiking, mountain biking, etc. can be demanding on your muscles, especially if you are not used to exercising them!
- Most activities are at the level of physical ability for the majority of boys.
- You can have more fun on outdoor trips if you do some regular exercise to keep your muscles in shape.
- Laying around on the couch playing video games and watching TV doesn't help.
- Stay active, walk and bike when you can rather than ride in a car, eat healthy, and you'll be on the right path. Remember, you pledge in the Scout Oath to "Keep myself physically strong".
- If you have a physical disability that limits your activities, please inform the Scoutmaster.

Participation by others:

- Participation by family members (brothers, sisters, cousins, etc) is welcomed on some of our outdoor activities.
- The permission slip will usually announce if family members are welcome, but if you have questions call the Scoutmaster or Outdoor Coordinator.
- Anyone under the age of 18, who is not a registered Scout in our Troop, must be accompanied by an adult.

Service projects:

- Some of our outdoor activities are service projects for the community.
- These range from helping our sponsor (the Presbyterian Church) to helping candidate Eagle Scouts with their projects, to helping community organizations.
- The Scout Law says a Scout is "Helpful" and the Oath says "Help other people at all times." *Parents and Scouts should make a special effort to attend all service projects.*
- All Scouts must accumulate service project time to advance.

Safety:

- To ensure the safety of all Scouts we follow the "Guide to Safe Scouting."
- Many of our trips require special safety equipment.
 - Helmets are required on all bike trips.
 - On any boating related trip, personal floatation devices must be worn.
 - Safety ropes and harnesses are required for rock climbing.
- Participation in all canoe and kayak trips requires First Class swimming ability.
- We expect cooperation from all Scouts and parents in following safety procedures.



If you have a question about what to bring on any outdoor adventure with the Troop, check with your Patrol Leader – he has been on many outdoor trips.

EQUIPMENT FOR OVERNIGHT ADVENTURES

For all of our outdoor activities, the Scout Handbook has a list of camping and backpacking equipment that each Scout and each Patrol should bring. **Use it!**

TOO MUCH EQUIPMENT

- ❖ The biggest problem that most new Scouts face on camping and hiking trips is bringing too much stuff.
 - Do not bring electronic items, fireworks, dangerous tools, etc.
 - DO NOT bring more than you need – even a few ounces of non-essential equipment will be a burden on your back that you will regret.
 - After your first Troop trip, as you empty your pack at home, look at what you used, and what you did not use – and eliminate what you did not use on your next trip.
- ❖ The second biggest problem is bringing the wrong kind of stuff, especially on winter trips. If you are buying clothing for camping, or a pack, or a sleeping bag, etc., and you have questions about what is best, ask one of the adult leaders for some tips.
- ❖ Scouts cannot use hatchets, axes, or sheath knives on campouts unless they have a Toten Chip card (see the Scout Handbook).
 - These woods tools are not recommended for most of our trips - they are heavy.
 - The troop has folding saws that we bring when making campfires.

NOT ENOUGH EQUIPMENT

- ❖ The Scout Motto is BE PREPARED. Be sure you have everything on the Scout Handbook list of camping or hiking equipment, especially the “Scout Essentials.”
 - The Troop has some equipment (like backpacks) that it will loan out to new Scouts to help you avoid having to buy new equipment. Check with the Troop Quartermaster to find out what is available.
 - The Troop has group equipment like backpack stoves, pots, tents, etc. Your Patrol should decide in advance what it needs and pick up the equipment from our store room at the meeting before our trip.
 - All equipment from our storage room must be returned at the meeting following our trip – *clean and dry*.
 - ALWAYS be prepared for rain or snow on our trips. We usually get some!.

PROTECT YOUR FEET

- ❖ Sturdy boots are necessary for many of our adventures.
 - Good boots with ankle support are best. Waterproof boots are helpful.
 - Good boots that fit well can be found at reasonable prices at discount stores or online. Outdoor stores, like EMS or LLBean have better quality boots, but more expensive. If your feet are growing fast, you will outgrow your boots before you wear them out.
 - DO NOT wear new boots for the first time on a hiking trip. Break them in first by wearing them around home for a few days.

SPECIAL EQUIPMENT - Some of our outdoor activities will require special equipment, like canoes, ropes, snowshoes, etc. As the need arises, if you have any equipment needed for a trip, and if you are willing to loan it to the Troop for the event, please contact the Scoutmaster.

YOUR OUTDOOR MANNERS

Learn the Outdoor Code

- It is required of all Scouts, and is in your Scout Handbook.
- The Outdoor Code helps to protect the environment.
- The goal is to camp or hike without leaving a trace that you were there.



Things to remember

- Do not damage trees and other plants by doing things like:
 - Breaking limbs
 - Carving into the bark
 - Peeling bark off live trees
 - Needlessly cutting or hacking tree trunks
- When we make campfires:
 - Use only dead wood
 - Keep the fires small
 - Clean the fire pit when you are done
 - On some trips, fires may not be allowed
- Protect wildlife by:
 - Avoiding their dens and nests
 - Keep the woods, lakes, and streams clean
 - Do not feed wildlife
- Keep your campsite clean at all times.
 - Properly dispose of food scraps and litter
 - If no latrine exists in the campsite, use the Cat Hole method of waste disposal (see the Scout Handbook), and go at least 200 feet from the campsite or water.
 - The rule is: *If you carried it in, carry it out.*
 - Our Troop policy is to leave every campsite cleaner than we found it. Be prepared to carry out garbage that others have left behind. Bring a garbage bag.

Two important things to do to protect our environment

- Follow the rule which says: "Leave nothing but footprints, take nothing but pictures, kill nothing but time."
 - See the keys to low-impact, no trace camping found in the Scout Handbook.
- When you are a Scout, you are one 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You should follow the Outdoor Code even when you are not on a Troop outing. (the same goes for following the Scout Oath and Law)



Summer Camp

WHEN: During late July or early August

WHERE: Camp Rotary in Poestenkill. Scouts and adults camp in tents.

HOW LONG: One week

PURPOSE: To have fun!!!! And, Summer camp is a great place to work on advancement. New Scouts attending summer camp can easily complete many of the requirements for Tenderfoot, Second Class, and First Class. There is also opportunity to work on merit badges and other things like Toten Chip or Snorkeling or swimming. Camp also provides a great opportunity to swim, boat, hike, and enjoy crafts, riflery, archery, and other activities.

CAMP INFORMATION: Information on Summer Camp is sent home to Scouts and Families usually during late January or February. The information includes a payment schedule and specific dates for Troop attendance. *Usually, the camp offers a discount with early payment.* A Troop adult will be available to answer questions about Summer Camp.

GOING TO CAMP WITHOUT THE TROOP: Scouts may wish to attend summer camp at times other than when the Troop is attending. You will be placed in a provisional Troop with other Scouts from the area and a Scout Leader will be furnished. Arrangements for provisional summer camp must be made directly through the Boy Scout Twin Rivers Council Office, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany.

ADULTS GOING TO CAMP: In order for our Troop to attend summer camp as a unit, we need to have at least two parent volunteers present at all times. Parents need not stay the entire week. If you can volunteer a night, or several days and nights, please let the Troop's camp coordinator know as soon as possible. If we do not get parent volunteers, our Scouts will be forced to go as provisional campers at a higher cost.

There is usually one night during the week of camp in which parents are invited to attend. Come if you are available. Parent visits at other times during the week are discouraged, unless the parent has volunteered to stay a night.

CRITICAL

1) To participate in Scout outings of any type, including summer camp, you must have completed a Scout medical form. For weekend trips, only the first part of the form needs to be completed. Leaders carry it with them in case of a medical emergency. For longer term camps (like summer camp, or week long trips during vacations), the full medical form must be completed and on file with the troop.

You can find the medical form at:

http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/680-001_ABC.pdf

We suggest that you go to the site (copy the link above and paste it into your browser) and complete the form and then turn it in to one of the adult leaders.

===== CODE OF CONDUCT =====

Scouting is a values-based program with its own code of conduct. The Scout Oath and Law help instill the values of good conduct, respect for others, and honesty – which a Scout is expected to demonstrate all the time. The code of conduct for all Scouting events, including Troop meetings, outdoor activities, and summer camp, is to follow the Oath and Law. These can be found in the Scout Handbook. At Troop Meetings, summer camp, and other events, the Scouts reaffirm their pledge to follow the Scout Oath and Law.

For our troop, the code of conduct for all Scouts and adults is simply to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law. All non-troop members are also expected to follow the principles invoked in the Scout Oath and Scout Law when at a Scout activity. Some examples of how to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law are provided below. This is not an exhaustive list, but is provided to illustrate examples of expected behavior.

Example	Basis
Set a good example by keeping neatly dressed and presentable when wearing the Scout Uniform at Troop meetings or events	Being neat and presentable is required by the Scout Law (a scout is clean), and wearing the uniform shows loyalty to the troop and respect to Scouting.
Cooperate and show respect for other Troop members, adult and junior leaders, and parents, during all Troop functions. Demonstrate good behavior, and respect for the different levels of emotional and physical maturity of others.	Showing cooperation and respect demonstrates being courteous and friendly, as required by the Scout Law.
Comply with all laws and regulations of federal, state and local governments.	Compliance demonstrates obedience, and being morally straight.
Obey the safety rules and instructions of all Troop leaders, and all scout rules and regulations.	Obeying the Scout leaders demonstrates obedience.
Use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, lying, bullying, picking on or threatening others, fighting, unnecessary physical roughness, and use of foul or offensive or discriminatory language or gestures is not acceptable in Scouting.	The Scout Oath requires Scouts to be morally straight, and the Scout Law requires scouts to be friendly, trustworthy, kind, clean, and reverent.
Demonstrate respect for Troop property, property being used by the Troop, and property of other Scouts, and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of your actions.	A Scout is trustworthy, and should demonstrate personal responsibility.
Scouts are expected to fulfill their assigned duties (bottle pickup, trip attendance (if previously signed up), instruction lead), or make other arrangements at the earliest convenience:	A Scout is trustworthy and loyal, and therefore should fulfill his assigned duties.
Follow the Outdoor Code, and Leave no Trace principles.	Demonstrates obedience to these important Scout rules / guidelines.

Violations of the Scout Oath and Law, several of which are suggested above in lieu of providing a

comprehensive list all possible violations, may result in the following, based on the frequency and/or severity of the violation:

- Consultation by the Scoutmaster, with possible consultation with parents**
- A call to parents to remove their Scout from an event.**
- Review by Troop Committee, and consultation with parents**
- Removal of leadership position**
- Expulsion from the troop**

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TROOP 114 Scout Personal Data Collection Form

Scout Name: _____ Nickname (If Any): _____

Home Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____

(If other): _____

Home Phone #: () _____ DOB: __/__/__
Other Home #: () _____ Current Grade (Circle): 5/6/7/8/9/10/11/12
Scout's Email: _____ School District: _____

Cub Scout __/__/__ - __/__/__
Highest Cub Badge (Circle): Bobcat / Wolf / Bear / Webelos / Arrow of Light

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Doctor Name: _____ Phone: () _____
Health Insurance Company: _____ Policy: _____
Allergies: _____

Other Medical: _____

Special Needs: _____

(If you need additional space for any of the above, feel free to use the back of sheet).

Vehicle(s):

Year	Make	Model	#Seat Drivers		Liability Insurance Figures		
			Belts	Lic. #	Per Person	Per Accident	Property Damage
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Parent/Guardian #1 Name (First/Middle/Last): _____ |
Parent/Guardian #2 Name (First/Middle/Last): _____ |
Nickname: _____ Sex: M/F | Nickname: _____ Sex: M/F
Guardian: Y / N | Guardian: Y / N
Birthday (Month/Day) __/__/__ Yr. is Optional | Birthday (Month/Day) __/__/__ Yr. is
Optional
Work Phone: () _____ | Work Phone: () _____
Cell Phone: () _____ | Cell Phone: () _____
Pager # : () _____ | Pager # : () _____
Parent Email: _____ | Parent Email: _____
Drivers License #: _____ STATE: _____ | Drivers License #: _____ STATE: _____
Employer: _____ | Employer: _____
Occupation: _____ | Occupation: _____

We have read the Code of Conduct and agree to follow it for all Scout and community related events and activities during the period of time that our son is a registered Scout in Troop 114, Valatie, NY.

Parent: _____

Date: _____

Scout: _____

Date: _____

Return this form to Mr. Graham at a Troop meeting.