



Scouts BSA
Troop 76 – Simsbury

Dear Scout and Parents:

You continue to advance in your Scouting career and are approaching Scouting's highest rank, Eagle. As you consider the requirements of Eagle rank it is important to also remember the Troop requirements as established by the senior scouts of Troop 76. It is important to adhere to and document your fulfillment of these requirements as well as those established by Scouts BSA.

Please contact me with any questions as you continue your trail to Eagle.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Weiland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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BSA TROOP 76 MINIMUM PARTICIPATION EXPECTATIONS

Simsbury, Connecticut

♦ For advancement to Star, Life, and Eagle ♦ Guidelines for all scouts

Troop 76 senior scouts created these expectations in December 2012 and they were presented to the troop committee. They are the troop's starting point for evaluating the "active participation" requirement for advancing to Star, Life, and Eagle ranks. These are also good minimum guidelines for all members of the troop.

Anyone is a welcome member of Troop 76. These are minimum expectations for keeping "active" in the troop. We recognize that we don't keep each other and the troop strong by doing just the minimum, so we expect scouts will generally want to participate much more. Scouts who cannot attend any troop meeting or campout should be Courteous and let their Patrol Leader know.

Exceptions are OK and Must be Approved

We understand that exceptions to these general guidelines are sometimes needed. An individual scout may have conflicts due to family, school, sports, work, volunteer service, or other needs for a period of time. That's ok, but the scout must discuss the situation with the Scoutmaster to arrange alternate expectations. Scouts need to learn to balance troop and other activities. For example, "too much homework" is generally not an excuse to fall short of participation expectations.

Scout Spirit

Participating actively helps get at what's most important: that a scout must demonstrate Scout Spirit in his everyday life. That can be best evaluated by interacting often with the troop. The Scoutmaster is the sole judge in assessing Scout Spirit for advancement.

Expectations Defined

Dues	Must be paid.
Troop Functions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes troop meetings, patrol meetings, campouts, quarterly troop Courts of Honor Does not include troop or patrol service projects or Eagle projects 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts are expected to average 50% attendance at troop functions over the course of the scouting year. Scouts are expected to attend at least one (1) troop meeting each month. Patrol members are expected to attend at least one (1) patrol meeting each month.
Troop Campouts / Outdoor Program	<p>Scouts are expected to attend at least four (4) troop-wide campouts a year and one out of every four.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Events like the family campout, March Ski Trip, and October Bus Trip do not count unless they involve outdoor camping. A Venture campout can be one of the four minimum.
Community Service	<p>Scouts should contribute to at least two (2) troop or patrol service projects each year, including Eagle projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scouts are encouraged to participate with the troop in the Memorial Day parades and Veterans Day ceremonies unless they have to be somewhere else.
Troop Fundraising	<p>Participation in troop fundraising is expected.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wreath Sale is the only official fundraiser for the troop. All scouts should do their best to sell at the subsidy level. Ventures are also expected to help with wreath distribution. The Scoutmaster must approve other methods of raising funds.
Leadership Roles / Positions of Responsibility	<p>Scouts must meet additional participation and performance expectations in order to earn credit for time served in a leadership role. Scouts are given these requirements when they take on the role.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Ventures are expected to hold a position of responsibility.
Leadership Tasks For example, leading a community service project for the troop, organizing a campout, primary leader for planning and running a troop meeting	<p>Life Scouts on the Trail to Eagle must complete two (2) leadership tasks each year in addition to fulfilling their position of responsibility.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leadership tasks must be approved by the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster, or Eagle Coordinator.

Documenting participation is ultimately the scout's responsibility. Attendance is only kept at regular meetings and campouts. We recommend that scouts also keep independent records to verify attendance. If a scout attends events at which attendance is not regularly taken, he should log his own attendance.