

**Troop8**



**First Baptist Jackson**

**PARENT'S GUIDE**  
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Dear Parent,

Welcome to Troop 8! Your son is joining more than four million members of the Boy Scouts of America. Please take time to review this very important information so that your son's Scouting experience will be the best it can be with your help.

Whether you are new to the Scouting experience or an experienced helper, we want you to be a part of this experience with your son. Your son needs your involvement in the activities he will experience. He needs your help to stay on top of the things he will be asked to learn. In the Scouting experience, you have a wonderful opportunity to share life with your son in a way that many parents miss and often regret later.

Scouting is a challenge, and the tasks are often time consuming and hard. But the time invested in your son's life (and in the lives of the other boys) leads to a priceless treasure in the harvest we see as these blossom into fine young men.

As fellow parents we want to get to know you, to become your supporters and encouragers as you try to help your son in Scouts. We will be available to you in any way we can. Feel free to call on us for any need. Our telephone numbers are located in the back of this guide.

At the same time, Troop 8 needs your help. Not only does your son need your involvement, but so do many other young men whose parents are not involved. We need parents who are willing to care, to share, to help. We will provide any training you may feel you need.

We look forward to working with you and your Scout in the next few years!

In Scouting,  
Troop 8 Scoutmaster

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## **TROOP 8 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA**

The Boy Scout Troop at First Baptist Church is Troop 8. While the number "8" does not have a relationship to any national ranking or indication of age, Troop 8 does have the distinction of being one of the longest, continuously sponsored troops in the nation. We have been sponsored by First Baptist Church of Jackson since 1921.

With this distinction also comes a very close relationship then between the values of First Baptist Church Jackson and Troop 8. The Boy Scouts of America advocates service to God. Troop 8 advocates a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, this being consistent with our sponsoring organization. While Troop 8 does emphasize and encourage Christianity, there is no form of discrimination tolerated among Scouts or leadership.

Troop 8 also has a proven track record of producing Eagle Scouts - with a national average of 2 - 4% of Scouts becoming Eagles, FBC Troop 8 averages 20%. Our ultimate goal is for every Scout to reach the rank of Eagle. However, our immediate goal is to provide a safe and secure environment for each Scout to feel free to explore and to discover the potential God has placed in his life to succeed in all areas of life. We believe the process of moving toward the rank of Eagle to be as important as achieving that rank. What a Scout (and a parent) experiences in the process of learning how to be part of a team, self-discipline, leadership, and the other skills which are developed are treasures the Scout and the parent will cherish.

## JOINING TROOP 8

The Boy Scouts of America has set the following guidelines for boys who can join the BSA:

### 1. **Must have-**

- a. completed the 5th grade, or
- b. be 11 years old, or
- c. have earned the Arrow of Light Award
- d. must be younger than 18 years old

### 2. **Sign up!**

- a. Complete application form
- b. Pay membership (Scouting dues due February 28 for the following 12 months. Scouts joining after February will pay a prorated amount.
  - i. Scout dues **\$65.00 per year**
  - ii. Adult Leader dues **\$11.00 per year**

### 3. **Immunizations** - Verification of the following protections is strongly recommended before participation in activities conducted by the Boy Scouts of America:

- a. Tetanus and diphtheria toxoid within the past 10 years
- b. Measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) since first birthday
- c. Trivalent oral polio vaccine (TOPV); four doses since birth

### 4. **Obtain Uniform:** check Scout closet first. The Scout closet is a room which has various new and used uniform items which are available to anyone. If unable to find what is needed in the closet you can purchase items at the Scout shop: 355 Riverside Drive, (601) 355-7047

### 5. **Attend the Meetings**

In order to succeed as a Scout, your son must participate. Those who drop out feel left behind because they miss campouts or Monday nights. Please encourage your Scout to come as often as is feasible. This will mean some planning on the parent's side also. Often sports practice will require the Scout to change into his uniform at the Christian Life Center. **Please Note: Your Scout must be in his uniform to attend on Monday nights.** If your Scout misses a campout or meeting or two, he can make up the work he misses. Sometimes though, depending on what is missed, it could affect his rank advancement by not being ready for his board of review. Please read "Attendance requirements" on page 8.

### 6. Be committed to the group. (**PATROL ASSIGNMENT**)

Troop 8 is divided into smaller units called "patrols." Each patrol chooses a specific animal as an identifying name. Each patrol will need to have **at least** two adult Assistant Scoutmasters. (We need you to consider being a helper in this area.)

A part of Scouting is learning leadership skills. The Scouts in a patrol are given the opportunity to learn leadership by being part of the patrol leadership. Patrol leaders change often during the years of Scouting to give each Scout an opportunity to participate in leadership training.

At times older Scout leaders will be asked to call younger Scouts to insure that needed information is shared and passed.

### 7. Purchase **Boy Scout Handbook**.

#### **Boy Scout Handbook**

The Scouting Handbook contains most of the information a Scout (and the parent) will need in the Scouting experience.

The Scout needs to bring the Scout Handbook to all meetings, campouts and board of reviews.

**The Handbook is the official advancement record.** The handbook should last a Scout throughout his Scouting career, so he needs to protect it and keep up with it. A zip-lock bag is excellent for carrying the handbook, notebook, and a pen. The Scout records all the progress he makes in the handbook and gets this progress “signed off” by his adult leader. Losing a handbook with many months of work signed off would be a problem. This is the boy’s record— he will need this for proof of progress.

Boy Scouts is a unique organization in that the Scouts are responsible for planning and running most of the activities. The adult volunteers are there to provide advice, leadership training, transportation, and administrative support. The scout in charge of the troop is the Senior Patrol Leader.

### **Scout Meetings**

**Scout Leadership:** 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

**Monday nights:** 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Meetings are held at the Christian Life Center of First Baptist Church Jackson.

### **Scoutmaster Conferences and Board of Reviews**

A Scoutmaster Conference is a chat between the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster and the Scout. The Scout’s progress, goals and desires will be discussed. This is a required meeting when the Scout is ready to advance to the next rank. A Scoutmaster conference must be completed prior to the Board of Review.

The Board of Review is a board consisting of two or more adults and/or senior Scouts who will ensure that the Scout has completed all of the requirements for advancement. The Scout will be talked with about his progress within the Troop. The leaders will complete an advancement checklist, and they will suggest areas where improvement is needed. The Scout may be tested on any skill required for the rank he wishes to achieve. “BE PREPARED.”

Boards of Review are scheduled on the Troop calendar. A Scout must sign up for a Board of Review ahead of time. A Scout must also be in Class A uniform with a merit badge sash (if he has one) and neckerchief.

### **Court of Honor**

The Court of Honor is a ceremonial meeting to recognize the achievements a Scout has made. Rank advancements, merit badges, and special awards are presented during this meeting. Family members and friends are invited to attend. All Scouts are encouraged to attend the ceremony to honor the Scouts who are receiving awards. Dates for the Court of Honor are on the Scout Calendar.

**REMINDER:** Complete Class A official Scout uniform including neckerchief and sash is required for Scoutmaster Conferences, Board of Reviews and Court of Honors.

## Uniforms

***“The Uniform makes for brotherhood, since when universally adopted it covers up all differences of class and country”***

—Sir Robert Baden-Powell

**Uniform Type - Class A:** Official Scout shirt, scout pants/shorts (no camos), Scout socks, Scout belt (web belt, leather belt or belt from a high adventure camp), Scout neckerchief, merit badge sash, dark shoes

**Uniform Type - Class B:** Official Scout shirt, scout pants/shorts or camouflage pants/shorts, scout socks, scout belt

Uniforms will be worn to all Scouting activities unless otherwise notified. The Merit Badge Sash is the part of the uniform on which the Scout displays the merit badges he has earned. The Merit Badge Sash is authorized for wear after 6 or more merit badges have been earned. The sash will be worn at Court of Honor, Scoutmaster Conferences, Board of Reviews, and Special Occasions as announced.

Official Scout socks will be worn with Scout shorts or camouflage shorts.

Neckerchiefs will be red with yellow trim unless the Scout has achieved Eagle rank.

The patrol patch can be purchased at the Scout Shop. This patch is worn centered on the right sleeve between the elbow and shoulder. See Scout handbook.

Please note that the Scout shirt **MUST** be worn to and from all campouts. This is a requirement for insurance.

**To obtain uniform:** check Scout closet first. The Scout closet is a room which has various new and used uniform items which are available to anyone. If unable to find what is needed in the closet you can purchase items at:

Scout Shop: 355 Riverside Drive, (601) 355-7047

### ***Which uniform to wear for:***

- **Campouts:** Class B
- **Monday nights:** Class B
- **Board of Review:** Class A
- **Court of Honor:** Class A
- **Participation in Church Services:** Class A

## Advancement for Scouts

The rank advancement of Boy Scouts is: Scout, Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle.

Advancement within Boy Scouts is important, but the major objective of Scouting is to provide young men the opportunity to mature as a men.

Advancement takes place as the Scout completes training in certain required areas. This training can be first aid, tying knots, etc., but these are activities which focus on meeting the requirements to achieve Scout, Tenderfoot, Second and First Class which are the first four ranks in Scouting. Many activities will overlap, some jumping from First Class to Tenderfoot, etc. The Scout needs to make sure that he is signed off in his Boy Scout Handbook on the advancement activities, service hours, leadership positions, merit badges earned, etc. as they are completed. Rank advancement must be achieved in order.

The advancement goal in Scouting is to achieve Eagle. In order to achieve Eagle rank, a Scout must advance through the ranks listed above and also have been awarded 21 merit badges—12 of which are specifically required for Eagle

rank. The other 9 merit badges are the choice of the Scout. There are approximately 120 merit badges to choose from. The Eagle required have a silver border and the others have a brownish border. The Scout needs to listen in Scout meetings to see if any special ONE DAY merit badge classes are offered and take advantage of these classes. For every Merit Badge there is a merit badge pamphlet. We have a collection in the troop library or they may be purchased at the Scout Shop. This is the Boy's responsibility to "check out" or purchase these for use.

At Troop 8, the adult leadership's goal for a first year Scout is to reach 1st Class Scout by the end of his first year. This is a **very** demanding task, but can be accomplished with new Scouts, parents and Scoutmasters working together. Scout skills cannot be mastered by performing them just once. A Scout should expect to practice them repeatedly, even after a skill has been "signed off."

First, attend Troop activities. The Troop meets every Monday night from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Those in leadership meet - 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.) The camping schedule is posted on the Troop calendar.

### **Advancement/Merit Badges**

Merit badges are a means of acknowledging a Scout's achievements. Normally, merit badges are not emphasized in first year of Scouting due to the work to be accomplished in reaching 1st Class. However, **Orienteering** (compass work) and **First Aid** are achievable merit badges during the first year; which leads into camping, as both of these merit badges require much camping activity.

Merit badges and rank advancement badges are provided by the Troop.

### **Typical Monday Night Meeting Agenda**

**6:30pm** - Scout Leadership Meeting or special classes

**7:00pm** - General Scout Meeting

The Senior Patrol leader will call the meeting to order. Selected Scouts will lead in the opening activities: Boy Scout Oath/Promise, Scout Law, Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer

**7:15pm** - For older Scouts, merit badge guidance/teaching and/or program. The first year Scouts are dismissed at 7:15 along with their Troop Guides for training in basic camping and Scouting activities.

**7:55pm** - Closing ceremony

**8:00pm** - Scouts dismissed

**Parent**—When you attend a meeting, you will often see Scouts everywhere, everyone talking. Dads, some in uniform, some not, are talking. The scene may appear to be mass confusion, and you may not know what to do. You may feel "lost." We have all felt that way at first. You will begin to feel more comfortable after a few visits.

If you do have questions, please stop an adult leader and they should be able to point you in the right direction. We want to help!

Normally there will be chairs set up, and the Scouts will sit together in a group—as a patrol. Please find yourself a seat behind the Scouts. This is a Scout led meeting, so the adults try to sit back and let them lead. However, we do need you to help at times in gently reminding the Scouts to respect the speaker and to hold down the noise.

NOTE: From 7:00 to 8:00 the Scouts are to be in a Scout related (Scout led) activity. This means not shooting pool or basketball or other activities in the Christian Life Center. If you are going to pick your son up early, please come get him so we don't have a Scout wandering in the Christian Life Center.

## **Attendance Requirements**

The first requirement for advancement to the rank of Star, Life and Eagle is to be active in the patrol and the troop for a specified period of time. In addition, all rank advancement requires that the Scout demonstrates Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and the Scout Law in everyday life.

Attendance at weekly Troop meetings and monthly troop outdoor activities is an important part of the Scouting experience. Participation affords the Scout the opportunity to demonstrate Scout spirit while learning new skills and satisfying the requirements for the rank of Star, Life and Eagle.

During the period of time your son serves in a patrol or troop leadership position he will have the opportunity to develop his leadership skills only if the other Scouts are there for him to lead. Likewise, his participation in patrol and troop activities during periods that his is not a patrol and troop leader is very important. Other Scouts need the opportunity to serve as patrol or troop leader, which means your son must be present for them to develop their leadership skills.

Although 100% attendance is encouraged for meetings and campouts, 60% attendance for campouts and 60% for meetings is required in order to be eligible for rank advancement. A roll is taken each Scout meeting as well as campouts. It is the Scouts responsibility to make sure that he is marked present each time he attends.

95% of what is learned in Scouting is learned on campouts. As you can see, your encouragement and support is very important in helping the boys achieve the goal of advancement to 1st Class rank by the end of their first year. This goal can be accomplished with Scout, parents and Scout leaders working together.

### **To be eligible for a Board of Review at Troop 8 a Scout must:**

- Attend at least 60% of the troop's weekly meetings and outdoor activities from the date of his most recent Board of Review, or
- Attend at least 60% of the troop's weekly meetings and monthly outdoor activities for the six months prior to the date of his Board of Review, or
- Attend at least 60% of the troop's weekly meetings and monthly outdoor activities for the twelve months prior to the date of his Board of Review.

Wearing either a complete Class A or a complete Class B Scout uniform is required to receive credit for attendance at the weekly Troop meetings.

Spending the night is required to receive credit for attendance at troop outdoor activities. Nights spent at summer/winter camp or high adventure camp count toward attendance requirements for troop outdoor activities.

The Scout must bring his Scout Handbook, a notebook and a pen to every meeting and campout.

## **Monthly Outings**

Have you ever driven by the First Baptist Church Christian Life Center on Friday afternoon and seen Scouts and parents, in the rain, packing to camp? Ever said "not me", "those guys are crazy!", or "Why would anyone do that?"

The experience has been that each leader wants to help a Scout have a good time camping and participating in the Scouting experience. It is amazing the skill and dedication that Troop 8 has assembled.

Troop 8 has a set camping calendar. It is not flexible. We camp rain, shine or snow. Do not call and ask if we're

camping. If it is on the calendar, we're camping. This eliminates the parents' need to wonder. Much effort is made to have the least conflicts with sporting events and other First Baptist Church activities.

Camp sites are usually on private lands arranged by the Camp Committee of the Troop. Arranging these sites takes a lot of preparation as many Scouts and adults attend the campout. These camp sites usually offer features that help with a particular theme or focus. For example, the January campout is usually the Wilderness Survival camp. Land with brush, leaves, etc. is sought for this camp. These areas vary from 60 acres to 500 acres in size.

**So, what does your son do in 1st year camping?** The focus of 1st year Scouting is three-fold; How to build a fire, how to erect a shelter, and how to cook. If a Scout learns how to stay dry, warm and fed, he will have a good time camping and stay with it. The Scouts are required to prepare their own breakfast and supper. Lunch is usually a sandwich or some other simple item prepared by themselves. Here they are required to prepare the meal also. The Scouts will prepare a grocery list to be purchased and a duty roster. Initially, everyone cooks bacon and eggs on an open fire. Supper is usually a hobo pack or stew. Each Scout and camping adult should have a mug for drinks, knife, fork and spoon, and a plate and bowl (plastic or metal, nothing disposable). Adults and youth should bring their personal eating utensils on every campout.

The Scout needs a sleeping bag, Scout uniform, etc. (See Appendix A for Common Packing List). The Scout will be taught to use a knife and an ax. The Scout is not allowed to bring a knife until he has earned his "Totin' Chip" (a card that shows they have been taught and tested about the safety and proper use of knives and woods tools).

Tents, lanterns, stoves, etc. are provided by Troop 8. Scouts will be expected to be responsible for his own equipment and the troop's equipment and his own safety in using that equipment. Each tent is a "Eureka" brand tent that costs \$300.00. There are rules to be complied with on handling these tents. The Scouts (and parent leaders) will be shown how to properly fold and unfold the tent and its fly as well as how to set up and take down the tent. NOTE: if the tent is still wet when it is taken down on Sunday, different Scouts will be assigned a tent or tarp to take home, dry, and return folded at the next Monday night meeting. No food, fire, or drinks are to be inside the tent.

**A tent damaged or lost by a Scout must be replaced by his parents.** This applies to all Scouts.

**Parents:** If you camp, there are adult tents provided, or you may sleep in your own tent (many do, afraid of a little snoring). The adult food is not provided - you eat what you bring; however, no one has ever gone hungry.

**Dads - please come.** The first year for the Scouts is rather hectic, and everyone's help is needed. One important thing is the camaraderie that the older Scouts have with their active Scout Dad. Please come. If you know everything, **Great!** - you can teach us; if not, the others will teach you. Friday night, depending on when things settle down - there could be coffee, etc. You'll need something to sit on - like a folding chair. Saturday breakfast is either early or late as we eat before or after the Scouts. Usually coffee is available. There will be stoves to cook on, but you'll need a frying pan to cook in. Bring forks, knives, paper towels, plates to eat on, cup/glass for your beverage - same for supper - bring what you need to cook what you brought to eat.

On campout weekends we typically meet at 5:00 to depart at 5:30 Friday afternoon at the Christian Life Center. The Scout must have his camping gear, have already eaten supper or bring a "sack-lunch", and **have on his Class B uniform** (fulfilling insurance requirements). We'll travel and set up camp when we arrive. Saturday there are activities related to the Scouts' ability and age. Sunday morning there is a church service, camp is struck and return to First Baptist Church at 12:00 p.m. The Scouts need to help unload at the Christian Life Center. This is also a part of camping.

There will appear to be total confusion in the camp during set up time. There is an order to things. The Scouts will camp by patrols.

While Scouts are setting up camp, the adult Quartermaster (in charge of equipment) sets up the supply trailer having assigned tents to Scouts.

Once camp is set Friday night, the Scouts will have an activity to work toward their rank advancement. Friday nights can be full, so sometimes "lights out" is extended until 11:00 p.m. However, Saturday night is around 10:00 p.m.

### **Unauthorized and Restricted Activities**

**Knives** - A sharp pocketknife with a can opener on it is an invaluable backcountry tool. Keep it clean, sharp and handy. *Avoid large sheath knives.* They are heavy and awkward to carry, and unnecessary for most camp chores except for cleaning fish. On any knife, no blade needs to be longer than 4 inches. Since its inception, Boy Scouting has relied on an outdoor program to achieve its objectives. This program meets more of the purposes of Scouting than any other single feature. We believe we have a duty to instill in our members, youth and adult, the knowledge of how to use, handle and store legally owned knives with the highest concern for safety and responsibility.

**Firearms** - Generally firearms are not brought to campouts. If firearms are to be demonstrated at a campout, Troop 8 follows Boy Scout of America policies regarding firearms.

**Fireworks** - The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert.

Local councils may not authorize any group or chartered unit activity for or on behalf of its members, units, or district to sell fireworks as a fund-raising or money-earning activity.

**Electronics** - Scouts may not bring electronics on campouts. Electronics include but are not limited to MP3 players, PDAs, CD players, radios, DVD players or any handheld electronic games. The Scoutmaster may occasionally approve electronic devices for use during travel, but these devices must remain in the vehicle upon arrival.

**Cell Phones** - Cell phones are allowed, however, their use will be strongly discouraged.

**Power Equipment** – Power equipment/tools (i.e. chainsaws, etc.) are not approved for use on a BSA campout unless the adult using the equipment has been trained and certified by BSA.

**Alcoholic Beverages, Controlled Substances, and Tobacco** – The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of Alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participants of youth members.

Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

All Scouting functions, meetings and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.

**All-terrain vehicles (ATVs)** – All types of ATVs are banned from program use. ATVs are defined as motorized recreational cycles with three or four large, soft tires, designed for off-road use on a variety of terrains.

### **LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS for TRIPS and OUTINGS**

**Two-deep leadership:** Two registered adult leaders, or one adult and a parent of a participating Scout, one of whom must be at least 21 years of age or older, are required for all trips or outings. There are a few instances, such as patrol activities, when no adult leadership is required.

During transportation to and from planned Scout outings:

- Meet for departure at a designated area
- Prearrange a schedule for periodic checkpoint stops as a group
- Plan a daily destination point

A common departure site and a daily destination point are a must. If you cannot provide two adults for each vehicle, the minimum required is one adult and two or more youth members - *never one on one*.

When staying in tents, no youth will stay in the tent of an adult other than his or her parent or guardian.

## **SAFETY**

### **Flammability Warning –Scout Tents**

No tent material is completely fireproof. It can burn when exposed to continued, intense heat or fire. The most important safeguard is to keep flames away from canvas materials. For this reason, the following safety precautions are emphasized:

- Only flashlights and electric lanterns are permitted in tents. ***No flames allowed in tents*** is a rule that must be enforced.
- Never use liquid-fuel stoves, heaters, lanterns, lighted candles, matches and do not use flammable chemicals near tents - charcoal lighter or spray cans of paint, bug killer or repellent.
- Be careful when using electricity and lighting in tents.
- Always extinguish cooking campfires promptly.
- Obey all fire laws, ordinances and regulations.

**Chemical Fuels** - Knowledgeable adult supervision must be provided when Scouts are involved in the storage of chemical fuels, the handling of chemical fuels in the filling of stoves or lanterns, or the lighting of chemical fuels. The use of liquid fuels for starting any type of fire is prohibited.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

It is essential that adequate, safe and responsible transportation be used for all Scouting activities. Because most accidents occur within a short distance from home, safety precautions are necessary, even on short trips.

General guidelines are as follows:

- Seat belts are required for all occupants
- All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. If the vehicle to be used is designated to carry more than 15 persons, including the driver, the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL)
- An adult leader (at least 21 years of age) must be in charge and accompany the group
- The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. Youth member exception: When traveling to an area, regional or national Boy Scout activity or any Explorer event under the leadership of an adult (at least 21 years of age) tour leader, a youth member at 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions:
- Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted)
- No record of accidents or moving violations
- Parental permission granted to the leader, driver and riders
- For other scouts to ride with a "driving" scout, written permission must be given by the parent of the driver AND the parent of the rider(s). Written permission must be presented to the Scoutmaster before the campout. Friday of the campout is too late.
- Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons
- Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab
- All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000
- Do not exceed the speed limit
- Do not travel in convoy
- Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently
- Scouts driving their automobiles to a Troop 8 campout must give their keys to their patrol advisor once they arrive at the location of the campout. Scouts that drive to a campout are to arrive no later than 10:00p.m. If they can not arrive by 10:00 p.m. they should wait until the next morning to arrive. (No campout night awarded for the night missed.) This is a safety issue as some of the places we go are in rural areas and the new drivers should not be on some of these dark winding roads late at night. Parents, however, CAN bring their child later than 10:00 p.m.
- Scouts leaving the campout in their automobile prior to the end of a campout are not permitted to return to the campout unless prior arrangements have been made between the Scout, his parents, and the Scoutmaster.

## Appendix A

### Common Packing List

\*Seasonal items

\*\* Optional items

If you have any questions regarding items needed for a particular campout, please call your patrol leader

	Bag to carry items: Back Pack (after 1 <sup>st</sup> year)		Matches
	Sleeping bag		Sweatshirt or jacket
	Sleeping pad		T-Shirt
	Notebook & pen		Underwear
	First Aid Kit ( to be explained later)		Extra socks
	Bottled water		Extra shoes
	Non-breakable bowl, cup, spoon (1 <sup>st</sup> year needs mess kit)		Gloves
	Flashlight with extra batteries		Swim suit & towel *
	Toothbrush & toothpaste		Sunscreen
	Boy Scout Handbook		Insect repellent
	Small towel		Pocket knife
	3 large garbage bags		Hat
	Rain suit or poncho		Compass
	Small pillow **		Small chair
	Bible / Testament **		Soap
	Stocking cap *		Long underwear *