

BOY SCOUT TROOP 658

PARENT PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

(<http://troop658.com/documents>)

The old saying is true ... "You get out of it, what you put into it." Parent volunteer participation is key to the success of Troop 658's Scouting program. While we are boy run, we ultimately depend on Adult Volunteers to keep the Troop strong and viable. As such, all parents are asked at the beginning of each scout year to fill out the Troop's Parent Participation / Volunteer Form to see how they can help. Volunteer positions range from formal positions in the Scoutmaster Corps. and Troop Committee, to less formal activities such as driving groups of scouts to-and-from outings. Here are some ways (but definitely not all) that you can help enhance your son's Scouting Experience:

- Provide transportation to and from outings or campouts or summer camp.
- Arrange production for - and maintain inventory of - supplemental uniform items for the Troop.
- Serve on the Troop Committee in one of the committee officer or coordinator positions.
- Organize hospitality for Courts Of Honor.. (Set up, invitations, arranging pot luck dinner & dessert, etc.)
- Provide merit badge classes and training in areas of your personal expertise.
- And whatever other support we require when the need arises.

If your scout is returning to the Troop after completing his first year:

All parents with scouts returning after one year, will need to fill out the Troop's [PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER FORM](#). After the first year, we encourage and expect some level of volunteer participation (trip transportation if nothing else).

If your scout is new to the Troop or still within his first scout year:

First-year parents can sign-up and come along on any activity they would like, but we do not expect active volunteer participation during your scout's first year in the Troop.

Please review the list of volunteer opportunities on the [PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER FORM](#) at the end of this packet and check as many areas in which you are willing and able to help.

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TRANSPORTATION REIMBURSEMENT POLICY

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Trips of significant distance (greater than 50 miles round trip) will include money for gas in the fee paid by each participating scout. This money is then used to reimburse drivers who meet the following criteria:

They have coordinated in advance with the Troop Transportation Coordinator and have indicated their ability to drive on a particular trip, have communicated how many scouts they can carry, and

2. One of the following applies:

a. They hold active positions in the Scoutmaster Corps. or Troop Committee, or

b. They do not hold an active position, but have been requested specifically by the Scoutmaster to attend as qualified instructors, trainers, or necessary support personal to ensure the safety of the participants. or

c. They are a parent of a new Scout, during the first year that the scout is in the troop (or during the time their Scout is part of a "new scout" patrol, whichever is longer), or

d. They are a single parent with limited financial means, or

e. They have fulfilled their obligation to volunteer in the troop by driving on previous trips within the current year (defined as being from April to March to coincide with incoming Webelos). A driving volunteer (with a single scout in the Troop) will fulfill their obligation when they complete a total of 1,500 Paid Passenger Miles.

1,500 paid passenger miles = 375 round trip miles * 4 paid passengers. This includes the driver and all passengers who have paid the trip registration fee.

Passenger miles will be calculated based upon the actual round trip miles based upon directions provided by the Troop.

Example : A driver with 2 passengers on a 250 mile round trip (such as San Diego Ship visit) would equate to 750 passenger miles (3 * 250), or

Example : A driver with 4 passengers on a 100 mile round trip would equate to 500 passenger miles (5 * 100) or

Example : A driver with 3 passengers on a 350 mile round trip (such as Joshua Tree) would equate to 1,400 passenger miles. (4 * 350)

Generally, transportation reimbursement amounts are tied to the number of scouts actually transported.

However, at the Transportation Coordinator and Scoutmaster discretion, adjustments may be made (example: a driver of a pickup truck that only carried 4 scouts but had a full bed of gear will get credit for 1 to 2 additional scouts, depending on how much gear was actually carried). Any driver who is able to pull the Troop trailer will also be credited an extra scout passenger.

Borrowed Vehicle : On the rare occasion, the capacity requirements for a trip might call for a vehicle (such as a pickup truck), but the owner of that vehicle is unable to attend, but they are willing to loan it to another Adult. The rules for reimbursement would be as follows:

BOTH the DRIVER and OWNER would be credited the same Paid Passenger Miles for the trip

The OWNER will be given any reimbursement money based upon the reimbursement schedule

The DRIVER may submit their gas receipts for trip. They will be reimbursed to an amount not to exceed the reimbursement schedule amount

The vehicle should be returned to the OWNER in the same condition it was loaned.

At the conclusion of the trip, the Transportation Coordinator will submit a reimbursement schedule to the Scoutmaster and Treasurer. Upon approval, the Treasurer will cut checks for drivers and attempt to distribute those checks at the end of a troop meeting within 2 to 4 weeks after the outing. Unless instructed by the Transportation Coordinator or Scoutmaster, drivers do not need to submit their own reimbursement request. If you were a driver on an outing, feel you should have been reimbursed, and have not received your check by 4 weeks after the outing, please contact the Transportation Coordinator or Treasurer.

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PARENT PARTICIPATION / VOLUNTEER FORM

Dear Parents of Troop 658 Scouts,

In order for our troop to continue to maintain the high quality program it provides, we need the help of parents. Remember, our troop is boy run, but we still depend on adult volunteers. After the first year, we encourage and expect some level of volunteer participation (trip transportation if nothing else). First-year parents can sign-up and come along on any activity they would like, but we do not expect active volunteer participation during your scout's first year in the Troop. Please review the list of volunteer opportunities below and check as many areas as you have interest or talent:

_____ Provide transportation to and from outings or campouts (this is always needed).

_____ Provide transportation for summer camp (when applicable).

_____ Serve on the Troop Committee in one of the committee officer or coordinator positions, and/or to sit on Troop Advancement Boards of Review.

_____ I am willing to become a Merit Badge Counselor. I have the following certifications, skills, or interests that may apply (e.g. Archery, Boating, Fire Services, History, Cooking, Fishing, Construction, etc.):

_____ I do not have time to help the Troop, but am making a donation that is equal to twelve hours of my time for each scout that I have in the Troop. (\$ _____)

**THIS FORM IS MANDATORY AND MUST BE TURNED IN TO COMPLETE YOUR SON'S REGISTRATION
IF YOUR SON HAS COMPLETED A FULL YEAR IN THE TROOP.**

Scout's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel # H _____ W _____

C _____ Email _____

Thank you for helping us help your son. I look forward to working with you.

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