**To support these goals Belgrade Troop 649 has adopted the following**

**Rules and Consequences**

1. **Troop Functions:** All are considered a Safe Haven (Every Scout and Adult will be able to attend a scouting function without feeling intimidated or threatened.) **The Scout Oath and Scout Law must be understood and followed at all times by all Scouts and Adults.** If a Scout violates the Oath or Law the consequences will be:
   * 1st Offense: Call to Parents and talk with the Scoutmaster.
   * 2nd Offense: Conference with Parents and Scoutmaster.
   * 3rd Offense: Scout must miss next desired campout.
   * 4th Offense: Go before the Committee and PLC to decide whether the scout should be removed from the Troop.
2. **Uniform:** All Scouts **MUST** have a complete troop uniform. The “Class A” uniform consists of a shirt, scarf, belt, pants, and current insignia. The “Class B” uniform consists of the Blue Troop t-shirt, scout pants or shorts, and belt. Troop gear is **REQUIRED** at all activities and meetings other than the first Monday of the month. On the first Monday, scouts can wear uniform items from other campouts or other scouting events.
3. **Troop Meetings:** Meetings are held every Monday from 7:00 to 8:30pm at the Belgrade Community Church. Patrol meetings are held as part of the troop meeting. Scouts are expected to attend all meetings in order to be eligible for troop activities. Planning for campouts and activities are done in the patrol meetings. Fees for these campouts and activities are to be paid at the meeting prior to the activity. **To be excused from a meeting, the scout must call one of the following people: Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, Patrol Leader, or Patrol Advisor. If the Scout has two unexcused absences within a two month period, they will not be able to go to their next desired campout.**
4. **Fun Night:** Any month with five meeting nights will be a month with a fun night. The Fun night will be held on the fifth Monday of the month.
5. **Dues:** Dues are $7.00 per month, and are used for awards, registration, Boys Life, etc. All dues and fees must be paid prior to advancing or participating in a troop activity. **When a scout’s dues become two months past due, the money will automatically be deducted from his account.**
6. **Financial Account:** The troop will maintain a financial account for each scout. Money from designated fundraisers will be credited to the accounts of those scouts who participated. Scouts may use their account money for any scout related activity such as campouts, summer camps, scout equipment, uniforms, fun-night, and dues.
   * **If a scout leaves the Troop: The Troop Committee or the Scoutmaster will determine how the profits will be distributed. This will be either to each participating Scout’s account or to a special Troop fund.**
7. **Charter:**  The troop will re-charter each year before December 31st.
8. **Troop Elections:** Elections for Troop and Patrol offices will be held twice a year. The first election will be in February, and the second in August. To be eligible, a scout **must be active** (by current Troop rules) in the Troop. The Senior Patrol Leader and Assistant Patrol Leaders must have passed the requirements for First Class Scout. In case of a tie for Senior Patrol Leader, the Troop will re-vote between the individuals who tied. All people who run for a position on the Troop level, **must have a speech** saying why they should be elected for the position they are running for. This is not required on the Patrol level, but it is suggested. The Senior Patrol Leader and the Assistant Patrol Leaders can all be from the same Patrol, or separate.
9. **Order or the Arrow:** Order of the Arrow elections will be held annually in February. To be eligible, the Scout must be active (by current Troop rules) in the Troop, and meet the current published OA requirements and qualifications.
10. **Leadership Positions:** Leadership Positions are necessary for advancement. The requirements for these positions will be explained prior to the election and are also stated in the Scout Handbook. Scouts **can** be elected if not present, but in order for this to happen they need to call their current Patrol Leader. **Because of the added responsibility of Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader, their attendance, in order to be active, is increased to 75% (3 out of 4) for campouts and other activities for Scouts holding these positions. To be excused from a campout or activity, the Senior Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader need to call the Scoutmaster with a reason of absence, and the name of the substitute Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, or Assistant Patrol Leader if the Patrol Leader is the one not attending. Any Scout not fulfilling the duties of his position, or the attendance requirements, can be removed by decision of the Patrol, and the time spent will not count toward advancement requirements.**
11. **Patrol Leader Council:** The Troop is ran by the PLC, which consists of the SPL, all Patrol Leader, the OA Representative, the Troop Scribe, and the Venturing President. The PLC meets on the first Monday of the month at 6:15 PM. **ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY!!** If the Patrol Leader cannot attend, he must call his Assistant Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster. If the Senior Patrol Leader cannot attend, he needs to call the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster.
12. **Advancement:** Scouts must bring their scout books to all meetings and campouts. Requirements cannot be signed off if a Scout does not have his book present at the time the requirement(s) are worked on, they cannot be signed off. These requirements will be considered not finished and will have to be repeated.
    * Boards of Reviews are held on the second Monday of the month. **A Scoutmaster conference must be completed at least one week prior to Board of Review night. All work for the rank of the Board of Review must be completed BEFORE the Board of Review night. In order to advance, a scout must have a Board of Review. The Scout must schedule a Board of Review with the Advancement Chair at least one week prior to Board of Review that he needs one. If the Board of Review night falls after a Court of Honor, the Board of Review will be held one week before the Court of Honor.** **In order to advance, the Scout MUST be active according to Troop rules (attending 3 out of 4 or 75% of meetings and 50% of Troop outings) and also according to the Scout Handbook.**
13. **Adults Title:** All Adults should be addressed with a title such as Mr., Mrs., Scoutmaster, etc. This rule also applies when one Adult talks to another.

**IF THE ABOVE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED, DO THE FOLLOWING:**

**Life Scouts working on their Eagle Rank:** (This is a minimum of 6 months as a Life)

-With the Scoutmaster’s approval, plan and conduct a minimum of 6 monthly training sessions to include 1 Troop Junior Leader Training (JLT) session.

Attend a minimum of 2 outdoor Troop activities and staff 1 Troop or District (non-OA) activity.

**Eagle Scout working on their Eagle Palms** (This is a minimum of 3 months for each palm)

-With the Scoutmaster’s approval, plan and conduct a minimum of 3 monthly training sessions.

-Attend a minimum of 1 Troop of District (non-OA) outdoor activity as a participant of staff.

*Special Agreements can be made, on an individual basis, with the Scoutmaster.*

1. Revised December 2003 2. Revised May 2005 3. Revised March 2006 4.Revised April 2006 5.Revised February 2012

Please sign and return to the Scoutmaster once you have read all the rules with your parent.

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