

PARENT'S GUIDE

*Helpful information for parents of new
Boy Scouts joining Troop 513*



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The BSA Troop 513 Committee would like to thank the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop parents for their help in developing this guide. We would also like to thank our chartered organization, the First Baptist Church of Sugar Hill for their continued on going support of the Troop 513 Scouting Program. Without the help of these fine people and organizations, our program could not exist.

We appreciate the confidence you have placed in us by having your son join Troop 513. Together, we can make a positive difference in your son's development and provide him with skills and abilities that will prepare him to meet the many challenges he will face in the future. We look forward to working with you and your son as he progresses through the Scouting Program.

If your son is a new Webelos crossover or is new to Scouting, please take time to explore *The Boy Scout Handbook*. Read and discuss with him the insert, "How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse: A Parent's Guide," found in the front of the book.

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ABOUT THIS GUIDE

This guide will help answer questions that many parents have when their son joins a Boy Scout troop. The primary purpose of this guide is to address issues that are focused around your son's membership in Troop 513. *This publication is not an official handbook of the Boy Scouts of America.* We hope you find this resource helpful, and we welcome your suggestions and comments.

ABOUT BSA TROOP 513

Background

Troop 513 was originally chartered in September of 1969 with the chartered organization being First Baptist Church of Sugar Hill, GA. The scoutmaster was Jack Bramblett. The troop produced two Eagle scouts. The original Troop charter lapsed in 1976. It was rechartered at some point, but lapsed once again.

In November of 2004, four Webelos leaders in Cub Scout Pack 513 met and decided to “rekindle” Troop 513 again, once the cub scouts in their dens were ready to crossover in the spring of 2005. This was done successfully and the first Troop meeting was held on March 21, 2005. New scouts joined and Webelos scouts from other Packs joined as well. First Baptist Church of Sugar Hill once again agreed to sponsor the Troop as the Chartered Organization. We think it’s neat that the Troop was “rekindled” with the same original troop number and chartered organization as it was some 35 years ago. The current scoutmaster was a member of the original troop back in the ‘70s.

Today, Troop 513 meets weekly at Sugar Hill Church, FBC and has a roster of 40+ scouts.

New Parent Orientation

Parents of new Scouts are requested to attend a new Scouting parent orientation meeting conducted by the adult leaders of the troop. You will be notified of the meeting date in advance. This session covers a number of topics regarding the goals and principles of Scouting. It gives you the opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee members. We strongly urge all new troop parents to attend one of these sessions.

Where and When We Meet

Troop 513 meets year-round on Mondays. Troop meetings are held on the first, second, third and fifth (if applicable) Mondays of each month. All meetings are held at the Sugar Hill Church, FBC located on highway 20 in Sugar Hill. Troop meetings begin promptly at 7:00 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm. Changes in meeting schedules (due to holidays, activities or other reasons) are communicated to troop members in advance and can also be found on the website <http://www.troop513.us>

First Baptist Church of Sugar Hill
5091 Highway 20
Sugar Hill, GA, 30518

The Troop 513 Patrol Leaders Council (PLC) meets the fourth Monday of the month from 7:00 to 8:00 pm at the church. All boys in a patrol leadership role or troop office are expected to attend PLC meetings.

The Troop Committee meets on the 4th Monday of each month from 7:00-8:00pm at the church.

Annual Dues and Fees

A membership dues payment will be requested when your son joins the troop. A portion of his dues is applied to Boy Scouts of America annual membership. The remainder of your son’s annual dues is used to fund troop programs. The current annual dues for a Scout in Troop 513, has been set in the amount of \$52, (\$26 is due Jan 1 and \$26 is due by July 1). Scouts joining during the year will be assessed a prorated fee based on the date they joined.

A small camping fee (typically \$10) will be required prior to most troop camping trips to cover the cost of food and supplies for the scouts. Information regarding this fee can also be found in the *Camping with Troop 513* section of this guide.

Uniform Requirements

Wearing the Boy Scout Uniform is one of the eight methods the Boy Scouts of America uses to achieve the Aims of Scouting. Troop 513 supports the proper wearing and display of the Boy Scout uniform. Likewise, active adult leaders in the troop are encouraged to wear the proper uniform to meetings and other troop events. Uniforms and accessories may be purchased at the Lawrenceville or Jefferson Service Centers, as well as online at www.scoutstuff.org.

Two Basic Uniform Requirements

The *Class A* uniform is the dress uniform of Scouting. This uniform is to be worn to all meetings and all troop functions, including campouts. Scouts are also required to wear the complete *Class A* uniform when attending their Boards of Review.

The *Class B* uniform is worn during campout activities and other outdoor events, such as community-service projects. Scouts commonly wear the *Class B* for many summer camp activities. Meals, flag ceremonies, camp fire ceremonies are often the exception to this rule and require the wearing of a *Class A* uniform. (The new Centennial uniform is now also available.)

TROOP 513 CLASS A UNIFORM

Uniform Class A	Notes
Troop 513 Neckerchief	Purchased from the Scout Store in Lawrenceville or Jefferson. We use Neckerchief 00691.
BSA Dress Uniform Shirt	Short sleeve shirt recommended. A Henley can be worn under the shirt during cold weather.
Green BSA Shoulder Ribbons	
Patches — NEGA Council Patch, Troop 513 Numerals, World Crest	
Patches (Optional)	Arrow of Light and Religious Square Knots earned as a Webelos may be worn.
Patches — Patrol, Rank and Office Badges	Purchased from the Scout Store in Lawrenceville or Jefferson.
Belt — Official BSA Scout Web Belt w/ knife clip	Purchased from the Scout Store in Lawrenceville or Jefferson.
Pants or Shorts — BSA issue	Purchased from the Scout Store in Lawrenceville or Jefferson. The new “hiking” pants include zip off legs, making them great for hiking and all year wear.
Socks — BSA issue	(See <i>Hiking Socks</i> in campout section of this guide.)

TROOP 513 CLASS B UNIFORM

Uniform Class B	Notes
Troop 513 Tee-shirt	Purchased from Troop 513.
Scout Pants or Shorts, Belt, knife and Socks	As shown above in <i>Class A</i> uniform section

RANK ADVANCEMENT AND MERIT BADGES

Rank Advancement

The adult leaders of Troop 513 will work with your son to learn the skills required to advance in the ranks of Scouting.

Once these skills for each rank are completed, scouts will be subject to a Board of Review conducted by at least three members of our Troop Committee. The Board of Review is always held on the second Monday of each month.

Scouttrack

Troop 513 utilizes Scouttrack to maintain advancement records. We have found this very efficient and easily accessible for leaders, scouts and parents. Please review the site regularly with your son to keep up with his progress. It is also critical that that you update your e-mail address on Scouttrack as this is the most efficient way for our leaders to communicate with you and your scout. You will be assigned a log in to Scouttrack shortly after joining the troop. www.scouttrack.com

Merit Badges

Once a scout reaches the rank of 1st Class, earning merit badges becomes an important part of your son's skills development, and they are required for rank advancement beginning with Star Scout. During your son's participation in the early ranks of Scouting, we emphasize Basic Scouting Skills. As your son progresses, we urge him to broaden these skills by earning merit badges. The adult leaders of Troop 513 will work with your son to plan merit badge classes during Summer Camp, and to earn merit badges while participating with the troop. If your son would like to earn a merit badge with one of the Troop 513 advisors here is what he needs to do:

- 1) Request a *Blue Card* from the Scoutmaster. (A *Blue Card* is a merit badge record card.)
- 2) Meet with the Scoutmaster to discuss the merit badge and have the Scoutmaster sign the *Blue Card*.
- 3) Choose a buddy to take the class with him. (Two boys to a class is a suggested.) ***not a requirement necessarily. Two deep leadership, parent present, etc.
- 4) Select a merit badge counselor from the troop list and contact him or her.
- 5) Get started and have fun!

Venture Patrol

Troop 513 recently has three venture patrols. Scouts may join the venture Patrol once they reach the age of 13 and it is strictly voluntary. These patrols of older scouts are formed to allow more mature boys in age and skill set to plan and participate in high adventure outings not open to younger boys. These patrols continue to operate within the organization of the troop but may plan some additional outings only open to the venture patrols. Venture patrol scouts are also encouraged to take leadership and teaching roles with the younger scouts.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Camping with Troop 513

Our North Georgia location offers Troop 513 Scouts a wide selection of weekend camping venues to choose from. Our outings usually start with a Friday evening departure from the Church or a nearby location, followed by a short drive to the campsite. Evening activities often include Scout skills work and a campfire.

The Saturday program is often tailored to the location and the Scouting activities planned by the scouts. Extended outings may be offered during school holidays, and a weeklong Summer Camp program is offered each year. These outings are planned well in advance by the PLC with adult leader guidance.

Camping Fees

Camping fees generally range in the area of \$10 per outing. Proceeds from these fees are used to replace consumable items, such as stove fuel, purchase food and for replacing or upgrading worn equipment. Scouts going on planned campouts must turn in their \$10 CASH to their patrol leader no later than the troop meeting prior to the campout. Some outings may include attendance at an event or camping at a site that requires a fee such as a Georgia state park. The additional fee for these activities will be reflected in the charges for these trips.

Prior to each outing, parents and scouts must submit a signed Informed Consent Agreement. This form can be found on the “forms” page of our Troop website. It is imperative that the permission slip (ICA) be returned to the Scoutmaster at the troop meeting two weeks prior to the campout. During the meeting prior to the campout, the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster will ask for a campout headcount for transportation and adult supervision planning.

Also, a current BSA medical form is required for scouts to participate in troop activities/outings. Effective January 1, 2010 the “new” BSA Medical Form will be the only medical form accepted by BSA. It is recommended that all scouts have Parts A,B, and C of the Medical Form completed annually. This will allow scouts to participate in Summer Camp and older scouts to participate in high adventure activities. At a minimum, all scouts must have Parts A and C completed and on file with the troop. The “New” Medical Form may be downloaded from the “forms” page of our Troop website.

Fuel Surcharge.

A fuel surcharge will be requested from your son to go on outings. The surcharge will be calculated by using Map Quest. The charge will be \$0.15 per mile for the vehicle that pulls the trailer and \$0.15 for the passenger van and \$0.10 per mile for any other necessary vehicle to transport scouts. This will be added together and divided by the number of scouts going on the trip. These amounts will be adjusted by the Troop Committee as gas prices change.

Patrol Method

The heart of any Boy Scout troop is a team of boys called a patrol. Each patrol is comprised of approximately eight boys that work together to accomplish tasks, and live and eat together during campouts. The troop is made-up of a number of patrols. When your son joins Troop 513 he will also join a patrol. An experienced Scout called a Patrol Leader leads each patrol in preparing for the patrol’s activities including outdoor programs. Together, the patrol plans menus for each campout, and assignments are made for patrol duties, such as food shopping and cooking. Each patrol member chooses a *buddy* for the campout and tent assignments are given.

Troop 513 Scouts plan menus and cook as patrols. When menus for all meals for a campout are planned, two scouts from each patrol will be responsible for shopping for food to support the menu. These scouts are responsible for shopping for their patrol using the allowance from the \$10 outing fee paid prior to each outing.

Personal Equipment Tips

The troop publishes a seasonal equipment list on the web site, which is specified or referred to for each campout. Please review this list and its contents with your son. Even on a warm summer’s day, it is possible for a boy to suffer from hypothermia after a brief summer rain, followed by a slight breeze while hiking in the North Georgia mountains. Help your son to plan ahead and *Be Prepared*.

A Scout Wish List of popular scouting equipment, insight on equipment selections and recommendations has been posted on the Troop 513 web site. Below is a short list of the equipment your son will need to be prepared for our campouts.

Equipment	Notes
<p>Backpack</p> <p>** Most 1st year scouts can get by without a pack. A cheap duffle bag or similar item will work fine.</p>	<p>There are two basic constructs of backpacks; internal (frameless) and external frame designs. Either style of pack can be used, but it is important that you select a youth pack.</p> <p>Youth packs are smaller in size and have straps and belts sized to the proportions of a boy.</p> <p>Good quality packs can be purchased from an outdoor store for approximately \$60 to \$100. Don't hesitate to ask any adult leader about the features of different pack styles.</p>
<p>Sportsman's or Space Blanket</p>	<p>A lightweight 6' x 10' tarp that has multiple uses for a ground cloth, tarp, survival blanket, etc.</p>
<p>Sleeping Pad</p>	<p>Using a sleeping pad on the ground under a sleeping bag performs three functions; acts as a moisture barrier, makes uneven ground more restful, and maintains the thermal efficiency of the sleeping bag.</p> <p>For beginning Scouts we recommend a simple foam pad available at most discount or outdoor supply stores for approximately \$10 to \$20. As your son matures, you may want to investigate more advanced pad designs, such as those that self-inflate.</p>
<p>Sleeping Bag</p>	<p>The choice of sleeping bag depends on the climate and use of the bag. Troop 513 is a backpacking troop that primarily camps in the North Georgia area. We recommend sleeping bags with the following features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mummy Bag Design</i> — Allows bag to be drawn around head for warmth in cold conditions. • <i>Poly Fill</i> — Poly-filled bags dry fast if they are exposed to moisture. • <i>Synthetic Lined</i> — Cotton lined sleeping bags can feel <i>comfy and cozy</i> when you first get into them, but cotton traps moisture and will become damp (due to perspiration) during overnight use. Select a bag that has a synthetic inner liner. • <i>30 Degree Fahrenheit Rating</i> — Most outdoor activities Troop 513 participates in are above freezing temperatures. In the case of camping in lower temperatures, long underwear and socks can be worn or liners can be purchased and used to increase the temperature rating of the bag.

<p>Flashlight</p>	<p>The basic light source of Troop 513 is the metal, twin AA cell flashlight. This type of flashlight is available at most discount stores and is often supplied in a package with a belt holster for around \$10.</p> <p>We recommend that each Scout have one of these and carry extra batteries and a bulb during campouts.</p> <p>As your son advances, you may want to look into the purchase of a personal headlamp. There are a number of quality products available. The most current design uses LED technology that provides long battery life, no bulb replacement, and is minimal in weight. LED headlamps sell for around \$35.</p>
<p>Hiking Boots</p> <p>** suggested but not necessary for 1st year scouts. Younger scouts are not typically involved in hikes with packs or for extended lengths requiring boots.</p>	<p>One of the most important investments a parent can make in their son's Scouting Adventure is their selection of his footwear. Poorly selected hiking shoes or boots can result in a spoiled weekend experience due to hurting feet or, worse yet, blisters on your child's feet.</p> <p>The adult leaders of Troop 513 strongly suggest that each Scout's parents consider the purchase of properly fitted hiking boots for their son. Good quality hiking boots can be purchased for less than a pair of brand name athletic shoes in many area stores. Here's what to do and look for when you select a pair of hiking boots:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buy boots in the afternoon, when your son's feet tend to swell and always fit boots with hiking socks that will be worn on the trail. • Be sure that the toe box is roomy enough for him to wiggle his toes. When your son slides his foot forward in the boot, be sure you can slide / squeeze one finger down the back of the boot. • Have your son walk in the boots and be sure the boot does not slip up and down as he walks. Fabric- and leather-constructed boots are lighter in weight than all-leather boots, and they are often easier to break-in. <p>Once you have purchased boots for your son, have him break them in by wearing them to school and around the house and to troop meetings. <i>Don't wait to have your son wear his new hiking boots for the first time to a troop outing.</i></p>
<p>Hiking Socks</p>	<p>The first rule in selecting hiking socks is <i>no cotton</i>. Cotton socks absorb moisture (sweat), which makes skin soft and vulnerable to blistering.</p> <p>Synthetic or wool socks should always be used on the trail. BSA recently began offering a line of socks that can be worn with the Boy Scout uniform and offer proper foot protection on the trail. We suggest that your son use these or other non-cotton hiking socks.</p>

<p>Rain Gear</p>	<p>There are two traditional options to protect from rain during outdoor activities, the rain suit and the poncho.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Poncho</i> — Simple waterproof cape with a hood that protects the wearer and his pack from rain. Quality ponchos are constructed of waterproof material, such as reinforced nylon material, and have a flap in the back that can be lowered to accommodate the added bulk of the wearer’s pack. — We recommend that new Scouts use a high-quality nylon poncho. Bargain vinyl or plastic ponchos do not withstand the rigors of life on the trail and often fail within the first use. • <i>Rain Suit</i> — Offers more freedom of movement than a poncho. Rain suits appropriate for hiking include a hooded jacket and pants. Rain suits are generally more expensive than a poncho and require the separate purchase of a backpack cover to provide the pack protection from rain. — If your boy is inexperienced or is still rapidly growing, we recommend using a high-quality poncho. As he progresses in his outdoor skills, he may wish to investigate the purchase of a rain suit.
<p>Backpack Cover</p> <p>** Most 1st year scouts can get by without a pack.</p>	<p>When the troop camps for the evening, packs are stored outside the tent. To protect the packs from overnight rain and morning dew they are enclosed with a waterproof cover. A pack cover or heavy-duty trash bag can be used for this purpose.</p> <p>If your son uses a rain suit he should use his backpack cover. If your son uses a poncho, a heavy-duty trash bag can be used in lieu of a pack cover.</p>
<p>First-Aid Kit</p>	<p>Preparing a personal first-aid kit and carrying it on a hike are requirements for achieving the Second Class Scout rank. We believe it is important for all Scouts to develop a personal first-aid kit, become familiar with its use and contents, and begin carrying it in their packs as soon as possible.</p> <p>We suggest that parents work with their boys to develop a first-aid kit as soon as possible. During campouts, adult leaders carry advanced first-aid kits in support of the troop.</p>
<p>Personal Hygiene Items</p>	<p>Each Scout is responsible for his personal hygiene items. A basic personal hygiene kit for Troop 513 should include a minimum of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Toothbrush • Toothpaste • Dental Floss • Soap (Biodegradable / <i>Camp Suds</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash Cloth and Towel • Brush or Comb • Deodorant

Toilet Paper	<p>Troop 513 often camps at primitive locations. Primitive locations do not have modern facilities available.</p> <p>We suggest that each Scout carry ¼ roll of toilet paper in a Ziploc bag in his backpack for primitive camping and for unexpected dashes into the woods. A plastic trail trowel is also useful for digging necessary “cat holes” and covering up the evidence. Don’t worry; we’ll explain the rest.</p>
Knives**	<p>New Boy Scouts are not allowed to carry knives of any kind until they have been properly instructed in their use and care. Your son will be trained in the safe use and care of knives, saws, and axes when he earns his Boy Scout <i>Totin’ Chip</i>.</p> <p>He should not carry a knife to troop functions until he has earned his <i>Totin’ Chip</i>. Possession of a Cub Scout <i>Whittling Chip</i> does not allow your son to carry a knife in a Boy Scout troop. Fixed blade and sheath knives are not allowed.</p>
Matches and Other Fire-starting Materials**	<p>A new Boy Scout is not allowed to carry matches or any other type of fire starting materials until he has demonstrated knowledge of the safety rules in building, maintaining, and putting out camp and cooking fires. When he has been properly trained and has exhibited these skills, he will be awarded the <i>Firem’n Chit</i> and he will be allowed to carry matches or other fire starting materials on troop outings.</p>

*** Note: If your son exhibits poor judgment in the use of knives, other sharp camp tools, matches, or other fire starting materials, we will discuss his actions with him. We will either remove a corner from his Totin’ Chip or Firem’n Chit, or revoke his privilege to carry and use these tools until he is retrained.*

A good way to check if your son is exhibiting proper respect for the privilege to carry and use these items is to periodically look for missing corners on his Totin’ Chip and Firem’n Chit. If a Boy Scout has all four corners removed from one of these cards, he must be retrained to earn a new card and the associated privileges.

Radios, CD players, cell phones or other personal electronic gear are not allowed on campouts.

Camping Equipment Retailers and Resources

There are a number of retail stores and discount outlets in Atlanta and the North Georgia area. Quality camping gear can be purchased at discount prices if you take the time to shop retailers, compare prices and wait for seasonal sales. Listed below are several reputable retailers accustomed to working with scouts to purchase equipment. Good deals on quality equipment can also be found at used or second-hand equipment retailers.

Retailer	Location
REI 2 locations	Recreational Equipment Inc. http://www.rei.com 1) 1800 NE Expressway, Atlanta 404-633-6508 1165 Perimeter Center West, Atlanta 770-901-9200 2) 1600 Mall of Georgia Blvd Buford, GA 30519 (770) 831-0676 3) Perimeter Mall
Campmor	P.O. Box 700D Saddle River, New Jersey 07485-0700 1-800-CAMPMOR http://www.campmor.com

Outside World	¼ mile south of the outlet malls on GA 400 471 Quill Dr. Dawsonville, GA 30534 706-265-4500 http://theoutsideworld.net/ They are also opening a store in Cumming
Camp 4 Less	www.camp4less.us Cumming, GA

TROOP FUND-RAISING ACTIVITIES

Financial Support for the Troop

Funding for the troop is accomplished through a number of troop activities. Beyond the annual dues program, the troop is involved in two or more fund-raising events each year. Each scout is expected to participate in fundraising efforts. Two significant fund-raising activities include:

Be Prepared Cards

These are cards that can be used at local retailers for discounts on services or purchases. They are an excellent value and are good for one year.

Popcorn Sales

Each year the Northeast Georgia Council of the Boy Scouts of America holds its popcorn fundraiser. During a two-week period, Troop 513 Scouts are asked to sell popcorn products in support of Troop 513 and the Northeast Georgia Council. Parents are asked to support their son's efforts.

Scout Accounts

If your scout participates in a troop fund raisers he will receive 70% of the portion that would come back to the troop. This will be put in a noninterest account for the scout to use for scout related purchases. Some examples are Summer Camp, Camping Supplies, Backpack Supplies, and Troop Dues. Your scout must get approval from the troop committee before making the purchase by submitting a request on a Troop 513 Reimbursement Form. This form can be found on the troop web site. If your son leaves scouting the money in his account will be put in to the Troops general fund. If your scout goes to another troop his account can be forwarded to his new troop. If your scout is an aggressive fundraiser, he could earn enough money to pay for all of his Scouting needs during the year.

HOW WE CAN HELP YOU

Special Needs Scouting

If your son has a special requirement or challenge that we should know about, please speak with an adult leader to arrange a meeting to discuss how Troop 513 might help.

Financial Aid

No boy should be denied the opportunity to participate in the Scouting Program. Financial aid is available through our district or council offices if needed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Supporting Your Son

Learning new skills can be a difficult (and frustrating) task for many boys. We encourage you to work with your son as he develops his Scouting Skills and Outdoor Abilities. *The Boy Scout Handbook* contains most of the information you'll need to know to help your son. Attend troop meetings and get to know the adult leaders that work with your son. When you have questions, don't hesitate to speak with a Troop 513 adult leader.

Also, we ask that parents be willing to transport scouts to purchase groceries and patrol supplies prior to campouts whenever needed. This responsibility will only come around once or twice each year. Scouts work together in their patrol meetings to create a menu and supply list prior to outings. Then one or two scouts will purchase supplies with the patrol's camping fees. Therefore we ask that all parents be willing to go shopping with their son and another scout when called upon.

Supporting Troop 513

Troop 513 is always looking for adult volunteers to lead and support projects, serve as merit badge counselors, or become Assistant Scoutmasters or Troop Committee members. If you like the outdoors or if you have a skill to share with the boys of Troop 513, please speak with our Troop Committee Chairman or Scoutmaster.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Telephone

Scoutmaster Britt Bramblett can be reached by calling his cell phone at 770-891-2888. Bernie Mendoza, our Troop Committee Chairman can be reached at 404-661-8969.

Email

Britt can be emailed at scoutmaster@troop513.us If you have any questions or comments about this guide or Troop 513 activities Bernie's e-mail address is Mend5021@bellsouth.net.

Website

Information regarding what the troop has planned can be found on the website: <http://www.troop513.us> Our website is updated weekly. Please visit it often to keep up with the latest information.

How We Communicate

- Troop 513 website: www.troop513.us .
- Troop Blog: updated regularly on our troop website
- E-mail
- Calling Post
- Facebook: Troop 513 Facebook page
- Twitter

I have read and understand this Parent' Guide for Troop 513.

Scouts name _____

Signature

Print Name

Date

Signature

Print Name

Date

Troop 513 Adult Code of Conduct Agreement

As an adult participant in Troop 513 activities, I agree to abide by the following guidelines:

- I will abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco, and illegal drugs.
 - I will abstain from the use of profanity, dirty jokes, or any other questionable language.
 - I will not have any pornographic material in my possession during troop outings or activities.
 - I will abstain from any public displays of affection.
 - I agree to follow the principles of the Scout Oath and Law.
 - I agree to follow the guidelines found in the "Guide to Safe Scouting."
- I agree to complete on-line youth protection and return the certificate to the troop committee members.

This agreement is meant to safeguard our scouts and to ensure they are always exposed to positive adult role models. The above guidelines apply to any and all Troop 513 activities including troop meetings, campouts, service projects, fundraising efforts, hikes, boards of review, courts of honor, and any other troop activity.

These guidelines must be agreed upon and signed below by all scoutmasters, troop committee members, parents, and adults in order to participate in any Troop activity.

Scouts Name _____

Signature

Print Name

Date

Signature

Print Name

Date

I have read and understand this Adult Code of Conduct Agreement.

I thereby agree to abide by its' guidelines. I realize failure to do so will result in the loss of my privilege to attend or participate in any future Troop activity.