

Initials (both parents)	date

Troop 428 Transportation Policy

A Scout's custodial parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) is(are) responsible for the safe transportation of the Scout to and from all Scouting events.†

We provide transportation for Scouts as a courtesy and convenience to parents and guardians and because we believe that Scouts enjoy and benefit from the opportunity to spend time with each other while traveling. On occasion, it may be necessary to transport Scouts during an event (e.g., from camp to an activity and back via camp or activity host-provided transportation). To provide such transportation, we need the cooperation and consideration of every Scout and his family to provide the greatest opportunity for participation with a minimum of confusion and difficulty. We generally have limited numbers of vehicles and drivers available. Consequently, we need to fit Scouts into vehicles on a convenience basis. It is a burden on our adult leaders to police who can/cannot ride with whom.

We are concerned about the health, safety and welfare of every Scout. With that in mind, we ask that every parent, sibling, grandparent, legal guardian or other designated adult who may transport a Scout in Troop 428 in connection with an event register with the Troop *in advance* by providing their name, telephone contact numbers, driver's license information, insurance information, vehicle information and emergency contact information. Except as otherwise authorized or required, such information will be maintained by the Troop solely for Troop-related communication, tracking, required BSA reporting and similar purposes and will not be shared.

We appreciate that there may be times and instances when custodial parents or legal guardians may wish to limit the persons with whom their Scout may travel. *Custodial parents and legal guardians ("you") are responsible for notifying our Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chairperson and Charter Representative, in writing and well in advance, regarding any special legal limitations or other concerns regarding the transportation of your Scout*, whether during or after an event, so that we may have an *adequate opportunity* to make arrangements to accommodate special transportation needs and to inform our participating adult leaders. Because instructions can change over time, you must complete the Special Transportation Instruction section on EVERY permission form. **In the absence of timely special instructions on an event-specific permission form, the General Designation below will prevail.** You are responsible for instructing your Scout to obey any special transportation instructions in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and to seek out scoutmaster assistance if needed. Regrettably, if you decline the General Designation and no person that you have specially designated as authorized to transport your Scout is present, or is able or willing to provide transportation for any reason, your Scout may be left with NO transportation option through the Troop and you will need to provide prompt transportation. Furthermore, if we cannot easily accommodate a special transportation request, and you cannot provide prompt transportation, your Scout will be unable to participate in the relevant Troop or BSA-sponsored activity. Deposits and payments are not refundable simply because transportation is or becomes unavailable or delayed. Your Scout may be denied participation in future Troop events if the Troop is inconvenienced by more than 15 minutes on any occasion.

New BSA Annual Health and Medical Record, Part C

Part A of the latest BSA Annual Health and Medical Record (revised 2014) includes provisions that state: *"Adults authorized to take youth to and from the event: (You must designate at least one adult. Please include a telephone number.)"* and *"Adults NOT authorized to take youth to and from the event:"*. For your and our convenience, and pending further guidance from the BSA, we have prepared a special "Attachment A: Special Transportation Instruction" for your use. See the attached. **If "Attachment A" is not returned, then you will be deemed to have agreed to the General Designation below.** Please remember that the BSA Annual Health and Medical Form is good for a whole year — *not* just one event. If you decline the General Designation and no person that you have specially designated as authorized to transport your Scout is present, or is able or willing to provide transportation for any reason, then your Scout may be left with NO transportation option through the Troop.

GENERAL DESIGNATION: In the absence of a specific Special Transportation Instruction, (1) any adult leader or camp or event staff member registered with Troop 428 or a BSA Council or employed by an event host, and (2) any parent or legal guardian of another Scout in Troop 428 who has registered with Troop 428, is authorized to transport a Scout.

Your Scout's participation in Troop 428-provided transportation arrangements evidences your acceptance of this Policy.

† For purposes of this Policy, an outing or "event" begins when a Scout is delivered to the Troop to participate in a Troop or BSA-sponsored activity and ends when our Scouts are generally released following the outing or event.