

# Boy Scout Troop 127 By-Laws

Perry, Iowa



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## Article # 1

Boy Scout Troop #127 of Perry, Iowa is located in the Raccoon River Valley District of the Mid Iowa Council of the Boy Scouts of America, Des Moines, Iowa. Troop 127 is chartered by The First United Methodist Church in Perry, Iowa.

## Article # 2

### Section A.

The troop meetings shall be held in the scout room of the First United Methodist Church, Perry, Iowa, every Tuesday evening (unless otherwise designated) and shall begin promptly at 7:00 p.m. and end at 8:30 p.m.

### Section B.

After all regular troop meetings, the scouts will be expected to put the scout room back in order and leave the premises promptly. No Scout is allowed to use the troop equipment without permission.

## Article # 3

### Section A.

All troop members of Troop #127 are expected to attend all meetings. If a scout is unable to attend, he needs to call his Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. If unable to reach one of these two, then he should call the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. As a last resort, contact can be made to the Scoutmaster or the Assistant Scoutmasters prior to the meeting to inform them of his absence.

### Section B.

Each scout holding a position in the troop will be expected to attend monthly PLC (Patrol Leaders Council) meetings, to be held at a time to be determined by the Scoutmaster and the PLC. If a scout is unable to attend the PLC meeting, he needs to call his Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader. If unable to reach one of these two, then he should call the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. As a last resort, contact can be made to the Scoutmaster or one of the Assistant Scoutmasters prior to the meeting to inform them of his absence.

### Section C.

Advancement is dependent upon scout participation in meetings, PLC, and outdoor activities. A scout should show progress towards advancement.

## Article # 4

All scouts will be expected to follow the Code of Conduct for Boy Scout Troop #127. Non-compliance with any part of the Code of Conduct will result in disciplinary action, as set forth in the Code. (See attached Code of Conduct. Please sign one copy and return to the Scoutmaster, and keep the second copy for reference.)

## Article # 5

A scout will not take any knives, axes, or cutting devices to meeting or campouts without letting the Scoutmaster know that they are in the scout's possession and the scout must have his Tote-n-Chip card present.

## Article # 6

### Section A.

Every scout is expected to wear a Boy Scout uniform for all meetings and activities unless designated otherwise by the Scoutmaster. If the scout does not wear the proper uniform, the scout must speak with the Scoutmaster. No sweatpants, patterned pants or shorts, or logo/athletic shorts will be allowed with Class A or Class B uniform unless approved by the Scoutmaster. No sandals are allowed to be worn to any Scout function.

### Section B.

The Class A uniform consists of the Scout shirt (tucked in), with all patches and badges properly sewn on, the Scout neckerchief or bolo tie, the troop cap, and the Scout belt worn with jeans, jean shorts, or official BSA pants or shorts. The Class A uniform will be worn to weekly meetings from September 1 through May 31 as designated to activities by the Scoutmaster.

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## Section C.

The Class B uniform consists of the troop t-shirt, the troop cap, and the Scout belt worn with jeans, jean shorts, or official BSA pants or shorts. Scouts may wear the Class B uniform to weekly meetings from June 1 through August 31 (except when stated by the Scoutmaster), and to other activities as designated by the Scoutmaster.

## Section D.

If a scout is unable to purchase the appropriate uniform, assistance may be arranged by talking with the Scoutmaster or the Committee Chair.

## Article # 7

### Section A.

Boy Scout dues are payable yearly on November 1 for each Scout. The dues will be reviewed annually by the committee to determine what the appropriate amount will be for the upcoming year. Dues include the Boy Scout Registration, Boy's Life magazine subscription, insurance, and local dues.

### Section B.

If there is a scout who is unable to pay the dues assistance may be arranged by asking the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman.

### Section C.

Adult membership dues for Troop 127 are payable yearly on November 1. The dues will be reviewed annually by the committee to determine what the appropriate amount will be for the upcoming year. Dues entitle an interested adult to be a voting member of the Troop Committee (Board of Directors – responsible for advising and supporting the leadership, ensuring the outdoor program, overseeing finances, troop property, etc.)

### Section D.

At age 18, scouts become Adult members. Dues for the scout for the next calendar year will be the same as the adult membership dues.

## Article #8

### Section A.

Any scout leaving Troop #127 and the scouting program may be reimbursed any personal funds he or his parents/guardians have deposited to his scout account. Any funds remaining in his account that were obtained through Troop 127 fundraising events will remain with the troop. The oldest deposits will be considered used first to cover expenses by the scout. A printed record of the scout's account will be used to chronologically determine allocation of the funds in his account.

### Section B.

Any scout transferring to another troop will have the funds in his Troop 127 account transferred directly to the Treasurer/Committee of the receiving troop. The funds will be designated for the benefit of the scout in his new troop.

### Section C.

At age 18, a scout that does not maintain his membership with the scouting program through Troop 127 will have the funds in his scout account remain with the troop. However, if he has another family member that is a member of Troop 127, these funds may be transferred to that person's account.

### Section D.

A scout reaching the age of 18 may continue his personal scout account for his use in Troop 127 activities as long as he maintains his membership as an adult scout in Troop 127.

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## Article #9

### Section A.

All campouts and events begin at the First United Methodist Church Annex. Everyone involved should arrive 15 minutes ahead of the stated departure time. Departure will be promptly at the stated time.

### Section B.

The troop shall have one outdoor activity per month.

### Section C.

All fees for all activities must be paid ahead of time to the Committee Treasurer. In the event a scout is unable to attend, he must notify the Scoutmaster or the Senior Patrol Leader. If it is a weekend campout the notification must be made by Thursday. Any fees previously paid for will remain the scout's responsibility in the case of his cancellation. Failure to pay fees and food expense prior to the event may prevent your participation in that event.

### Section D.

On all Scouting activities, the scout will have a permission slip signed by a parent or guardian, handed in to the Senior Patrol Leader at the designated time.

## Article #10

### Section A.

All scouts are responsible for maintaining the troop gear. If a scout should lose or destroy a piece of scout equipment/gear, he will be liable for payment or replacement.

### Section B.

Following weekend camping activities, tents may be sent home with scouts to be dried out. Tents will be checked out to the scouts by a numbering system, to be returned by a week from the next scout meeting night. This will give the scouts 2 meetings to return the tents.

## Article #11

### Section A.

To be eligible for out-of-state trips, a scout must be at least rank of First Class, and have attended one long term (one week or more) camping event. Age requirements will be enforced for some events.

### Section B.

Class 1 medical forms will be completed annually for all scouts and leaders. In the case of summer camp and/or other long-term events, a more detailed health physical and/or the associated health/medical forms are required.

## Article #12

All items donated to the troop must be reported to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman. The Committee will then make a decision on how to handle the item(s).

## Article #13

All adults volunteering to transport Scouts must carry adequate automobile insurance, and provide proof of insurance to have on file by the Transportation Director. Vehicles must have seat belts available for all passengers. Adults must also accept responsibility of aiding the Scoutmaster in scout supervision. The adult is expected to stay for the duration of the event unless the Scoutmaster says otherwise.

## Article #14

In the event a Scout has been elected into the Order of the Arrow, the parents of the scout shall be notified 48 hours prior to the ceremony.

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## Amendments

Month	Description of Change
1992-April	Original By-Laws written and approved by Troop Committee.
1992-August	Added Article #14 and Article #15.
1993-April	Revised Article #4, Article #6B, and Article #6C.
2003-January	Revised Article #3 and Article #10.
2003-January	Incorporated Articles: Article #4 into Article #6, Article #5 into Article #7, Article #7 to Article #13, Article #8 and #9 into Article #6, Article #11 into Article #5, Article #13 to Article #4, Article #15 to Article #3
2006-April	Revised Article #3A, B, & C, Article #7A, B, C, & D
2006-April	Incorporated part of Article #7B to create Article #6D
2007-March	Revised Article #6A