



Transportation *Policy*

*Blackhawk Area Council
Risk Management Team*



Scouting and Transportation

- ❖ Transportation is an integral part of Scouting
- ❖ We travel to and return from:
 - District and Council events
 - Camporees
 - Summer Camp
 - Merit Badge Camps
 - Etc.



Transportation Safety is Critical

- ❖ Transportation safety, therefore, is a critical part of Scouting
- ❖ In light of this, the BSA has made important updates to the BSA Transportation Policy



Transportation Policy Update

- ❖ **All drivers MUST:**
 - Be at least 18 years of age AND
 - Have a valid driver's license
- ❖ **Scouting youth under age 18:**
 - Are NOT insured under the BSA's general liability policy AND
 - CANNOT drive to or from Scouting activities
- ❖ **This policy is Effective Immediately**
- ❖ **There are NO Exceptions**



Question on this Policy

- ❖ Can a 16 or 17 year old Scout or Venturer drive to or from a Troop / Crew meeting?
- ❖ YES



BSA Answer to Policy Question

- ❖ Richard Bournalon, BSA team lead of Health and Safety, says: “*Driving to or from a standard meeting place isn’t an official Scouting activity.*”
- ❖ Mark Dama, BSA team lead of Insurance and Risk Management, adds: “It’s similar to you *going to work and coming home from work*. You are not considered an employee at both of those times.”



15-Passenger Vans



Change for 15-Passenger Vans

- ❖ Effective Sep. 1, 2015:
 - Use of 15-passenger vans manufactured Before 2005 are NO Longer Allowed in connection with Scouting programs and activities.
 - Any 2005 or later 15-passenger van may be used IF Equipped with BOTH:
 - ◆ Electronic Stability Control, and
 - ◆ Seat belts for driver and all passengers
- ❖ This applies to ALL 15-passenger Vans, regardless of owner



15-Passenger Van Question

- ❖ If I take the back seat out, will that make the van be compliant?
- ❖ *NO!*
- ❖ The van is *registered* as a 15-passenger van and *stays* a 15-passenger van regardless of what you do to it



General Guidelines



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- ❖ Seat belts are required for ALL occupants
- ❖ ALL drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for ANY reason
- ❖ Driver must have a valid commercial driver's license (CDL) to carry more than 15 people



General Guidelines

- ❖ ALL drivers must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age
- ❖ Trucks may not be used to transport passengers except in the cab
 - Exception: Parade or Hayride
- ❖ Obey all laws, including the speed limit
- ❖ Know the state laws of every state you will be driving through on each trip



General Guidelines

- ❖ ALL vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is licensed
- ❖ Coverage limit of at least \$100,000 combined single limit is recommended
- ❖ Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers should have a limit of \$1,000,000



General Guidelines

- ❖ Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours in one 24-hour period regardless of the number of drivers available
- ❖ Driving time must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and/or recreation stops.



General Guidelines

- ❖ Drivers must refrain from using hand-held cell phones while driving
- ❖ Text messaging while driving is prohibited
- ❖ Hands-free units are acceptable, but must be used sparingly while driving as they are still a distraction



Insurance

- ❖ BSA Liability Insurance
 - Secondary insurance
 - Coverage active after personal insurance
 - Only applicable during official Scouting Activities



Trucks, Trailers, Campers



Trucks

- ❖ Trucks are to be used to transport materials and equipment, NOT people
- ❖ Under no circumstances are passengers to be carried in the truck bed
 - Exception: Parade or Hayride



Trailers and Campers

- ❖ Trailers must never be used for carrying passengers
 - Exception: Parade or Hayride
- ❖ Use caution in towing trailers or campers
- ❖ They alter a vehicle's performance, steering, and braking abilities



Safety Tips

- ❖ Use the correct truck for the trailer
- ❖ Use the correct hitch for the trailer
- ❖ Distribute and anchor the load
- ❖ Allow extra time for braking
- ❖ After passing, allow enough room for the trailer to clear before pulling back in
- ❖ Be careful when changing lanes



Safety Tips

- ❖ Add safety equipment as dictated by common sense and state laws
- ❖ Consider the following:
 - ◆ Mirrors (Suitable to the truck & trailer)
 - ◆ Lights
 - ◆ Trailer brakes
 - ◆ Hazard warning lights
 - ◆ Safety chains
 - ◆ ... and many more
- ❖ Park in designated areas



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To
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Scouting*



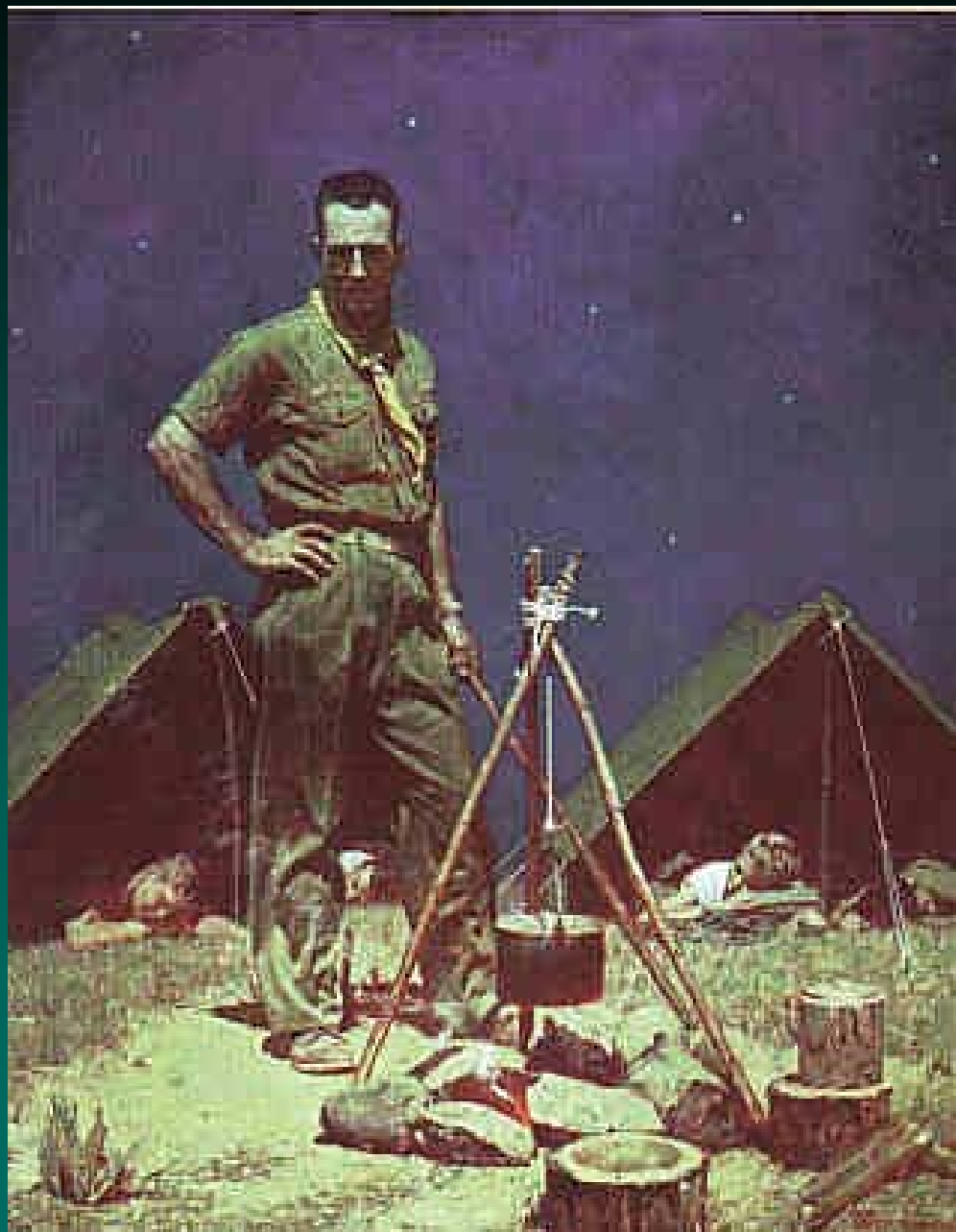
Transportation Section

- ❖ See the Transportation Section of the “Guide to Safe Scouting” for more information on:
 - Buses
 - Commercial driver’s license compliance
 - For-hire motor carriers of passengers
- ❖ Be sure to read, understand, and follow the rules and guidelines found in the “Guide to Safe Scouting”



Remember S. T. A. F. F.

- ❖ S – Stop
- ❖ T – Texting
- ❖ A – Avoid
- ❖ F – Fatigue
- ❖ F – Follow the rules of the road



The Scoutmaster

by Norman Rockwell

*Any
Questions?*