

TROOP 22  **BRAINTREE**
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
MAYFLOWER COUNCIL

Troop Policy

1. Troop meetings are held every Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 pm at the First Congregational Church from September through June. Exceptions are holidays, school vacations and school cancellations. Pre-meeting activities start at 6:40 pm.
2. Scouts are expected to attend troop meetings in Class "A" and bring their Boy Scout Handbook, pencil or pen and paper.
3. The troop will follow the Troop 22 rules of conduct, as adopted by the Patrol Leader's Council and Troop Committee. **The Scout Oath and Law are the principles by which we will judge behavior.**
4. The troop re-charters every December. Yearly fees for the Scouts are collected and cover the following:
 - a. National and Council fees
 - b. Boys Life (Required for Quality Unit Award)
 - c. Yearly Dues to BSA Troop 22
5. All registered Adult Leaders in Troop 22 are required to pay for their registration, which covers the Registration fee to National BSA. There is no registration fee required for an adult signing on as a Merit Badge Counselor in Troop 22. Note: Adult Leaders are required to take the Youth Protection Training each year prior to Troop Registration.
6. All fees need to be submitted in full on or before the first Troop meeting in December of the re-charter year. Failure to pay fees before this date will require that the scout re-register with the Boy Scouts of America. A current registration is required for participation in all Boy Scout activities. Anyone needing assistance with ANY of these fees, please contact the Scoutmaster prior to December 1 of the re-charter year. We will do everything in our power to prevent any boy being denied access to Boy Scouts for financial reasons.
7. Advancement for Tenderfoot, Second Class and First Class may be signed off by scouts who are First Class and above after being reviewed by a Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster. It is expected that any sign off will be completed in accordance with BSA advancement policy. Specifically, the Scout must demonstrate that he has acquired the skill or completed the task as stated in the requirement.

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8. Scoutmaster's conferences: The Scout may schedule a SM conference with the Scoutmaster at any time and does not have to wait for all requirements to be completed.
9. Scouts must present their Scout Handbooks *the first week of the month as noted on the Troop Schedule to the Advancement Chairman for verification and updating of the troop records. Note: Troop advancement records will be available and it is the Scout's responsibility to verify his advancement sign-off with the Troop records.
10. For the purpose of defining active participation for the ranks for Star, Life, Eagle and Eagle Palms the following minimum will be applied: "Actively participate in 70% of all troop meetings, and sponsored activities. This is a recommended goal for the three months immediately preceding the Scoutmaster's conference for the rank advancement desired". Note: Scouts should notify their patrol leader or Senior Patrol leader or Scoutmaster if needed when unable to make a meeting or scouting event "all are present or accounted for".
11. Boards of Reviews are scheduled monthly. Board of reviews may be scheduled more often as determined by the Advancement Chairman and the Scoutmaster. The Advancement Chairman is responsible for informing the Troop Committee about pending boards of review based upon completion of Scoutmaster's conferences.
12. The Troop Committee will meet monthly as necessary. Note: The Troop Committee includes voting members of official committee positions as assigned by the Committee Chairman. The Troop Committee meetings are open to non-committee members, but only committee members are allowed to vote.
13. Courts of Honor are scheduled three times a year – September, February and June. Eagle Courts of Honor are scheduled separately. Rank badges and Merit Badges will be awarded at troop meetings following board of review. Rank and Merit Badge cards will be awarded at the Court of Honor.
14. Class "A" uniform should be worn at all troop meetings. This uniform includes official BSA shirt with properly positioned patches (see Scout handbook for positions of patches), official BSA green web belt, socks and trousers, or shorts in olive green. A neckerchief will be provided by Troop 22 for special occasions. A troop t-shirt and troop hat is provided upon registration and first time Summer camp attendance with Troop 22. Additional t-shirts may also be purchased.
15. Class "A" uniform must be worn at any Board of Review.

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16. Class "A" uniform and merit badge sash must be worn at Courts of Honor.
17. Class "A" uniform must be worn for the opening and closing of each troop meeting. Wearing the class A uniform demonstrates Scout spirit.
18. It is the policy of the troop to wear the Class "A" uniform whenever the troop is traveling to or from an activity, unless specifically stated otherwise. The Patrol Leader's Council and Scoutmaster will decide the specific uniform policy to be used at summer camp, but it must comply with the requirements of the camp attended. Uniform inspections will be conducted at certain times during the year.
19. The class "B" is the same as above except that a Boy Scout or Troop t-shirt is worn in place of the official BSA shirt with patches. Class "B" shirts are generally worn when the scouts are in camp or participating in activities other than troop meetings, courts of honor, or travel to and from trips.
20. Troop elections will be held once per year. Senior Patrol leader may be elected during Summer Camp. Other leadership positions elected typically in September. Elected positions are Senior Patrol Leader and patrol leaders. In the vote for Senior Patrol Leader, the boy with the most votes is elected. Additional positions will be determined as referenced in the Patrol Method.
21. Order of the Arrow elections will be coordinated with and conducted by the local Order of the Arrow chapter. Note: Elections typically take place during Summer Camp.
22. The Patrol Leader's Council will meet monthly. The schedule will be flexible to accommodate troop and other conflicting activities. Attendance by the elected leaders and staff is mandatory. Failure to regularly attend will result in not receiving credit for the leadership position held.
23. Following election, all members of the newly elected Patrol Leader's Council are required to attend Troop Youth Leadership Training.
24. Troop fund raising is done for the troop as a whole, not for the individual scout. The troop committee must approve fund raising projects.
25. On campouts, the troop furnishes tents, Patrol cooking gear and propane. Each scout will accept responsibility for care of troop equipment and is expected to repair or replace damaged troop equipment.
26. The National Scout Jamboree is held every four years. If interested, the Scout should talk to the Scoutmaster.

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27. Merit badge counselors must be registered with Old Colony Council. Merit badge counseling can be arranged with a minimum of two scouts and a registered counselor. ALL merit badge councilors (MBC) must have Youth Protection Training certification and follow Troop 22's Merit Badge Policies.
28. All Adult Leaders are required to have Youth Protection Training Certification and be trained in their area of responsibility within the Troop by taking the basic training required. Most basic training course expenses are covered by the Council. Note: not included are Wilderness First Aid, CPR, and Wood Badge. Optional training is dependent on the interests of the adult. "Every Scout deserves a well trained Leader".
29. For all Service Projects approved by the Troop 22 Committee, it is expected that the requesting party provide for all the required materials, approvals and permits. Under exceptional situations, with Troop 22 Committee prior approval, the Troop may provide funds as part of the Service Project. The Troop will provide appropriate refreshments if not provided by the requesting party.
30. All expenses and volunteer commitments must be pre-approved in advance by the Troop Committee.