

# Parent/Guardian Pledge of Support

## *TROOP 146 HAS CHOSEN A PATH LESS TRAVELED*

This is an ambitious set of goals that as a parent/guardian, you can appreciate the motivation and commitment necessary to achieve success. Troop 146, our Scouts, Leaders, and Committee (parents/guardians) are convinced that our greatest successes are a result of "Thinking Big"! To motivate our members to do their best towards achieving their goals, we have elected to concentrate on a "High Adventure" program. This is an active troop that will provide unique opportunities and challenges for your boy, but it is not the only path available in the Boy Scout program, so your commitment to Troop 146 should be seriously considered as one alternative among many. Everyone's success depends upon collective support and participation! Our young men are experiencing one of the most influential and memorable chapters in their lives at this age, we have only one opportunity to provide the support they will need. The reward for doing so is everlasting!

Parent/guardian participation in Scout outings and activities is necessary to ensure Scout development, advancements, and successful outings and activities. The troop has adult needs for transportation, committee support and supervision on outings at all times. It is also necessary for the Scout's parent/guardian to participate with their son in troop activities including but not limited to: troop meetings, service projects, fund raisers, and outings. It is the Scout's responsibility to participate in meetings, projects, activities, and outings to receive the full benefit of the planned activities for his development and growth. The annual outing plan is available in January for the current year. This will give the parent/guardian ample time to make their selections of which outings they will be participating in. This will also allow for them to make any adjustment to their work schedule in advance. The Scout may find that the Troop High Adventure type outings and activities are very demanding and strenuous to accomplish. All Scouts are encouraged to participate in all activities. However, if the Scoutmaster in charge of the outing feels that any Scout may have difficulty with a particular outing because of physical or mental demands that may be outside the present abilities of any Scout, a parent/guardian may be required to attend the outing. This is done in order to preserve BSA Policies and Procedures of two-deep leadership.

The Boy Scouts of America has developed guidelines which require a minimum number of adult leaders, depending upon the Scout participants. This policy can only be maintained through shared commitment, on the part of all parents/guardians.

It is necessary for the parent/guardian to support the Scout and troop activities to ensure: adequate adult supervision, transportation to and from all activities, Scout development and growth, and support of the troop committee activities for compliance with Boy Scouts of America Policies, Rules, and Regulations. In addition, the committee will challenge the Scouts to "think big" to achieve greater success through the planning of High Adventure type outings, these will include opportunities that are demanding and rigorous for the Scouts.

### **PLEDGE OF SUPPORT**

We have read and understand the above introduction to Troop 146. We understand the commitment necessary, on the part of both the Scout and his parent/guardian to successfully achieve the goals of Troop 146. We are aware that these pages reflect the ideas of Troop 146 and do not necessarily reflect on the national policies of the Boy Scouts of America. We are aware that there are other programs available in other Boy Scout Troops that may be less demanding of our time, but this is the challenge we are seeking, and the commitment we are willing to make, while active members of Troop 146.

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