

Policy Governing Early Departure of Youth from Troop Activities

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Any Scout under the age of 18 years of age who is attending any Troop activity where his care has been placed by the parents into the hands of the Troop Adult Leadership shall remain in attendance of said activity until the duration of the activity is complete unless prior permission for the Scout to leave is given in writing by the parents or guardians. Any Scout needing to be dismissed early from an activity shall either be picked up by his parents or guardians or if the Scout is being transported by another parent or leader, written permission must be given prior to the Troops departure for the activity.

***No parent or leader shall remove any Scout other than their own child from any Troop activity prior to the conclusion of the activity without written permission to the Troop from the Scout's parents or guardians. This includes but is not limited to:**

- **Leaving for other activities and returning**
- **Going to the store**
- **Leaving early on the day of departure**
- **Leaving for any other non emergency reason**
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*** Any Leader or Parent who is responsible for transporting Scouts and is leaving an activity early should notify the Scoutmaster or his designee by the Tuesday meeting prior to the activity so that transportation needs can be met after their departure and the Troop is not left short of seats.**

*** Any youth or adult who leaves early shall notify the Scoutmaster or his designee of their departure at the time of departure so that the Troop will know that they have left and not presume that they are lost or missing.**

*** Leaders and Parents should know ahead of time of conflicts that will require early departure and follow these procedures. In the event of an emergency while attending an activity that requires a Scout to leave early arrangements can be made verbally between the Scoutmaster and the parents.**

*** At no time shall any person participating in a BSA activity transport another person in any part of a vehicle that does not have a functioning DOT approved seat belt for every passenger. BSA and Troop 200/ Crew 200 strictly prohibit transportation of participants in the beds of trucks or in trailers at anytime.**

*** Adults transporting youth shall obey all BSA Youth Protection policies. "No one on one contact." Adults shall have at least two (2) youth in their vehicle when transporting youth other than their own children.**

***Stops while in route to or from an activity should be limited to fuel stops, bathroom breaks, or emergency situations and not at restaurants for the Scouts to eat unless this is part of the itinerary provided in the Tour Permit approved by the Occoneechee Council. If a participant needs to get dinner while in route the driver of the vehicle must notify the Scoutmaster prior to stopping. We have schedules that we need to meet and if a driver stops without us knowing then we have no way of knowing if there has been a break down or other emergency.**