

Troop 16 Attendance Expectations DRAFT 8-28-09

Requirement: A scout must be active in the troop to move up to the next rank.

Active through Life Rank

Meetings. Attend 75% of the meetings.

- Must attend 75% of meetings within the scout year
- Scribe will take roll call at 7:00pm
- Late arrivals must check in with Kedar Bryan or Alan Pickard prior to 7:25pm in order to get credit for the meeting. Checking in after 7:25pm does not count for credit for that meeting
- Leadership meetings are included in the 75% calculation for any scouts in leadership positions

Camping Trips. Attend '5-of-8' camping trips.

- 62.5% is calculated on a "rolling" basis (i.e., ongoing, not within a calendar year)
- The scout is expected to fully participate in the trip in order to get credit for the trip
- The scout is expected to fully participate in the camporee (i.e., attend both nights) in order to get credit for the camporee trip
- The troop normally sponsors a non-required 'make-up' trip each year (usually in March) which counts toward but not against a scout's attendance. This is designed to assist scouts in staying current with their camping requirements
- Additionally, scouts may plan their own camping trips, with the advance approval of the scoutmaster, to meet this requirement. Because the troop encourages participation in troop-sponsored activities, these should be limited to one each in the spring and fall
- Summer camp and 'Supertrips' (Philmont, Sea Base, etc.) do not count towards this calculation. The '5-of-8' camping trips policy applies to the regular scout year. Scouts are expected to be active in the troop.

Service Projects. Attend 50% of service projects.

- Usually the troop holds 2 each in fall and spring
- Must arrive on time and spend at least 2 hours in order to get credit

Scout-Sponsored Summer Activity. For purposes of rank advancement, full attendance at summer camp counts as one month of "active in troop and patrol" and as one month in the leadership position that the scout held at the end of the previous scout year

Active after Life Rank

Recognizing that older scouts are heavily involved in Eagle projects, attendance requirements are modified for scouts at the "Life plus six months" level.

- Note that for the six months immediately following attainment of Life, attendance requirements do not change and must be met before a scout moves to the modified approach
- After reaching "Life plus six months," a scout must attend a minimum of one meeting per month plus one weekend "event" (i.e., camping trip OR service project) each fall and each spring to maintain active status on the Troop 16 roster

- Participation in Venture Patrol activities counts toward this requirement
- Continued participation and *progressive* participation is important at this level for the good of the scout and for the good of the troop. That is, older scouts are expected to demonstrate the spirit of leadership and mentoring to younger scouts
- Boarding school students should transfer to a local troop or otherwise find a scouting opportunity at their new location (e.g., lone scout). In certain limited instances our troop has accommodated very advanced Troop 16 scouts to continue membership. However, continued attendance, scout spirit and leadership are required. Clear and substantive requirements need to be agreed on with the Scoutmaster in consultation with Troop Committee. Any Eagle projects must be local in Charlotte. The scout should expect these requirements to demand significant commitment, initiative and time in order to maintain membership in Troop 16.

Parent Participation

Parents are expected to participate in supporting the troop by periodically attending camping trips and other events (i.e., service projects, etc.).