

Troop 351

Late Arrival Policy

The Committee recognizes that, from time to time, scouts are unable to attend camping trips because of other commitments on Saturday morning (family events, sports, religious observance and the like). We want to encourage all scouts to attend as many of the camping trips as possible, without detracting from the trip. Therefore, we are announcing a new policy, effective with the September 2013 trip:

1. For a customary one-night or two-night trip (Saturday-Sunday or Friday-Saturday-Sunday) scouts may arrive on Saturday morning until 12:00 noon (“late arrival”).
2. **Late arrival requires advance notice to the Scoutmaster and SPL at least three days before the trip; notice on Friday or Saturday morning is not sufficient.**
3. Notice to the SM/SPL also must include a valid reason for arriving late; such as sports commitment, family event or religious observance. While there is no intent to encroach on anyone’s privacy, the Committee needs to monitor the policy to ensure that is not being abused (and the Committee reserves the right to restrict or modify this policy at any time).
4. Any scout arriving late for any trip may not leave early on that trip. In addition, the scout may be assigned additional duties (e.g., gathering wood, getting water, meal prep or cleanup) at the discretion of the SPL to ensure that all scouts are participating equally in the required work.
5. The agenda for any trip will not be modified to accommodate late arrivals – for example, if a hike is scheduled for 11 a.m., it will leave at that time – a scout arriving after that time may join the troop if this can be done safely and in compliance with Youth Protection requirements; otherwise, the scout must remain at camp with a parent until the troop returns.
6. Youth Protection requirements must be observed in all cases – if the troop is out of the campsite on arrival, his parent must remain with the scout until the troop returns.
7. There will be some trips where late arrival cannot be accommodated. For example, no late arrivals can be allowed on the canoe trip, since there is no practical way for a late arrival to join the troop. If no late arrivals are permitted, this will typically be indicated on the permission slip.

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