



Boy Scouts of America Troop 240 Bronx, New York



Safety

Throughout all our activities, the importance of safety is paramount. Therefore, great care is taken when organizing everything from simple troop meetings to more complex outings involving elements of risk. Such events include bicycle trips, hiking, climbing, canoeing, cold weather camping, swimming, skiing, boating, camping, horseback riding, and trekking.

In any event, attention is given to the level of physical fitness required, as well as the need for adequate training before a Scout is permitted to participate. For many high adventure activities, the typical age to begin these activities is 13, and a further recommendation suggests that a Scout achieve the rank of First Class to ensure that he has some basic Scouting skills mastered. While these are guidelines for an activity, it is also recognized that some Scouts are ready sooner than others, and the ultimate decision rests with the Scout, his parents, and the Scoutmaster.

In Scouting, we make constant use of the "Buddy System." What this means is that no Scout will go anywhere alone. There will at least be a group of two boys together: in a tent; on the hiking trail; or even in a public restroom..Buddys look out for each other, and are able to get help if the other is injured. This does not, however, preclude the need for adult supervision. We will always require there to be at least two adults on hand for all activities, one of them at least the age of 21.

We also make a very serious issue of training Scouts in First Aid and to handle emergency situations. In fact, basic First Aid skills are required for each of the first three ranks. Our attention to First Aid doesn't stop there. We will always encourage youth and adult members of the Troop to obtain certification in First Aid, CPR, and Water Safety Instruction, as well as to take or counsel various safety merit badges.