



RULES AND BY-LAWS
BOY SCOUT TROOP 40
BSA — Sam Houston Area Council
Chartered by — St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church 3600
Brinkman, Houston Texas, 77018

Revised May 2026

MEMBERSHIP

1. BSA application and Troop Resource Survey must be completed and on file. Registration fee and or transfer fee must be paid at the time of joining the Troop. All joining requirements must be fulfilled.
2. Dues must be kept up to date. Due balances are calculated and maintained by the Troop Committee and can be paid weekly at each meeting or paid in bulk using the troop website's *Troop Tradin' Post*. To count for credit towards the Troop's Grey Wolf Award, dues must be paid weekly at the Troop meeting. The Troop Committee may from time to time increase the dues on an as needed basis. Scouts must be current on dues in order to attend campouts and participate in Boards of Review for a higher rank.
3. Troop Savings Accounts (where money is earned and credited to a Scout from Troop sponsored fundraisers) may be used only to pay for specific trips and for equipment and other costs associated with these trips, and for other reasons at the approval of the Troop Committee. The troop account may be used to pay for High Adventure trips, BSA Summer Camp fees (such as Worth Ranch or similar), or other extended Summer camping trips offered to the scouts. The Troop Account may not be used for monthly camping fees, camping food money, monthly campout travel expenses, annual registration fees, etc. When a Scout is not current with his dues, his account will be assessed for back dues before any money is applied to any other purpose. A Scout who leaves the Troop for any reason forfeits the balance in his Troop Savings Account unless he transfers to another BSA unit having a troop savings plan.
4. Scouts must abide by BSA regulations, the Troop Rules and By-laws, and policies set forth by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee.
5. All adult leaders are required to complete Youth Protection Training and the required adult training that is required by the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston. All adults are strongly encouraged to pursue additional training relevant to their specific roles within the troop.

ATTENDANCE

1. Scouts are expected to attend Troop Meetings, campouts, and other functions on a regular basis, except for school, church, illness, etc. It is difficult to operate by the Patrol Method if Scouts do not participate regularly.
2. A Scout must attend the two meetings prior to a campout. At the Tuesday meeting before the campout, The Patrols collect money for their food and a Scout is assigned to do the shopping. No Scout should miss a campout because of financial reasons: therefore it is on the recommendation of the Patrol's Scoutmaster that the Troop will make the necessary arrangements. Otherwise a Scout is required to pay his share of the cost of the food at the Tuesday meeting prior to the campout.

3. To advance, a Scout must have seventy-five percent (75%) participation in meetings, campouts, and other Troop activities. Scout Leadership positions must actually be fulfilled and not held in title only.
4. The Troop High Adventure program is offered as a privilege to Scouts as an addition to the troop program that is already in place. Scouts who want to participate in the High Adventure program must also be involved at the regular troop activities including weekly meetings, monthly troop campouts, Summer Camp, and must have their dues paid up to date. The troop program takes precedence over the participation in the High Adventure program. It is the discretion of the Scoutmaster in concurrence of the Troop Committee to determine if a Scout meets the eligibility for the High Adventure program.

ADVANCEMENT

1. All Scouts should strive to earn their First Class Rank in their first year in the Troop.
2. All Scouts should advance to Star, Life, and Eagle Rank to the best of their ability and with the guidance of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, parents and the Troop Committee.

TROOP OPERATIONS AND ELECTIONS

1. Troop 40 operates on the Patrol Method. The SPL-Senior Patrol Leader, ASPLs-Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and PLs-Patrol Leaders form the Patrol Leaders Council which meets on a regular basis and is responsible for planning the meetings, campouts, and other Troop activities.
2. The Scouts of Troop 40 will elect their SPL, ASPLs, PLs, and other Troop Officers in the manner and for the term prescribed by the Scoutmaster.
3. The Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leaders, and Patrol Leaders must be approved by the Scoutmaster and confirmed by the Troop Committee.

DISCIPLINE

1. All Scouts must obey the Scout Law and uphold the Scout Oath they took.
2. Class "A" uniforms are to be worn at Troop Meetings and at other Scout functions as required by the Scoutmaster. (Class "B" uniforms may be required to be worn at certain times by the Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster). As a general rule, Troop 40 travels in full Class "A" uniform.
3. No fighting or hazing is tolerated. Problems are brought to the attention of the Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Scoutmasters, or Scoutmaster.
4. Only camping equipment authorized by the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee is permissible. The following items are forbidden and will be taken from the Scout if found in his possession:
 - a. Sheath knives. (Folding knives only are acceptable)
 - b. Hand ax. (A patrol ax is supplied)

- c. Weapons and firearms of any kind.
- d. Radios — Tape Players — i-pods — Electronic Games — Etc. e.CELL PHONES - (available from leaders as needed)
- f. Tobacco, alcohol, drugs, or electronic vaping devices.
- g. Liquid fuel lanterns or stoves, except for the High Adventure Crews. (Propane stoves and lanterns are supplied. The patrol furnishes its own fuel).
- h. Compressed air canisters of any kind.

5. A Scout accused of a violation will be required to appear before the Scoutmaster for whatever remedy he deems necessary, up to and including dismissal from Troop 40, subject to the appeal and review of the Troop Committee and at the request of the Scout and/or his parent and/or guardian.

EQUIPMENT

1. Troop 40 supplies each Patrol with a chuck box, trail chef kit, an ax, a saw, lantern, stove, etc. It is the responsibility of each patrol to take reasonable care of such issue. If said items are lost or damaged, the Patrol is responsible for replacing the items.
2. Each Patrol elects a Quartermaster who is responsible for maintaining his Patrol's Troop issued and Patrol supplied equipment.
3. Patrols are responsible for designing, making, and maintaining a Patrol Flag. In the spirit of Scouting, and in order to preserve the tradition and history of Troop 40, Patrol Flags are to be donated to the Troop when retired. They are not the personal property of any one Scout or his family regardless of who might have done the work or supplied the materials.

ADULT LEADERS AND TROOP COMMITTEE

1. BSA Troop 40 is chartered to St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church and is governed by the Pastor, who serves as the Executive Officer for Troop 40. The chartering organization owns and operates the Troop and selects a Troop Committee Chairman who approves the Troop Committee, usually four or five adults.
2. It is the responsibility of the Troop Committee to find and secure the Scoutmaster, and with the Scoutmaster, find and secure his assistants. The Scoutmasters are not members of the Troop Committee.
3. It is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster to work with the Patrol Leaders Council to develop and carry out the Troop program. The Scoutmasters serve as adult role models for the Scouts and their behavior must reflect the values of Scouting. The use of alcohol by adults is forbidden and the use of tobacco is generally discouraged and not allowed in confined meeting areas. Two-deep leadership is used at all times.
4. The Troop Committee maintains relations with the chartering organization, St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, through the Chartered Organization Representative and is responsible for supporting the outdoor program developed by the Patrol Leaders Council and Scoutmaster.

5. The Troop Committee supports the program by developing and overseeing a Troop budget/finances, providing transportation needs, securing and maintaining needed equipment, and appointing an Advancement Chairman who oversees the advancement of Scout Boards of Review for rank advancement.
6. The Troop Committee works to maintain the continuity of the Troop's program, policies, adult leadership, and Troop 40's tradition of Scouting.
7. The mission of the Troop 40 Committee is to actively support, promote, and foster opportunities that enhance growth, encourage development, and increase Scouting Spirit within the Troop.
8. The Troop Committee meets at least once a month and at other times deemed necessary by the Chairman..

PARENT/GUARDIAN PARTICIPATION

1. All parents and guardians are needed to help the Troop to the extent that they can through the time and talents they have to offer.
2. Parents are expected to attend and help with Courts of Honor, Troop fundraisers, and other Troop functions, i.e. social events and service projects.
3. Troop 40 operates as a traditional all-male troop. Troop 40 does not operate a family camping program; however, several times a year we plan activities that include inviting families to join the troop for the day. For the safety of all, and by BSA rule, only youth Scouts and adult Scouters who are properly registered with the BSA and Troop 40 are permitted to attend overnight camping activities with the troop. Patrol dads are asked to assist the Assistant Scoutmaster of their son's patrol and join the troop on overnight outings. Parents are needed to drive from time to time and will be asked to do so.
4. Parents will be asked to serve as Merit Badge Counselors where they have a special interest of skill.

GENERAL

1. Adult leaders and parents do not do for the Scout what he can do for himself.
2. Adults do not tent with the Scouts. On campouts, Scouts work, eat, and are organized around their patrol. Each Patrol has a budget and buys its food and refreshments for the outing. Leaders and parents are expected not to bring extra food, snacks, or drinks for their son(s) unless their son has a medical or dietary restrictive diet. With the permission of the Patrol Scoutmaster or the Troop Scoutmaster, they may from time to time provide such for the entire Patrol or Troop.
3. Scouts must ask permission to enter the adult campsite, unless there is an emergency. Adult leaders will, to the extent that they can, reciprocate in this courtesy.
4. Parents will be called to pick up their son(s) from a meeting, a campout, or summer camp if a discipline problem cannot be resolved within the Troop.

5. In all cases not covered by these regulations, the final decisions rest with the SPL or the Scoutmaster and concurred in by the Troop Committee.

6. It is on rare occasion that a campout is cancelled or postponed. The Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman will make the determination as to whether or not conditions warrant cancellation of an outing. Traditionally, if Troop 40 can get out of the parking lot, the outing is made.



THESE BYLAWS ARE HEREBY FORMALLY EXECUTED BY THE TROOP COMMITTEE AND ADOPTED BY TROOP LEADERSHIP, INCLUDING THE SCOUTMASTER, COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, TROOP COMMITTEE, AND THE DULY RECOGNIZED MEMBERS OF THE TROOP 40.

Date of Adoption: September 29, 2026

COMMITTEE ADOPTION

SCOUTMASTER RECOGNITION

EXECUTED SIGNATURES ON FILE
WITH TROOP AND CAHRTERED ORGANIZATION

Committee Chairman
Tyler Sowers

Scoutmaster
Rick Wrobel

Advancement Chairman
OR Committee Member at Large

Treasurer
OR Committee Member at Large

Chartered Organization Representative
OR Committee Member at Large

Fundraising
OR Committee Member at Large

Membership
OR Committee Member at Large