**Troop 300 BSA Attendance and Participation Policy Nov 2018**

Boy Scouts is a participatory organization.  This includes both indoor and outdoor events, meetings, campouts, hikes, etc.  While attendance is important, in today’s society, the schedule of a growing scout who is well balanced will likely include sports, music, student government, and other school activities with demanding schedules.  It is our objective to encourage scouts to be well balanced and have an active schedule which includes Boy Scouts, and does not penalize boys for participation in other activities which impacts their attendance.

While attendance will be kept by the troop, for advancement, participation will be measured based upon leadership, character, influence, commitment, and interaction with the troop.  All are key areas to be considered in the growth of a Scout and readiness for advancement. Readiness for advancement for the ranks of Star, Life and Eagle will also consider the following:

* + Demonstrating the Scout Law in your daily interactions with the Troop and our larger community
  + Involvement in both planning and leading Troop activities
  + Assisting others in leading Troop activities
  + Taking ownership of Troop activities including those which leaders may traditionally run
  + Assisting other Scouts with projects outside of meetings
  + Assisting leaders with special projects for the Troop, our sponsoring agency or the Scouting community
  + Socially interacting with members of the Troop
  + Building inclusion into Troop activities
  + Encouraging participation in Troop activities
  + Mentoring groups of younger Scouts