

Troop 757 Venture Patrol Parental Consent Form

Please read this document carefully before signing!

The Venture Patrol of Troop 757 is an opportunity for older scouts (14 years and older) to participate in high adventure activities such as spelunking, rappelling, climbing, whitewater rafting, backpacking, skiing, etc. Some of these activities have an age requirement by BSA, but the excursions the troop will make will be designed with the older scouts in mind. The reason for this is to retain our older scouts by planning activities that challenge them as well as allow them an opportunity to convey the knowledge and skills they learn to the younger scouts in the troop.

To become a member of the Venture Patrol a scout must successfully pass the following requirements. The reason for these requirements is that the events these scouts participate in will often require knowledge, skill, and stamina, without which the scout and his patrol members would potentially be at risk of injury. These requirements will force the patrol members to be proficient in First Aid, orienteering, map and navigation skills, knots and lashings, physical endurance, leadership, and respect for the outdoors. The requirements are as follows:

1. Obtain parental consent.
2. Be a minimum age of 14.
3. Have earned the rank of First Class or higher.
4. Have earned First Aid merit badge and can pass a first aid quiz (75% or better) administered by the scoutmasters.
5. Be able to pass a quiz (75% or better) on knot tying, compass skills, and map symbols administered by the scoutmasters.
6. Attend a Leave No Trace training class administered by the scoutmasters.
7. Be able to swim $\frac{1}{4}$ mile.
8. Be able to pass a physical fitness and endurance hike administered by the scoutmasters.
9. Maintain a BSA Annual Health and Medical Record.
10. Be approved by scoutmasters using the criteria of adherence to the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan.

Parental Agreement

I/We, _____ (Parent's Name(s)), certify that my/our son, _____ (Scout's Name), is at least 14 years of age with date of birth on _____.

I/We am/are aware of and agree with the requirements listed above believing they are necessary for the safety and effectiveness of the Venture Patrol in its activities. I/we consent to my/our son's involvement in the patrol activities, provided he can achieve these requirements and meet the approval of the scoutmasters. I/We understand that physical conditioning, training, and instruction in scouting skills will be required to prepare him properly for the high adventure activities the patrol will pursue, and I/we endorse his participation in these exercises. I/We acknowledge the greater physical risk that accompanies high adventure activities and consent to his participation in them knowing that the adult leadership of the troop will provide proper supervision in accordance with regulations set forth by the Boy Scouts of America.

Parent's Signature: _____ Today's Date: _____