## AHG/TL Troop GA-2016 Policies Alcohol & Tobacco

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American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop GA-2016 want to make certain our youth are safe and free from exposure to alcohol and tobacco products.

The Troop has the following policy in place for all AHG/TL troop events (sanctioned or unsanctioned).

- Alcohol is not allowed at any AHG/TL event
- Tobacco products are discouraged but are permitted at AHG/TL events under certain conditions.
  - All tobacco use should be confined to the parking area at each event with the tobacco user either inside or next to the tobacco user's vehicle.
  - In all cases, a minimum distance of 30 feet should be given to other parties when using tobacco products.
  - o Tobacco use should not take place in the presence of youth.
  - Tobacco use is strictly prohibited for any registered youth of AHG and TL Troop GA-2016

## Firearms/Explosives

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop GA-2016 want to make certain our youth are safe from all firearms/explosives.

 Firearms/Explosives (open carry or concealed) are not allowed at any AHG/TL event (sanctioned or unsanctioned) without expressed, written consent from the Troop Ministry Liaison/Charter Representative (Christian Roberson)

## **Knives/Cutting Tools/Weapons**

American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop GA-2016 want to make certain our youth are safe from all knives/cutting tools/weapons.

- Knives/cutting tools/weapons (open carry or concealed) are not allowed at any AHG/TL event (sanctioned or unsanctioned) without expressed, written consent from the Troop Ministry Liaison/Charter Representative (Christian Roberson)
- Trailmen who have passed the "Cutting Tools" (knives) advancement will receive a lanyard and "Cutting Tools" certification card and will be able to carry a pocket knife on his person.
- The lanyard and "Cutting Tools" certification card must be present on the youth at all times.
- "Cutting Tools" certification will be reviewed annually within each qualified patrol. <u>Parental oversight is required</u> during this 2 weeks review/certification.
- The use of knives/cutting tools in an unsafe manner will result in a minimum of a warning and a corner of the "Cutting Tools" certification card removed for each offense. Upon the 4th warning, the certification card will be revoked for a minimum of one year. Should any offense be deemed grievous/excessive, the "Cutting Tools" certification card will be revoked and the youth will not be allowed to carry a knife/cutting tool with him to any ANG/TL event (sanctioned or unsanctioned) until leadership deems the youth has obtained the maturity level to possess a knife/cutting tool once more.