AHG/TL Troop GA-2016 Policies

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American Heritage Girls and Trail Life USA Troop GA-2016 want to ensure our youth and adults are safe in all sanctioned & unsanctioned events. For this reason, the following policies are to be followed at all events, sanctioned & unsanctioned.

Alcohol & Tobacco

- 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.
    - 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

- 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

- 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. Parental oversight is required 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.

Restrooms - Registered Youth

- All registered youth are proceed to the restroom in groups of three
- Restrooms - Unregistered youth & all adults (registered or unregistered)
    - All must use a separate restroom in the church building
    - When only one restroom is available, registered youth must enter/exit while no unregistered youth or any adult (registered or unregistered).

1st Aid Kits

- 1st aid kits will be present at all events
    - Church - closet behind pulpit
    - Events - 1st aid kits will be brought by leadership

Medical Forms

- Youth must have a completed medical form registered with the troop
- Adults/non-registered youth must have a completed form on file with the troop before attending any events (sanctioned or unsanctioned) outside of the regular Monday night troop meeting.

Underaged Youth

- Underaged youth may not participate in Troop meetings.

Parental watch before and after meetings

- Parents are responsible for their youth leading up to the start of the troop meeting as well as after the troop meeting has closed.
- AHG/TL leadership is not responsible for any youth activities taking place prior to or after the close of the meeting.

Sign In/ Sign Out Sheet

- Parents/Guardians or registered youth must sign his/her youth in at the beginning of each troop meeting and sign the child out after each troop meeting. A sign in/sign out form will be placed at the entrance of the church before each troop meeting.

This is a brief description of the safety procedures Troop GA-2016 has in place. It is the responsibility of all leadership, parents and guardians to keep our youth safe!