



# Troop 19

## Participation Contract

Scout: \_\_\_\_\_

Troop 19 of the Boy Scouts of America provides a high quality, very active program of Scouting adventure and numerous wilderness trips. In order to accomplish the Troop's programs and goals in the best Scouting tradition, it is important that all Scouts understand and acknowledge certain Troop standards as an ongoing obligation.

By signing below each Scout (with the support of his parents or guardian) acknowledges and agrees to the following:

1. That he has read and understands the Troop 19 Family Guidebook.
2. That he will abide by the Scout Law and Outdoor Code.
3. That he will support the program of leadership from his peers.
4. That he will do his best to comply with the policies of Troop 19.
5. That he understands the rules on using knives, axes and saws and will use them only if he has attained the rank of First Class (or above) or has a Totin' Chip card.
6. That he will support his troop and patrol by actively participating in the troop's annual fundraising activity.
7. That he will support the troop and patrol program in Troop 19 by actively participating with his patrol in activities.
8. If applicable, as a boy leader, he must set an example by meeting the expectations of his leadership position.

Date:

Scout Signature:

Parent or Guardian Signature:

Parent or Guardian (print):

## **Wreath Sales**

### **Wreath Fund Raising Participation Requirement**

The wreath sales supply a major portion of Troop 19's operating funds. The income generated by the wreath sales pay for troop hiking / camping equipment; subsidize some camping fees; fund troop trailer maintenance & registration; cover BSA National registration; and support selected personal Scout equipment purchases, as described in the Troop Guidebook. The wreath sales generate an average of \$500 per Scout.

We encourage Scouts to sell a minimum of 20 wreaths. The awards system (Scout dollars and prizes) is structured in a manner where many Scouts exceed the 20 minimum. Therefore, as a result of the wreath sales, a large annual dues fee is not required from each Scout family.

The Holiday Wreath Sales effort is a required activity for all Scouts. The Scout must notify the Scout Master if the Scout will miss any of the events.

Please mark these two dates on your calendar:

- The first Sunday afternoon in November: Kickoff Day = On the first Sunday in November, the troop sells wreaths door-to-door in the Nashua area.
- The Friday after Thanksgiving: Assembly Day. = The wreaths are assembled with ribbons and pine cones by the Scouts the day after Thanksgiving.

### **Scout Fund Raising Expectations**

It is expected that each Scout attend the above two wreath events and set a personal goal to sell wreaths. Should the Scout not complete any of the three objectives a 2-3 adult wreath sub-committee will discuss the participation with each Scout family. Depending on individual circumstances the committee will attempt to work an amenable solution with the Scout and his family. However, it should be understood that the sub-committee could decide that the Scout and family must pay their full share of the annual Troop 19 dues raised via wreath sales of an amount not to exceed \$500.

To be clear, Troop 19's fund raising activity will fail if families decide to "buy-out" of the event. The success of this fund raiser is based on quantity buying power and many helping hands. If this were left to a smaller group we would lose our buying power and ability to spread the work around. Thus, our goal is to encourage all to participate and to eliminate a very small percentage of individuals from not doing their part in helping the troop. A goal of the wreath

fund raising activity is to honor the spirit of helping out the troop by participating.

The wreath sub-committee must make a quick determination of dues to be paid by the Scout and/or service hours required (service hours are related to Scout spirit of helping). The sub-committee's decision should be made prior to the annual Holiday Party. The Scout may appeal the sub-committee's decision to the full parent committee.

**Parent participation:** The wreath sales effort puts the Scouts on "front line" of salesmanship, but there are numerous roles for adults in the background, including:

- Material Ordering: wreaths, pinecones, bows, tags, wire
- Kickoff Day: territory mapping, training, clipboard assembly
- Printing: brochures, order forms, photos
- Assembly Day: schedule, location, materials handling, order fulfillment, quality control
- Food: Kickoff day, assembly day, party
- Party Preparation: prizes for top sellers!
- Publicity
- Treasury
- Drivers!

"Many hands make light work". Please consider how you might be able to help with the above list, and let the Wreath Committee know about your interest. (See "Troop Committee", p. 72)