

**B.S.A. TROOP 333**  
 River Hills Community Church  
 Lake Wylie, SC

**MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY CHECKLIST**

Basic Safety Checks Required	Additional Safety Checks Suggested
1. Seat belts for every passenger? ____ 2. Tire tread ok? ____ Spare? ____ Jack? ____ 3. Brakes ok? ____ Fluid in reservoir? ____ 4. Windshield wipers operate? ____ Fluid in reservoir? ____ 5. License plate attached & visible? ____ 6. Current inspection sticker? ____ (if required by licensed state) 7. Headlights, turn signals, brake lights clean and operating? ____ 8. Windows & rearview mirrors clean? ____ 9. Exhaust system okay? ____ 10. Trailer hitch secure with tow chains securely connected? ____	1. Flares for emergencies? ____ 2. Fire extinguisher? ____ 3. Flashlight? ____ 4. Tow chain or rope? ____ 5. First-aid kit? ____ 6. Blanket? ____ 7. Extra set of eyeglasses? ____

-----CUT LINE-----Return Lower Portion To Troop Transportation Director-----CUT LINE-----

**TROOP DRIVER DATA**

Licensed Driver's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Licensee's Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Driver's License no. / State \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Renewal date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_, Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Insurance company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Liability coverage (\$K- Ea. Person/ Ea. Occurrence/Property): \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_  
 Make of vehicle \_\_\_\_\_ Auto License # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Model year \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_ Driver + Passenger Capacity / with Seat Belts \_\_\_\_\_  
 Towing (yes/no ?):     Vehicle Equipped ? \_\_\_\_     Driver has experience? \_\_\_\_  
                                   Driver willing to tow;... with own vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_, ... with other vehicle? \_\_\_\_\_

**DRIVER AGREEMENT**

1. I agree that I have read and understand the BSA Transportation Policy. (Attached)
2. I agree that I meet all age, license, insurance, and safety requirements of that policy.
3. I agree that when going on a BSA sponsored trip, I will;
  - a. Be properly rested.
  - b. Identify who the adult leader is in charge of the trip, and the scouts I will transport.
  - c. Perform a **Basic Safety Check** on vehicle, and trailer if towed, before leaving.
  - d. Assure all passengers are accounted for and wearing seat belts at each departure.
  - e. Obey all traffic laws.

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

# Guide to Safe Scouting

## XII - Transportation

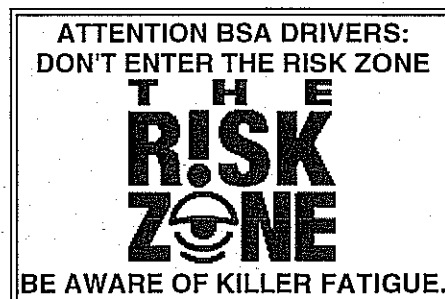
Established public carriers—trains, buses, and commercial airlines—are the safest and most comfortable way for groups to travel. Chartered buses usually are the most economical transportation for groups of 20 or more. It may be necessary for small groups to travel in private automobiles; however, the use of chartered equipment from established rail, bus, and airline companies is strongly recommended. The advantages are many. These companies have excellent safety records because of their periodic inspections and approved health and safety procedures.

References: *Cub Scout Leader Book*, *Scoutmaster Handbook*, *Troop Committee Guidebook*, *Exploring Reference Book*, and *Tours and Expeditions*

### Automobiles

It is essential that adequate, safe, and responsible transportation be used for all Scouting activities. Because most accidents occur within a short distance from home, safety precautions are necessary, even on short trips.

General guidelines are as follows:



1. **Seat belts are required for all occupants.**
2. **All drivers must have a valid driver's license that has not been suspended or revoked for any reason. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 persons, including the driver (more than 10 persons, including the driver, in California), the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL).**
3. **An adult leader (at least 21 years of age) must be in charge and accompany the group.**
4. **The driver must be currently licensed and at least 18 years of age. Youth member exception: When traveling to and from an area, regional, or national Boy Scout activity or any Venturing event under the leadership of an adult (at least 21 years of age) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions:**
  - a. **Six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted)**
  - b. **No record of accidents or moving violations**
  - c. **Parental permission granted to the leader, driver, and riders**
5. **Passenger cars or station wagons may be used for transporting passengers, but passengers should not ride on the rear deck of station wagons.**
6. **Trucks may not be used for transporting passengers except in the cab.**
7. **All driving, except short trips, should be done in daylight.**
8. **All vehicles must be covered by automobile liability insurance with limits that meet or exceed requirements of the state in which the vehicle is**

**licensed. It is recommended that coverage limits are at least \$50,000/\$100,000/\$50,000. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$100,000/\$500,000/\$100,000.**

- 9. Do not exceed the speed limit.**
- 10. Do not travel in convoy (see "Leadership Requirements for Trips and Outings," No. 2).**
- 11. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food, and recreation stops. If there is only one driver, the driving time should be reduced and stops should be made more frequently.**

**Don't drive drowsy. Stop for rest and stretch breaks as needed. Fatigue is a major cause of highway accident fatalities.**

## **Campers, Trailers, and Trucks**

Trucks are designed and constructed to transport materials and equipment, not people. **The beds of trucks or trailers must never be used for carrying passengers.** Tour permits will not be issued for any trip that involves carrying passengers in a truck except in the cab. This includes vehicles converted for that use unless they are licensed as buses and meet all requirements for buses.

Use caution in towing trailers or campers, as a vehicle's performance, steering, and braking abilities will be altered. Consider these safety tips:

1. Get the correct trailer for the car and the correct hitch for the trailer. Distribute and anchor the load.
2. Allow extra time to brake. Changing lanes while braking can jackknife the trailer.
3. Add safety equipment as dictated by common sense and state laws (mirrors, lights, safety chains, brakes for heavy trailers, etc.).
4. Park in designated areas.