



Troop 695 Food Procedures

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Purpose

The purpose of this document is to define procedures for food at all possible Troop or Patrol events. Each event has an adult defined who is responsible to ensure that the proper procedures are used and our food policy is followed.

Food Policy in Brief

1. No peanuts, tree nuts or products containing peanuts or tree nuts at any Troop event.
2. No individual scout is to bring food or snacks to Troop/Patrol events.
3. All Troop and Patrol events must follow the food procedures outlined for each event.

List of Troop/Patrol Events

Troop COH (Court of Honor)

Troop Meeting

Eagle COH (Court of Honor)

Patrol Meeting

Campouts



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Troop COH (Court of Honor)

The COH Coordinator (adult) is responsible for reviewing and approving any food at a Troop COH.

A Troop COH is a time to recognize and celebrate the achievements of all the scouts in Troop 695. Food is a traditional and expected part of the Troop COH, and should continue to be so.

The patrol responsible for the COH should contact the adult committee member with the role of “COH Coordinator” to request and/or assist with food for the event. The primary job of the COH Coordinator is to ensure the food served at a Troop COH complies with our policy of no peanuts, nuts, or related products. Specific planning for this event requires:

- No “pot luck” style. All food must be managed through the COH Coordinator.
- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- No products featuring the “May Contain Peanuts” warning. These cannot be used to prepare a dish or treat as well (e.g. Cobbler using a batter mix that “may contain peanuts” cannot be served)
- If possible “cross-contamination” cannot be ruled out, a specific “nut-free option” must be provided as well. (Try to avoid this, as it is best if all enjoy the same options.)
- In certain food situations, it may be required to prepare a plate for a scout with allergies before all others go through a food line, OR allow the scout(s) to be first through the line. The COH Coordinator should work with the patrol coach from the responsible patrol to work this out ahead of time.



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Eagle COH (Court of Honor)

The parents/guardians of the Eagle Scout are responsible for reviewing and approving any food at an Eagle COH.

An Eagle COH is a time to recognize an individual scout for their accomplishment of achieving the Eagle Scout rank. Food/treats are a traditional aspect of this celebration.

If the Eagle COH is being held in a different location, it is up to the parent/guardian to determine appropriate food and inform guests as needed about allergy information.

If the Eagle COH is being held in our traditional troop space (Prairie Lutheran Church) as a special event (e.g. NOT a normal Troop meeting night):

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- Use of products containing the “May Contain Peanuts” is up to the adults providing the food.

If the Eagle COH is being held in our traditional troop space (Prairie Lutheran Church) AND as part of a regular troop meeting:

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- The policies around a regular Troop COH should be followed.



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Troop Meeting

The Scoutmaster (or other adult leader in charge of the meeting) is responsible for reviewing and approving any food at a troop meeting.

A troop meeting is generally NOT a time when food is served. However, there may be special occasions or times of the year where it is not only appropriate, but a welcome, fun change.

If the patrol in charge of the troop meeting wants to have food, they must work with the Scoutmaster to review the plan and get approval.

If any other party (patrol, specific scout, adult, etc.) would like to bring food to a troop meeting, they too must contact the Scoutmaster to review their plan and get approval.

Any food planned for a Troop Meeting would require the same rules as that of a Troop COH.

Patrol Meeting

The Patrol Coach (adult) is in charge of reviewing and approving any food for a patrol meeting.

A patrol meeting is generally NOT a time when food is served. However, there may be special occasions or times of the year where it is not only appropriate, but a welcome, fun change.

If the patrol meeting is held at our Troop meeting location OR as part of a troop event:

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- See the notes in the Troop COH section as those same notes would apply.

If the patrol meeting is held at a DIFFERENT location than our typical Troop meeting and is NOT part of a Troop meeting:

- Patrol would be allowed to have whatever food meets their needs, as approved by the Patrol Coach.
- If the patrol includes a scout with specific food allergies, the Patrol Coach will be aware of the allergy and guide the patrol food accordingly.



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Campouts

The Scoutmaster (or ASM leading the campout) is responsible for reviewing and approving any food for a campout. This should take place after a Patrol Coach and the SPL have reviewed the menu.

Food is a key part of our campouts, but abiding by the food policy will still not be that difficult. On most of our campouts we will use the patrol method for meals. This means that each patrol will plan, prepare and eat its own food.

Food planning for a scout with life-threatening allergies should be arranged by the scout, parent/guardian, patrol coach and scoutmaster for each campout. Some options include:

- Scout eating with a patrol. In this case the rules are detailed below and the scout will be expected to have primary involvement in this planning.
- Scout eating in a small sub-group. In this case, the scout would be expected to group with a few other scouts to plan a menu. The affected scout would acquire the food, ensure it's safety, and be primarily responsible for its preparation.
- Scout eating meal on his own. It will always be an option for a scout with specific needs to plan, acquire, and prepare his own food for a campout.

If the Patrol is planning its own food for a campout and no scout with a life-threatening food allergy will be eating with the patrol, the requirements are:

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- No food brought by an individual scout.
- Products marked with the "May contain peanuts" warning may be used if the patrol does NOT include a scout with severe peanut allergies.
- Individual scout food requirements for personal or religious reasons must be taken into consideration.



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If the Patrol is planning its own food for a campout and a scout in the patrol does have a severe peanut allergy:

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- No food brought by an individual scout.
- No products featuring the “May Contain Peanuts” warning. These cannot be used to prepare a dish or treat as well (e.g. Cobbler using a batter mix that “may contain peanuts” cannot be served)
- If possible “cross-contamination” cannot be ruled out, a specific “nut-free option” must be provided as well. (Try to avoid this, as it is best if all enjoy the same options.)
- A scout with specific food allergies may need to purchase the food, or carefully review labels, before eating with the patrol.
- Another option is for the scout to partner up with a smaller group to prepare their own “nut free” menu and not have food as part of their patrol.
- In general, the patrol(s) that have scouts with a food allergy will require a bit more planning and forethought. Something the scout with the food allergy, and his family, will be well aware and be good guides as they have to deal with it every day.

Cracker Barrel, treats for scouts, etc.

- No peanuts, tree nuts, or products containing peanuts or tree nuts.
- No food brought by an individual scout.
- If the “Cracker Barrel” will be troop-wide, the same rules as that for a Troop COH would be required.
- If the “Cracker Barrel” will be by patrol, the same rules as that of a Patrol Meeting would be required.
- A specific snack just for one scout may be required, but this should be coordinated and planned through the patrol coach and scoutmaster.