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## Scouts Driving on Trips

Dear Troop 48 Parents,

This note is to communicate the position of Faith Presbyterian Church that Scouts BSA youth are not permitted to drive themselves to activities other than meetings. E.g., camping/canoeing/backpacking trips, day trips, and similar are off-limits. This follows the B.S.A.'s policy as listed in the *Guide to Safe Scouting*. Scouts known to have driven to these activities will be sent home.

A legally-licensed Scout may drive to regular Scout meetings, but cannot have other youth in the car outside of his family. This would include troop meetings, PLC (Patrol Leaders' Council) meetings, Scoutmaster conferences and merit badge classes, to name a few.

Regardless of your confidence in your Scout to safely drive to a campout, this creates an unacceptable liability to the B.S.A, Troop 48 and Faith Presbyterian Church. The troop committee and Scout leaders recognize the inconvenience that COVID-19 restrictions for carpooling have had on Scout participation. It is our fervent hope that carpooling restrictions can be lessened later this year as circumstances allow. The troop committee has agreed to revisit carpooling at the June committee meeting. Any changes in the process will be communicated to you.

Please remember that while these restrictions last, that the benefits to your Scout's participation in campouts will outweigh the inconvenience to you of driving your Scout to the destination and picking him up. Destinations are carefully chosen to limit driving time to approximately one hour.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me.

Yours in Scouting

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