



# Varsity Team 8880 By-Laws



## **Purpose**

The mission of Boy Scouting is to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law. In addition to this, the purpose of Team 8880 is to provide an outlet for Boy Scouting youth ages 14-17 to participate in higher athletics (Varsity sports) while maintaining active membership in their Boy Scout Troop. The Team will have a specific focus on BSA High Adventure program features highlighted in the Varsity Scout Guidebook.

## **Vision and Focus**

Team 8880 will focus on Varsity Scouting's Five Fields of Emphasis:

1. High Adventure/Sports
2. Personal Development
3. Service
4. BSA Advancement
5. Special Programs and Events

## **Membership**

Youth membership in good standing shall be defined as open only to male young adults ages 14-17. No prospective members shall be disqualified because of race, creed, or color. All members must be registered with the Boy Scouts of America as Varsity Scouts. To be eligible, a Scout must have played a sport on a junior varsity or varsity level team in a school sponsored program. Scouts who do not meet this criterion are still eligible to attain membership upon the passing of a physical fitness test. Members involved in other BSA units must be in good standing to join the Varsity Team.

Adult membership is open to all male adults over the age of 18 who are registered with the Boy Scouts of America as Varsity Scouters. Adult leadership positions are assigned at the discretion of the Team Committee.

All Members must agree to live in accordance to the Varsity Scout Pledge and the Boy Scout Oath and Law.

## **Charter**

Varsity Team 8880 shall hold its charter with Cherokee Presbyterian Church. The chartered organization representative shall handle communication between the chartered organization and Varsity Team 8880.

## **Team Leadership**

### **Youth**

The elected positions in the Team shall be the Team Captain and Squad Leaders (only if squads are necessary). The Team Captain may appoint no more than one Team Cocaptain for every seven youth or for each squad. The Team Captain shall also assign Program Manager(s) for each of the Five Fields of Emphasis.

### **Adults**

The adult leadership shall consist of one Team Coach, one Team Committee Chairman, a Team Committee, and Assistant Team Coaches as needed. There shall also be a Program Advisor (who serves on the Team Committee) to support each Program Manager.

Responsibilities for Youth and Adult leaders can be found in the latest edition of the Varsity Scout Guidebook.

### **Elections**

The term of office for youth positions shall be six months.

Any member can serve more than one successive term of office and is eligible to serve as long as he continues to be elected. One month before elections, the Team Captain is to appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three youth members (who may already hold positions). The committee's purpose is to make nominations and set forth a complete list of possible candidates who have agreed, if elected, to serve to the best of their ability. To run for office, a member must have the approval of the Nominating Committee.

On the day of elections, nominations may not be made from the floor by any member (including the Team Captain). The rules for conducting elections are as follows:

- A. All elections are to be conducted via secret ballot
- B. All nominees must be present for the election to take place. Should a nominee not be present, elections must be postponed.
- C. A youth's nomination is not valid unless he can fulfill his entire six month term before his 18th birthday.

### **Team Business**

Voting on all issues will be by a simple majority. A quorum shall consist of 50% + 1 of the registered youth members of Team 8880 to vote on routine business. All voting procedures shall be in accordance to the latest edition of Robert's Rules of Order.

Amendments to the bylaws should be discussed among the Team Leadership and the Committee. A simple majority vote of both the Team Leadership and Committee is required for an amendment to the bylaws to be enacted.

## **Meetings**

General meetings are to be held at the discretion of the Team Leadership with regular frequency.

## **Finances**

Dues will be \$72.00 annually and are payable quarterly (\$18.00). Dues will include annual re-charter fees. Members delinquent in dues payments will not be permitted to participate in Team activities outside of general meetings. Members delinquent in dues payments for six months or more will be dropped from the Team roster.

All money-earning projects must be approved by a majority vote of Team members, the Coaches, and the Team Committee. Members who do not participate in a project are not entitled to any of the benefits coming from the funds earned. Before each fundraiser, the Program Manager and his Advisor will establish how the profit will be divided. The profit-sharing plan will then be required to be approved by a simple majority by the Team.

## **Uniforms**

Varsity Team 8880 wears the official Boy Scout shirt (with appropriate insignia) with blaze shoulder loops and Varsity strip, official Boy Scout pants or shorts, official Boy Scout socks, and official Boy Scout belt or leather belt with Scouting related buckle.

Varsity Scouts are not required to have an official Varsity uniform to be a member in good standing; however, members holding positions are required to wear the official Varsity uniform. The official Varsity uniform is required for all boards of review.

## **Policy/Discipline**

All Varsity Scouts and Scouters must have a current Annual Health and Medical Record on file with the Team. Parts A and C are required for all Team activities. Part B may be required for certain activities.

Sex, illegal drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use will not be tolerated by any youth or adult at any Team meeting or activity. Those in violation of this policy may be subject to expulsion from the event and/or the Team.