LOCAL TOUR PERMITS

Local tour permits are to be used for Scouting tours and trips under 500 miles one way. Since local Scout councils are aware of their geography and their need related to tour permits it is the local council that establishes the guidelines for when a tour permit is required. It is not necessary to file a tour permit for every activity.

The NNJC has determined that in-council trips of a few hours that replace regularly scheduled meetings do not require a tour permit; however, it is recommended that units obtain permission slips from parents. Tour permits are also not required for in-council units camping at NNJC camps or attending NNJC council or district activities.

Examples of when a tour permit would not be needed:

- If a Cub Scout Den schedules a visit to the town fire station in lieu of their regularly scheduled meeting then they do not have to file a tour permit.

- If a Boy Scout Troop is camping at one of our council camps or attending an approved district activity then they would not have to file a tour permit.

Cases where tour permits must always be filed:

- When leaving the council geographic area.
- Any event involving Aquatics.
- Any overnight trip (excluding council camps and district/council activities).

Tour permits help to reinforce leader requirements, especially in regards to Youth Protection, transportation, and aquatic activities. They can provide information necessary to locate a troop or post if an emergency arises and lets the council know point of contact when an emergency situation develops. In summary tour permits re-enforce planning, safety, and two-deep leadership.

Please remember that the tour permit application must be filed with the local council service center two weeks in advance of scheduled activity for proper clearance. If the destination of the trip is 500 miles or more one way, or outside the U.S.A. (except local council camps), you must use the National Tour Permit Application.

All other standards of training and leadership listed on the tour permit application and found in the *Guide to Safe Scouting* are in effect at all times whether a tour permit is required or not.