

ON THE ROAD...

Safe Scouting Guidelines When Transporting Youth

1) BE PREPARED!

- Plan Carefully
- Draw up a detailed itinerary (times, places, routes, contacts) and leave it with a reliable person not going on the trip.
- Inspect all equipment and vehicle for operability and safety.
- Obtain all necessary permits*, reservations, tickets, etc.

2) BE SAFE!

- Adhere to *Transportation Guidelines**
- Follow *Youth Protection** mandates.
- Insure that leaders have proper training for planned activities (*Safety Afloat, CPR, First Aid, Climb on Safely, etc.*)

3) HAVE FUN!



Transportation Guidelines:

- Passenger vehicles carrying in excess of 15 passengers require a commercially licensed driver (Chartered buses need to be on Council approved list).
- Drivers must be 18 years or older and have a valid driver's license.
- Adhere to all speed limits.
- Do not convoy! Have planned, scheduled check stops.
- Do not drive in excess of 10 hours per day. Take frequent rest stops.
- All vehicles must have seat belts for all passengers (commercial vehicles excepted).
- Passengers are not allowed to ride in the back of trucks, station wagons or trailers.
- All drivers/vehicles must be properly insured. (Any vehicle with 10+ passengers is required to have 100/500/100 minimum limits).

Tour Permit:

- Required for any travel outside of immediate area (local Zip code). Local Tour Permit for travel up to 500 miles; National Tour Permit for >500miles.
- Allow two weeks for Council to process and return (can be processed at Council HQ, any Scout shop or by fax).
- Blank permits are available on OCBSA web site or can be created with help of "fill-in" wizard at www.scouting.org/forms/ltp/index.html.
- Be sure to have driver's license, year, make and model of car, and insurance coverage limits for each driver.
- Tour Permits are required for registration at all Council camps and entrance to some government facilities.

Youth Protection:

- All trips require two-deep "Youth Protection Trained" leaders or one leader and one parent at a minimum.
- All groups should have two leaders and two youth at all times (Plan four leaders in case of emergency requiring split-up).
- An exception to the 'two-deep' policy is permitted while in transit when it is permissible to have one adult with *two or more* youth.
- Additional requirements apply if trip includes an overnight stay.