

Ten *more* things adults need to know, because sometimes we *all* forget...

1. Please be respectful of the troop meeting. It's easy to forget that it's not a meeting for the adults, and sometimes we are too loud and create a distraction. Though not intentional, it is rude to our guests or presenters and our scouts. Please remember keep your voice down so as not to interfere with the meeting.
2. If you are not a Scoutmaster or assisting as one, please refrain from interacting with a scout unless it is pertinent to the situation. If you have anything to share, relevant to scouting, time can be made for you to present it to the troop as a whole at an appropriate time, usually during the meeting's closing.
3. Only under extreme circumstances should any adult interfere with a meeting, ceremony or Scoutmaster Conference. This includes opening and closing ceremonies. *Safety issues not withstanding*, speaking with a boy or a group of boys should be done when the meeting is over.
4. If a scout is having a scoutmaster conference, there is rarely a valid reason to interrupt it. It is disrespectful of the Scout and the Scoutmaster. Do not approach the conference as it becomes a violation of that Scout's privacy. This includes adult leaders within the troop as well.
5. Scouts interact with the Scoutmaster; parents interact with the Committee Chair. If a parent has important information regarding the state of his/her son, then they have the right and responsibility to make the Scoutmaster and the staff aware of it. Otherwise, *time that we have to spend with a parent is time taken away from a scout*.
6. Scouts are responsible for reporting to their individual patrol leaders if they are to be late or absent from a meeting or event. Parents should not contact the Scoutmaster on behalf of the Scout. See rule 5 for clarification.
7. If a Scout is to be late for an appointment with a scoutmaster, merit badge instructor or committee member, it is his responsibility to call/contact them and inform them of this. Any Scout arriving for a meeting late will have that meeting rescheduled at the adult's convenience. It is important that the scout show respect for the time of those who volunteer to serve him in the program. Learning to keep appointments on time develops a valuable character trait.
8. Full uniform is REQUIRED for all meetings with the Scoutmaster, merit badge instructors and committee members. Any scout arriving for an appointment who is not in full uniform will have that meeting rescheduled at the adult leader's convenience. *Dress for success*.
9. For all Scoutmaster and committee meetings, the Scout must make an appointment in advance, and said appointment will be granted to the Scout when it is convenient to the individual leader at a place of the leader's choosing. Remember, if necessary, a parent will have to be present to fulfill youth protection guidelines. *A scout never meets alone with an adult for any scouting meeting, conference or activity*.
10. Scouting is a journey, not a race. A scout's advancement is not solely connected to how quickly he attains merit badge requirements, but also to how he lives the Scout Oath and Law. As a scout advances in age and rank, he is expected to show growth in applying these principals by exemplifying them in his behavior. By following the Oath, Law, Motto and fulfilling the advancement requirements in skills and service, a scout can advance in a timely fashion and it will be a personally rewarding experience. (If he is lacking in any area, he will be counseled to improve before advancing in rank.)