

BOY SCOUT TROOP 246

**Miami Valley Council
Sun Watch District
Boy Scouts of America**

POLICIES AND STANDARDS

Revised February 2011

Chartered by Englewood United Methodist Church

TROOP OBJECTIVE:

To prepare Scouts for effective citizenship in a changing world.

Boy Scout Troop 246 is an organization for boys ages 11 through 18 that promotes adventure, learning, challenge, citizenship, self-reliance, exercise, and responsibility through camp outs, out-reach projects, advancements, and leadership opportunities.

The troop's regular meetings facilitate planning, advancement instruction, and recreation. Weekend activities are planned at least once a month. These include events such as District and Council Camporees, troop camp outs, service projects, activities, and trail hikes. Each summer the troop plans a long term event: a week at scout summer camp and/or a major High Adventure experience such as canoeing, hiking, backpacking, etc. During all troop activities, the Scouts are under the supervision of at least two (2) adults. The troop is organized into patrols of approximately eight Scouts who choose their own patrol officers every six months. The patrols are guided by an adult Patrol Advisor. The patrols are coordinated by a Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) and his assistants. The SPL is elected twice each year. Within this organization, the Scouts have the responsibility for planning the programs and activities of the troop.

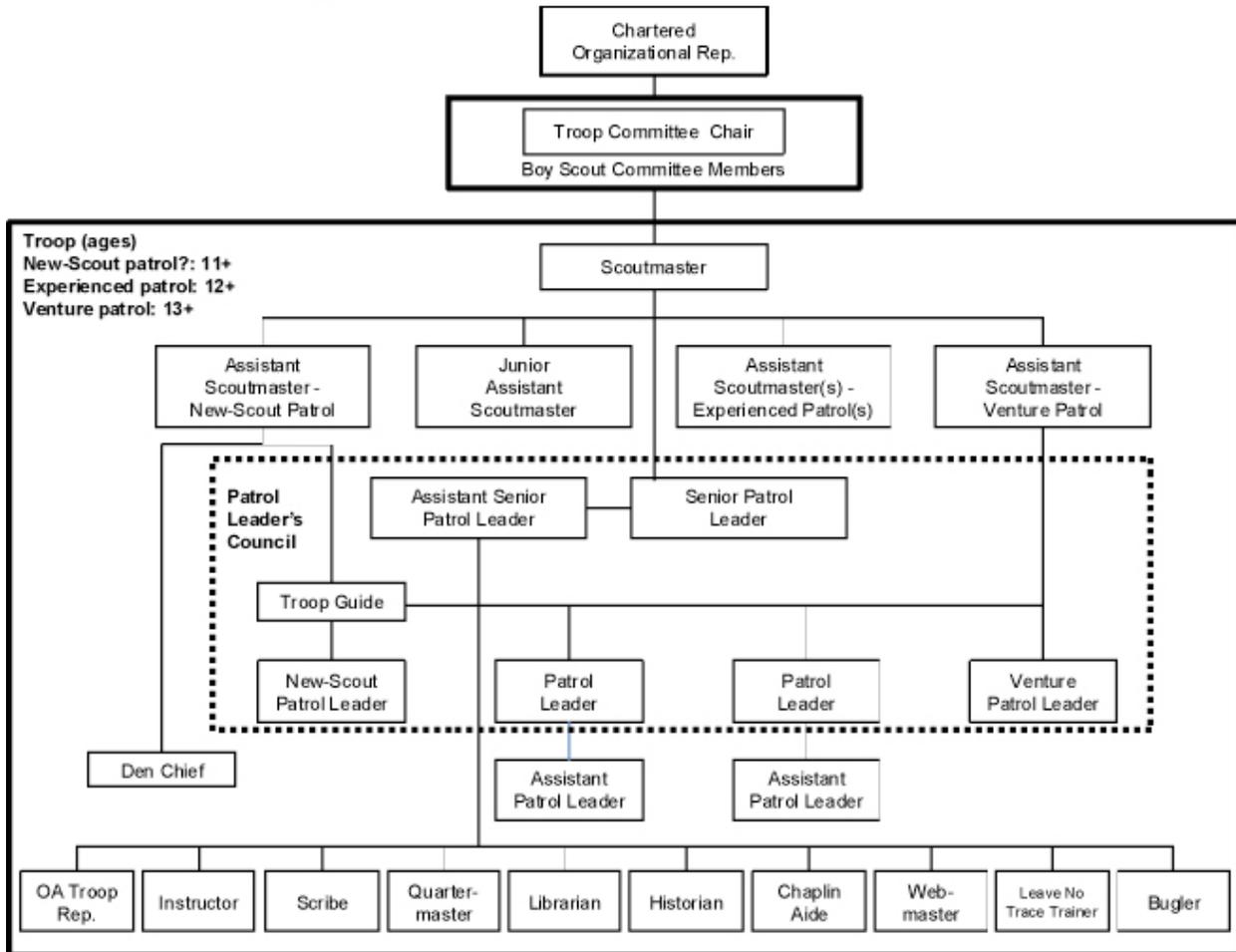
The adult Scout leaders of Troop 246 act in an advisory role, allowing the scouts to run the troop and encouraging individual responsibility while seeing that things move in the right direction.

The Troop Committee meets once a month (most often the third Thursday of the month) at Englewood United Methodist Church. The purpose of the committee is to support the troop with financial matters, activity planning, transportation arrangements, equipment needs, publicity, review/advice on Eagle Scout projects, and additional leadership when needed. All parents are encouraged to become registered as members of this committee.

Englewood United Methodist Church has sponsored Troop 246 since 1949. The church furnishes a facility for troop meetings and equipment storage. The church requires that all media publication meet their approval prior to distribution to assure appropriateness.

Please note that all BSA rules are in effect. The intent of these bylaws is to further define expectations within our troop. All policies and standards mentioned here are subject to the interpretation of the Troop Committee and Scoutmaster.

Boy Scout troop organization chart



GENERAL RULES

The basic principles for all scout behavior are found in the Scout Oath and Law.

- Rule of common sense - If you think it is wrong or dangerous, DO NOT DO IT.
- No alcohol.
- No smoking or the use of tobacco products.
- No drugs.
- No fireworks.
- No aerosol cans.
- No electronic equipment (including cell phone - scouts only).
- Matches can only be carried by Scouts designated and approved by a Camp Master or adult leader.
- Knives may only be carried by Scouts who carry a "Totin' Chip" card.
- No sheath knives.

- Matches and/or knives may be confiscated by any adult leader at any time for disregard of safety.
- No profanity or profane material.
- By participating in Troop 246 activities, participants' images may appear on the web site (<http://www.scoutingpages.org/us/oh/troop246/index.htm>) unless specific written notification has been submitted to the Troop Committee.
- Physical abuse or intimidation of others is not permitted.
- Every Scout should remember that he is representing himself, his family, his troop, the Boy Scouts of America, and our sponsoring organization – Englewood United Methodist Church.

ADULT RULES

No use of alcohol, tobacco products or profanity around the boys.

Any adult accompanying Scouts to summer camp or on a High Adventure must have a completed medical form on file.

Adult leaders are required to participate in BSA training programs to be covered by BSA insurance.

During all troop activities, the Scouts are to be under the supervision of no less than two adults.

MEETINGS

Meetings are held every Monday evening throughout the year with the exceptions of Scout summer camp and holidays.

Meetings begin at 7:15 p.m. and end at 8:45 p.m. Meetings are held in the Fellowship Hall of Englewood United Methodist Church unless a special activity is planned.

MEETING RULES

"Class A" official Scout uniform shirts are required for all meetings and activities. Occasionally, the troop has uniforms available. Please ask the Quarter Master if any are available.

Scouts are expected to bring their official Scout Handbook and pencil/ pen to each meeting.

Respect of the church property is to be observed at all times.

Respect of others and other's property is expected.

No Scout is to leave the premises without the permission of an adult or Scoutmaster. Scouts are expected to remain at the weekly meetings until the meetings are officially closed. Every effort is made to finish the meetings on time. If a Scout has to leave a Troop meeting before the official closing, the adult leaders must know that these departures have parental knowledge and consent.

Scouts are expected to be present and on time to all troop meetings and activities. There are, of course, times when a scout will be unable to attend a meeting or other activity. In such cases, each Scout is expected to inform his Patrol Leader (prior to the event) of his inability to attend.

Scouts whose behavior is deemed unacceptable will be required to call their parents to come and pick them up at the troop meeting or at the site of the troop's activity. If behavior becomes a constant problem, the scout may be denied participation in future troop activities and advancement.

CAMP OUT RULES

Prior to the outing, sign-up sheets and outing details will be available at troop meetings.

In order to ensure that there will be sufficient supplies, equipment, and transportation for all in attendance, camp out fees and permission forms are due no later than the Monday night before the outing.

Proper equipment is a necessity on camp outs, especially if it is a cold weather outing. Prior to departure, all participants should be prepared to have their equipment inspected. For safety reasons, if the Scout does not have the proper equipment when it is time to depart, he will not be permitted to participate.

Punctuality is important. Every effort will be made to be on schedule at the appointed time. Those not present at the designated departure time will be left behind.

No food or drinks are permitted in tents at any time.

Failure to show up for a camp out will result in the forfeiting of the fees paid. If a Scout finds that he is unable to attend a camp out for good cause, he should contact the Camp Master as soon as possible. If the Camp Master is unavailable, then contact the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Any fees which have not been spent will be refunded.

The adults will sleep in a different area from the scouts. Males and females will sleep separately. No adult will sleep in a tent with a scout. Families are not an exception to this rule. All adult behavior should follow the same rules as the boys - the 12 points of the Scout Law.

SUMMER CAMP RULES

Prior to attending summer camp, any Scout wanting to attend summer camp must attend an overnight camp out with the troop.

Adults attending summer camp serve as acting Scoutmasters. They should be given utmost respect.

Parents are responsible for arranging transportation to and from summer camp.

ADVANCEMENTS

All merit badge application cards must be obtained from the Advancement Chair and signed by the Scoutmaster prior to contacting a Merit Badge Counselor.

Boys should keep copies of all merit badge cards (both partials and earned).

All Merit Badge Counselors must be on the council's approval list (exception: counselors at summer camp).

Merit badges must be earned using the buddy system. A scout must have another scout or a parent with him when he meets with his counselor. Merit badge(s) will be presented at the Troop's Court of Honor.

Scoutmaster Conferences and Boards of Review are held during scheduled Scout meetings. Prior to the meeting, it is the Scout's responsibility to request this to be scheduled. The Scout must have his Scout handbook and his Class A uniform to have a Scoutmaster Conference or Board of Review.

Boards of Review may also be held for Scouts who are not advancing to determine how the program is working for the Scout.

HIGH ADVENTURE

"High Adventures", (such as a trip to Philmont, Sea Base, etc.) are held every 3-4 years. In order to participate in High Adventure, Scouts must:

- Follow BSA guidelines.
- Be at least 13 years old by January 1 of that year.
- Meet any special pre-requisite requirements established by the Troop Committee for that outing.
- Complete and submit all required medical and waiver forms.
- Make all payments according to the guidelines set for the outing. The troop may pay for a portion of High Adventure expenses. Which outings and how much will be paid will be determined by the Committee well in advance of the outing.

TRAVELING

Preferably two registered adult drivers with valid driver's license would be in each car. In an emergency, a Boy Scout with a valid driver's license can serve as a second driver.

BSA Rule – No caravanning. Designated stops are required.

Radios and video games with no noise are permitted while traveling (use headphones). If any materials or media are found to be in bad taste or in questionable taste, the materials or media and player will be confiscated by an adult and returned to the Scout at the end of the camp out. Adults will not be responsible for the safety of these materials.

Cell phones, MP3s, games, etc. will be left in the vehicles during the camp out or outing.

Respect the vehicle. No drinks or snacks are permitted unless approved by the vehicle's owner.

Current medical forms of the scouts riding in the vehicle are to be carried by the driver.

For insurance purposes, all Scouts are required to wear their "Class A" uniform while traveling.

DRESS CODE

To avoid any misunderstanding of appropriate dress for all scout related activities, the following parameters are provided:

- Solid color pants with no holes.
- No cut-offs.
- No multi-colored pants; ex. Jams, Bengal stripes, camouflage.
- Scout related T-shirts are preferred ("Class B", red T-shirt with Troop 246 logo).
- Any article of clothing considered offensive by an adult leader (e.g., those suggesting a referral to alcohol, drugs, sexual connotation) will not be permitted.
- Boy Scout hats are preferred. Other hats must follow the above guidelines.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Service projects must be community or church oriented.

All service projects must be presented to the Troop Committee and approved prior to the beginning of the project.

FINANCES

Troop revenue comes from annual membership fees and fund raisers held throughout the year.

The troop renews its charter with Englewood United Methodist Church and the Boy Scouts of America during the month of March. Boys who enter the troop after March 1 will have their fees prorated for the remainder of the charter year.

Scouts will not be allowed to participate in activities if annual membership fees are not paid. Troop 246 will not deny any Scout membership because of an inability to pay annual membership fees. If a Scout has a financial need, he may speak to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman in confidence.

The troop charges a fee for all camp outs. This charge will vary according to the cost of the outing.

The fee for summer camp varies depending on where the troop goes and when the fees are paid.

Net income from fund raising events (such as concessions at festivals, mum sales, etc.) is split with 25% going to the troop's general fund and 75% to the High Adventure fund or a special fund as designated by the Troop Committee.

The troop's general fund is used to pay for advancement awards, equipment needs, miscellaneous expenses, and insurance. Additionally, the troop pays a portion of the cost of leadership training courses, which selected scouts and adult leaders are urged to attend.

All expenses (including the equipment trailer expenses) are deducted from the general fund for fund raisers. All profit is deposited into the troop's general fund, of which 75% of the profit goes into the "High Adventure" fund.

INDIVIDUAL SCOUT ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer will create a Scout Fund for each Scout. Contributions to this fund will be made by the collection of dues and for each Scout that participates in the fund raising events. The Treasurer will make this information available to the parents/guardian when requested. If there is money in the Scout's individual account, it may be used for camp outs, summer camp, High Adventure, membership fees, scout equipment or uniforms. To use the funds for equipment or uniforms the Scout must first get approval from the Scoutmaster. If a Scout wishes to transfer to another troop, money in his account will be forwarded to the new troop when transfer papers have been supplied. If a Scout fails to re-register or withdraws from the Boy Scouts of America, any money in his account will be placed into Troop 246's general fund after six months from the date of last attendance. At the parents' discretion and with the Scoutmaster's approval, funds may be transferred to the Scout Fund of another family member within Troop 246.

RELIGION IN OUR TROOP

The scouting program firmly embraces the concept of personal faith and our troop attempts to uphold our duty to God. The troop holds that participation in scouting will strengthen the human values which your own faith advances. Our troop does not have requirements as to the religious affiliations for our Scouts and will respect the faith of each boy. Englewood United Methodist Church charts Troop 246 because it believes in the goals of scouting as a method of community involvement, but not as an extension of its particular religious programs.

A Scout may want to become more involved in his faith by working on a Scout religious award. The award is earned in the Scout's own church, usually with his own clergy as counselor. Our troop encourages all Scouts to become involved in one of the Religious Award Programs.

Englewood United Methodist Church extends a welcome to any family who does not have a church affiliation. Sunday morning worship services begin at 10:45 a.m., and Sunday School classes are available.

SCOUT / PARENTS COMMITMENT

Incoming Scouts, and on an annual basis Scouts and active parents are required to register with the troop. By being registered with Troop 246, every family commits to the following:

1. Each Scout will be encouraged to attend all Courts of Honor, Scout Sunday, and all troop required functions.
2. Each Scout will participate, to the best of his ability, in Goodwill Good Turn Projects.
3. It is the responsibility of the scout to inform the troop of any long-term absence (e.g., band, sports, etc.).

The most important thing parents/guardians can do for the troop is:

- to give their son encouragement.
- to be interested in his efforts in the scouting program.
- help him plan the course of his advancement.
- attend the Courts of Honor to publicly acknowledge his accomplishments.

The benefits derived from scouting should repay your efforts many times over. Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly Troop Committee Meetings held the third Thursday of each month at Englewood United Methodist Church. The Troop Committee welcomes your input, participation and any concerns you may have.

Troop 246 depends on the participation of parents in a number of manners: as Committee Members to provide guidance for the troop and to serve on "Boards of Review", to provide additional supervision on camp outs and occasionally to provide transportation. Strong parental support makes for a strong troop for our boys.

INSURANCE

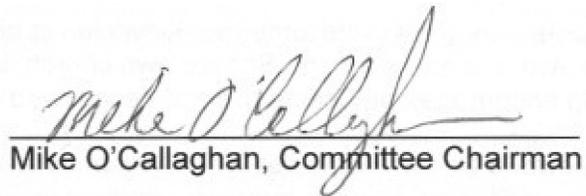
As a Scouting Leader or parent, you know the importance of insurance coverage. The Miami Valley Council's Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan provides coverage during supervised and sponsored activities and events as described in Exhibit "A" attached. No other insurance coverage is offered through Boy Scout Troop 246.

RATIFICATION

The bylaws as set forth above were reviewed by the Troop Committee and approved by a majority vote during the Committee Meeting, on February 19, 2009.



Robert Bennett, Scoutmaster



Mike O'Callaghan, Committee Chairman

Sign, Date, Cut, and Return to the Troop

Welcome to Troop 246

Bylaws of Troop 246 acknowledgement:

I, _____, the
parent/guardian of _____ have
received a copy of BOY SCOUT TROOP 246 of the Miami Valley
Council, Sun Watch District, Boy Scouts of America POLICIES
AND STANDARDS, dated February 19, 2009 and will abide by
these rules and policies.

Signature and date

MIAMI VALLEY COUNCIL

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Exhibit A

As a Scouting Leader or parent, you know the importance of insurance coverage in the event of an accident. The Miami Valley Council Accident & Sickness Insurance Plan provides coverage during Supervised and Sponsored Activities and Events.

Who Is Covered: All Youth, Leaders (including Den Aides/Chiefs), Adult Volunteers and Seasonal Volunteer Staff registered with the Miami Valley Council. Non-scouts, non-scouters and guests who are being encouraged to become registered leaders or scouts are automatically insured while in attendance or participating in a scheduled activity, including travel with the scouts to and from such activity. Full time and part-time employees of the Boy Scouts of America are not eligible for coverage.

What is Covered: The Plan provides year round coverage for covered accidental injuries which result directly and independently of all other causes, from a covered accident. A limited emergency sickness benefit is also provided as explained below. Policy is effective for one year starting on March 31, 2008. Policy number: BAB007861.

Plan Benefits:

Accident Medical Expense Benefit -Up to \$4,000 is payable for covered accidental injuries which result from a covered accident. The first expense must be incurred within 30 days of the accident. Coverage is provided for eligible expenses incurred within one year after the date of the covered accident. There are no deductibles. Benefits are paid only when they are in excess of amounts payable by any other Health Care Plan. In the event no other health insurance coverage exists, this plan's benefits will be paid on a primary basis.

Emergency Sickness Medical Expense Benefit -up to \$1,000 is payable for any illness or disease diagnosed by a physician which causes severe or acute symptoms, that if not provided immediate treatment would reasonably be expected to result in the deterioration of the Covered Person's health or place his life in jeopardy. The illness or disease must also manifest itself suddenly and unexpectedly while the Covered Person is participating in a Covered Activity. The first expense must be incurred within 30 days of the emergency sickness. Coverage is provided for eligible expenses incurred within one year after the date of the first date of treatment of the emergency sickness. There are no deductibles. Benefits are paid only when they are in excess of amounts payable by any other Health Care Plan. In the event no other health insurance coverage exists, this plan's benefits will be paid on a primary basis.

Covered Medical Expenses Include: Hospital room charges, emergency room treatment, surgery, and ground ambulance expenses. Dental care for sound, natural teeth, up to \$500.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits -When injuries result in loss of life or any of the other losses listed below, within one year from the date of the accident, the following benefits are payable:

Loss of life \$7,000

Loss of both hands or both feet or sight of both eyes \$14,000

Loss of one hand and one foot \$14,000

Loss of one hand and the sight of one eye \$14,000

Loss of one foot and the sight of one eye \$14,000

Loss of speech and hearing \$14,000

Loss of one hand or one foot or the sight of one eye \$ 7,000

Loss of speech or hearing (both ears) \$7,000

Loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand \$3,500

Quadriplegia \$14,000

Paraplegia \$7,000

Hemiplegia \$7,000

Loss of a hand or foot means complete severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint. Loss of sight means the total, permanent loss of sight of the eye. The loss of sight must be irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means. Loss of speech means total, permanent and irrecoverable loss of audible communication. Loss of hearing means total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears which cannot be corrected by any means. Loss of a thumb and index finger means complete severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joint (the joints between the finger and the hand). Severance means the complete separation and dismemberment of the part from the body.

Paralysis means loss of use, without severance, of a limb. This loss must be determined by a doctor to be complete and not reversible.

Quadriplegia means total Paralysis of both upper and lower limbs.

Hemiplegia means total Paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

Paraplegia means total Paralysis of both lower limbs or both upper limbs.

If more than one loss results from any one accident only one amount-the largest -will be paid. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment aggregate limit is \$250,000.

Plan Limitations and Exclusions: This plan does not cover:

1-Intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereof while sane or insane; 2-commission or attempt to commit a felony or an assault; 3-commission of or active participation in a riot or insurrection; 4-bungee-cord jumping, parachuting, skydiving, parasailing, hang-gliding, snowboarding, skateboarding, motorcycle racing, racing rocket-powered, jet propelled or nuclear-powered vehicles; 5-declared or undeclared war or act of war; 6-flight in, boarding or alighting from an aircraft, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline; 7-travel in or on any on-road and off-road motorized vehicle that does not require licensing as a motor vehicle; 8-participation in any motorized race or contest of speed; 9-an accident if the covered person is the operator of a motor vehicle and does not possess a valid motor vehicle operator's license, unless the covered person holds a valid learners permit and the covered person is receiving instruction from a driver's education instructor; 10-sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental external cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food (except as specifically covered under the Emergency Sickness benefit); 11-release of nuclear energy or radiation, including sickness or disease resulting from such release; 12-travel or activity outside the United States; 13-the covered person being legally intoxicated as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the covered event occurred; 14-voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage; 15-injuries compensable under workers' compensation law or any similar law; 16-occupational injuries for which benefits are not paid under the workers' compensation law or any similar law; 17-a cardiovascular accident or stroke resulting, directly and independently of all other causes, from exertion, as verified by a physician, while the covered person participates in a covered activity; 18-operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug, narcotic or other intoxicant including any prescribed drug for which the covered person has been provided a written warning against operating a vehicle while taking it. For purposes of this exclusion, under the influence of alcohol, means intoxicated, as defined by the law of the state in which the covered accident occurred.

In addition, benefits will not be paid for services or treatment rendered by any person who is employed or retained by the policyholder or living in the covered person's household or provided by a parent, sibling, spouse or child of either the covered person or the covered person's spouse, or the covered person.

Accident Medical Benefit limitations and excluded expenses:

1-cosmetic surgery, except for reconstructive surgery needed as the result of a covered injury; 2-any elective or routine treatment, surgery, health treatment or examination, including any service, treatment or supplies that are deemed by the Company to be experimental or investigational and are not recognized and generally accepted medical practice in the United States; 3-blood, blood plasma, or blood storage, except expenses by a hospital for processing or administration of blood; 4-treatment in any veteran's administration, federal, or state facility, unless there is a legal obligation to pay; 5-services or treatment provided by persons who do not normally charge for their services, unless there is a legal obligation to pay; 6-rest cures or custodial care; 7-examination or prescription for, or purchase, repair or replacement of eyeglasses, contact lenses, hearing aids, braces, appliances, orthopedic braces. or orthotic devices; 8-repair or replacement of existing dentures, partial dentures, braces or bridgework; 9-personal services such as television and telephone or transportation; 10-orthopedic appliances used mainly to protect an injury so that the covered person can take part in interscholastic sports; 11-expenses payable by any automobile insurance policy without regard to fault; 12-services or treatment provided by an infirmary operated by the policyholder; 13-treatment of injuries that result over a period of time (such as blisters. tennis elbow, etc.), and that are a normal, foreseeable result of participation in the covered activity; 14-treatment or service provided by a private duty nurse; 15-repair or replacement of existing artificial limbs, eyes and larynx; 16-treatment of hernia of any kind; 17-charges for any article of clothing intended for use more than once.

Benefits are reduced by 50% if the covered person has HMO or PPO coverage and elects not to use that coverage.

How to File Claim:

Claim forms are available from your unit leader or the Council Office. Complete the claim form as instructed. Be sure your unit number, address, and phone number are clearly indicated, the policy number is already listed. Attach medical bills and any Explanation of Benefits you have received from the medical providers, and mail to:

Miami Valley Council, BSA
4999 Northcutt Pl, PO Box 13057
Dayton OH 45413

If you need help or have any questions,
call the Council Office at 937-278-4825.

Plan Arranged By: Nichols, Roger & Knipper Phone: 937-222-4666
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 Clayton, OH 45402

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