



TROOP 53, BSA
CASTLETON ON HUDSON, NEW YORK
SINCE 1924



Boy Scout Troop 53
Articles of Association

Article I

The name of the Association shall be BOY SCOUT TROOP 53. The Association was founded in 1924.

Article II

The program goals of Boy Scout Troop 53 are to the benefit and apply to eligible boys aged 11 to 17, from the Castleton-Schodack community in New York.

The aims of Boy Scouting are character development, citizenship training, and personal fitness.

Troop 53 realizes these aims of preparing young men to make ethical choices over their lifetimes, by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

In addition, the troop endeavors to develop American citizens who are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit; have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness; have personal values based on religious concepts; have the desire and skills to help others; understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental systems; are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand our nation's role in the world; have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people; and are prepared to participate in and give leadership to American society. The program achieves the BSA's objectives of developing character, citizenship, and personal fitness qualities among youth by focusing on a vigorous program of outdoor activities.

Article III

The Troop will be located in Schodack, New York, operating from Castleton Village Hall, 85 South Main Street, Castleton on Hudson, New York 12033.

Article IV

Troop 53 is an individual organization. The Troop is affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America through a charter, granted yearly by the Boy Scouts of America, Inc. (BSA) to the Castleton Kiwanis Club; also know as the Chartered Organization.

Article V

The Troop shall have the power to raise money by dues and fees from its members, and through fundraising opportunities as voted by the Troop Committee. Portions of these fees will go to pay for the annual charter and registration fees to BSA, via the local council. Funds raised will be used exclusively for the benefit of the Troop to pursue the goals stated in Article II, and not for the benefit of individual members. The Troop

Committee shall establish dues and fees each year to cover the costs of operating the Troop to meet its program goals.

Article VI

A committee of adults will direct the Troop over the age of 18. With the concurrence of the chartering organization, the following minimum positions will constitute the Committee:

1. Committee Chairman
2. Scoutmaster (non-voting)
3. Member(s) of Committee

There will be a quorum requirement of three committee members for conducting business at any called meeting of the Troop Committee. The Committee shall meet as called by its Chairman, or designee, for the purpose of executing program goals of the Troop.

Article VII

The Troop will be organized following the guidance of the BSA. The Troop will meet at least once per month through out the school calendar year for meetings or activities.

Article VIII

The Troop is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article IX

No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Troop shall not participate in, or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Troop shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

(a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or

(b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Article X

Upon the dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed of by the Court of Common Pleas of Rensselaer County, in the State of New York, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Adopted on February 12th, 2005

Amended December 16th, 2005

Raymond Dowling
Chairman

Donald McKnight
Scoutmaster