

## Boy Scout Email Permission Form

### Troop 120

Troop 120 would like to create a Gmail account for son to allow for collaborative sharing using Google Applications and Services. The implementation of Google Docs and GMail supports the mastery of effective and proper email communications by scouts – an important part of their development into good citizens of the community. Additionally, these services are collaborative tools that enhance the scouts work as individuals and in groups, and that allow Troop collaboration and progress monitoring.

As with any educational endeavor, we feel that a strong partnership with families is essential to a successful experience. Therefore, we are asking your permission to provide a Gmail account to your son if he does not already have one. Once the permission slip is returned, your student will be assisted in establishing their email address and password at an upcoming Troop meeting. If you wish to obtain a copy of your son's logon information, please ask him to share the pertinent information (i.e. password, email address and logon/portal instructions). All communications from the Troop to the Scouts will continue to go to the parents/guardians as well so you can assist them in working through their scouting experience.

### Ground Rules

- 1. Official Email Address** All scouts will be establish a Gmail.com account. This account will be considered the scout's official email address until such time as they are no longer a member of Troop 120.
- 2. Prohibited Conduct**  
Scouts email may not be used in the following ways:
  - Unlawful activities
  - Commercial purposes
  - Personal financial gain
  - False identity in email communications
  - Misrepresentation of Troop 120 or the Boy Scouts of America.
  - Electronic chain letters
- 3. Access Restriction**  
Access to and use of scout's email is considered a privilege accorded at the discretion of their parent or guardian. The parent or guardian maintains the right to immediately withdraw the access and use of scout's at any time. In the case of permanent restriction, they agree to contact the Scoutmaster to ensure a new account is not registered with the Troop.
- 4. Security**  
Troop 120 cannot and does not guarantee the security of electronic files located on the Google Mail system. Although Google does have a powerful content filter in place, the Troop cannot assure that users will not be exposed to unsolicited information.
- 5. Privacy**  
The general right of privacy will be afforded to all users to the greatest extent possible in the electronic environment. Troop 120 and all electronic users should treat electronically stored information in individuals' files as confidential and private. There is an acknowledged trade-off between the right of privacy of a user and the need of system administrators to gather necessary information to ensure the continued functioning of these resources. In the normal course of system administration, system administrators may have to examine activities, files, and electronic mail to gather sufficient information to diagnose and correct problems with system software or hardware. Scouts are strictly prohibited from accessing files and information other than their own without permission.

## Agreement and Permission

**Parent/guardian:**

- I give permission for my son to establish an email account through Troop 120/Gmail.
- I do not give permission for my son to establish a Gmail account. *Please note that scouts without Gmail permission will not have access to Google Docs or Google Apps.*
- my son already has a Gmail account, please use this one for future communications.

**Current Gmail Account:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scout:**

I agree to adhere to the guidelines stated above for use of my Google Apps and GMail accounts. I also recognize that my parents/guardians have the right to login to my account at any time. I further agree that my acceptance above in no way abrogates my responsibility for compliance with all applicable BSA policies for information technology resource use and/or scout conduct.

**Student signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any technical questions, please feel free to contact:

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