



**Boy Scouts of America  
Troop 240  
Bronx, New York**



## **Troop Trips & Common Sense Travel Rules For Scouts**

Hey Guys when you go on a trip there are certain common sense rules that you should follow:

- **Seat belts must be worn at all times. This includes the middle seat in back passenger seat. Drivers have been instructed not to start a vehicle until everyone is belted in.**
- **No Scout under age 12 may sit in the passenger seat under New York State law. It is recommended that no child under a 100 pounds sit in the passenger seat no matter his age, especially in vehicles with air bags.**
- **Each Scout will be assigned a vehicle for departure and the return. He will stay with that vehicle for the entire trip.**
- **If you are prone to car sickness or feel sick please let the driver know immediately. If you have a cold you should let the driver know before you enter a vehicle. Be sure to cover up if you have to sneeze.**
- **Scouts will be assigned to vehicles by Patrols. The Leadership Corps will be assigned by need as co-pilots.**
- **If a vehicle has to stop for gas or a bathroom break Scouts must return to the same vehicle. No Scout is to leave a vehicle without informing the driver or the co-pilot. Remember to use the Buddy System!**
- **The Leadership Corps member or the Scouter will handle passenger discipline, map reading and communications with other vehicles. This will keep down driver distractions. Further, there is absolutely no play fighting in any vehicle.**
- **If you are carrying a cell phone please put it on vibrate before entering the vehicle. Keep all cell phone conversations short. Ask permission of the driver to use your cell phone before making only a necessary call.**
- **You should rotate shotgun positions after every stop taking into account the above rules. This is the only fair thing to do.**

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- Ask permission to eat or drink in a vehicle especially if you stop at a rest stop and have bought snacks. Be sure to keep control of your soda can or bottle, chips bag, or any other food. Be sure that you do not put your greasy hands on anything. Wipe them on a napkin. Remember, to get napkins when you purchase anything. Be sure to put your litter in the proper receptacle and take it with you when you leave the vehicle.
- Try to keep down the noise or loud talking when riding in a moving vehicle. Also, there should be no gossiping while on a trip nor at any other time.
- One of the most distracting things for drivers is the radio. The driver and only the driver has control of the radio and what station or CD is to be played or not. If you have a CD player or a walkman with you please keep it low enough so that it does not distract other passengers, especially the driver.
- If a passenger goes to sleep please do not disturb him in any way.
- There are times that Scouts have to homework or study on trips. You should respect their efforts and not disturb them because you never know when you could be in the same situation.
- No window should be opened more than half way. You should ask the drivers permission before you open a window. Nothing and we mean nothing should ever be thrown out of a car window.
- \* If your equipment cannot be placed into your assigned vehicle be sure to remember in which vehicle you placed it. You are responsible for your equipment, not the adults.
- If it is raining or snowing before you get into a vehicle be sure to clean off your boots before entering. This is especially true on the return journey when your footwear can be a mess.
- You can bring hand held games, comic books or magazines with you on long trips. Remember, to share them with your fellow Scouts.
- For long trips, a great game to play is the license plate game. See how many out of state license plates you can spot. Or how many unique license plates you can find, especially ones with unique names or designs. You can also tell stories, sing songs or play word games.
- Finally, remember to thank the driver when you leave the vehicle. This is greatly appreciated.