

## **Guidelines for Scouts in Troop/Crew 46 with a valid Driver's License**

1. Scouts who are 16½ years old with a valid driver's license and a clean driving history may transport themselves to and from weekly meetings at the church and to day events in Mecklenburg County. If they wish to transport a fellow scout to and from meetings or an event they must seek the written permission of their parent, and written permission from the parent of the riding scout. All scouts must leave meetings/events in the same manner that they arrived unless parental written permission is given to the advisors.

2. Given that circumstances require, scouts who are 17 years old with a valid driver's license and a clean driving history, may transport themselves to overnight events outside of Mecklenburg County (within a 3-4 hour drive), with the prior written approval of their parents and opinion of the advisor. Scouts must leave from the same meeting place as the adults, follow the same driving route, and stop at designated rest breaks unless prior written permission is agreed upon to do otherwise. Upon arrival, scouts must inform the advisors of the whereabouts of their car and agree to leave their car parked there until the agreed upon departure time. All scouts must leave events in the same manner that they arrived unless direct written parental permission is given to the advisors.

3. Scouts who are 18 years old or older with a valid driver's license and a clean driving history may transport themselves independently to and from events under the time frame set forth by the advisors. Arriving late and departing early must be discussed in advance with the supervising advisors. If they wish to transport a fellow scout to and from meetings or event they must seek the written permission of their parents and the written permission from the parent of the fellow scout. All scouts must leave meetings/events in the same manner that they arrived unless direct parental written permission is given to the advisors.

*Failure to adhere to these guidelines will result in a 3 month suspension of all events except meetings at the church and a second violation will result in expulsion from the troop/crew. Parents of scouts who are allowed to drive either to meetings or events must submit a statement of good faith concerning their child's driving record along with a pledge to update that statement should their driving record change.*