

## Local Tour Permit Policy for Rainbow Council and Frequently Asked Questions 5/01/2004

### Why A Tour Permit?

The single highest number of injuries and fatalities in the United States are caused by motor vehicle accidents.

A tour permit officially registers the activity as an official Scouting activity. Insurance coverage **only** applies to official Scouting activities.

Reinforces driver requirements and insurance requirements and encourages routine maintenance checks on vehicles prior to the trip.

### What Is The Purpose of Tour Permits?

Provide the Scout Executive with information regarding unit outings and trips.

Reinforces leader requirements, especially in regards to Youth Protection.

Can provide information necessary to locate a unit if an emergency arises and lets the council know point of contact when an emergency situation develops.

In summary tour permits re-enforce planning, safety and two-deep leadership.

### Why Is It Important To File The Tour Permit Two Weeks In Advance?

The two-week (in advance) filing requirement helps ensure that trips are well planned. Because of the large number of tour permits filed, late/rush filings cause delays for those who have filed promptly.

If there are concerns with a tour permit, the two-week filing requirement allows time for correction avoiding cancellation of the trip.

### What Activities Require A National Tour Permit Application?

For tours or trips 500 miles or over one way, a National Tour Permit Application is required at least one month prior to departure date.

### What Activities Require A Local Council Tour Permit Application?

For tours and trips under 500 miles one way, Rainbow Council policy requires a Local Tour Permit Application be filed only when travel is outside the boundaries of the Council (Grundy, Kankakee and Will Counties)

It is not necessary to file tour permits for **all** activities. For example if the parents are driving their own children to the activities it is not necessary to file a tour permit, only if they will be transporting other children in their vehicle and the activity is outside the boundaries of Rainbow Council.

Most short, in-town den trips do not require a tour permit; however, it is highly recommended that dens obtain permission slips from parents