

Local tour Permit Policy
Midnight Sun Council
Boy Scouts of America

The purpose of this policy is to help define when a Scouting unit or Learning for Life group within the Midnight Sun Council, BSA, needs to file a Local Tour Permit #34426E with the Earl and Pat Cook Council Service Center. The application process is intended to assist Units in planning a safe, interesting and enjoyable trip and officials at the camping facility are assured that the Unit or Group have been approved by the Midnight Sun Council to conduct this activity. Tours and Expeditions #33737D is a good resource for planning a weekend outing or a ten day trip on the Yukon River.

- General guidelines govern the filing of Local Tour Permits:
- The Tour Permit needs to be filed at least two weeks before the activity.
- Local Tour Permits are required for trips less than 500 miles, one way; however leaving the State of Alaska requires a National Tour Permit (needs to be filed 30 days before departure).
- Must have vehicle transportation and insurance information.
- Leadership must be provided during the duration of the outing.
- Youth Protection Training qualifications (at least one leader must have this training).
- Policies set forth in the Guide to Safe Scouting #34416E and Health and Safety Guide #34415D.

If one of the following conditions applies (or you think it may apply) then a Tour Permit needs to be filed.

- If the activity is conducted 25 miles from the unit's established meeting place or the activity lasts longer than four hours.
- If the activity includes climbing/rappelling. In addition, Climb on Safely #20-099 guidelines must be followed, including the first aid training requirement.
- If the activity includes swimming and/or boating. In addition, Safe Swim Defense #34370A and/or Safety Afloat #34368B guidelines must be followed. If using Council owned canoes and trailers, then guidelines of the Canoe Use Policy apply.
- Ice Fishing
- Units planning high adventure activities will follow the principles of Leave No trace #21-105. In addition, the Council's minimum age requirement for youth participating applies. Youth participating in a high adventure activity (any activity lasting longer than 72 hours and not held on council property) will be at least 13 years of age at the time of the activity.
- If the activity includes shooting sports. The standards for guns and firearms found in the Health and Safety Guide #34415 are to be followed.
- Flying requires a special tour permit and signed parent permission form.

In addition the unit is strongly encouraged to have participated in additional training like "The Risk Zone, Sweet 16, and Health and Safety Training Course."