TROOP 480 FACEBOOK GROUP PAGE POLICY
Revised: December 20, 2023 by Troop Committee

1. Purpose: The purpose of the Troop 480 Facebook page is to provide an online community for parents, guardians, families, Scouts and Troop Leaders associated with BSA Troop 480 to share pertinent Scouting information as it pertains to the Troop and Scouts BSA. The Troop 480 Facebook page will be a closed community organization.

2. Goal: Our goal is to share information and tips, update the community on events and programs, and showcase the achievements of our Scouts.

3. Membership: The Troop 480 Facebook Group will be a closed community page. Only members of Troop 480, youth, adult leaders and immediate family members of Scouts may be permitted access to the group. Access to the group can and will be revoked at the discretion of the Troop Committee Chairman and Facebook page administrators when any of the guidelines set forth are violated.

4. Administration: The Troop Committee will nominate and elect yearly a Social Media Chairperson who will oversee the administration of the Troop Facebook Page. The Facebook page will have four administrators assigned to monitor who will approve all posts to the page and monitor member comments and remove comments that do not adhere to the guidelines set forth:
 a. Troop Committee Chairman
 b. Social Media Chairperson
 c. Scoutmaster
 d. Parent (nominated and elected by the Troop Committee)

All posts submitted to the Troop Facebook page will be reviewed by one of the four administrators. Any comments which violate the guidelines set forth will be deleted and the member will be notified to refrain from such activity on the Troop Facebook page. A second offense will result in permanent expulsion from the Troop Facebook page.

5. Troop Facebook Group/Page Rules:
 a. We encourage you to ask questions and share information. We request that you keep discussions focused directly concerning our Scout Troop and Scouting community.
 b. We encourage posts that highlight our Scout's and Troop's accomplishments
 c. When posting, please use appropriate language. Children can see our page (or group).
 d. If you choose, you can post photos of your Scout at Scouting events. If you have any questions about posting a particular photo, please check with a Troop Facebook page administrator.
 e. Do not post about concerns, problems, or conflicts with individual Scout leaders, Facebook page administrators, Scouts, or parents. We will immediately delete posts that in any way put down or discriminate against individuals. Political comments of any nature will be deleted.
 f. Any online threats and/or alligations will be taken seriously, and proper authorities will be immediately notified.
 g. Do not post information commonly understood as confidential (personally identifiable information, phone numbers, personal addresses) (Use common sense please).
 h. Any inflammatory statements that make allegations against individuals will be deleted.
 i. Keep in mind what you post is public information (or, if this pertains to a Facebook group, state that it is public to all members of the group).
 j. Any advertising for businesses is not allowed.
 k. Do not publish content as your own that has been created by others.
 l. All Scouts who apply for access to the Troop Facebook group must have completed the required Cyberchip training for their respective age group. Failure to maintain required Cyberchip training will result in expulsion from the Facebook group.
 m. The Troop Committee Chairman, Social Media Chairperson and Facebook administrators reserve the right to delete comments and block users who are not following the rules stated above.
 n. All Troop 480 Scouts, Adult leaders, parents and guardians will review and sign this policy annually as a part of our Annual Code of Conduct review.

6. Review: This policy is subject to annual review and may be updated and/or changed based upon the needs of the troop, BSA policies and guidelines, changes to corporate Facebook policies and procedures, Social media trends and situations as they arise.

7. BSA Social Media Guidelines: All Troop 480 Facebook Group/Page content, information and media will be subject to BSA Social Media guidelines.

8. Youth Protection policies that govern the use of email are applicable to the use of the messaging capabilities of Facebook.

9. Effective date: The effective date of this policy is June 11, 2019 and will remain in effect until updated or the Facebook page/group is deleted.