

The Buddy System

The Buddy System is a way for Scouts to look out for one another, especially during outdoor adventures like summer camp. Boys must keep track of what their buddy is up to, and they should know at all times where you are and how you are doing.

Your buddy goes everywhere with you, and you go everywhere with him. Know where your buddy is at all times. The buddy system is important. If you get hurt or lost your buddy will be able to help you. Two people can often solve a problem better than one.

The buddy system is an important part of Scouting that provides safety and support for the Scouts. The policy of the Boy Scouts of America is for boys to be active but in groups of no smaller than two. Individual Scouts are required to find a buddy when they are participating in Scout functions.

Each boy will be participating in many different activities, events and outings throughout his Scouting career. The Guide to Safe Scouting refers to the use of the buddy system for hiking, camping, winter activities, cycling, swimming, and other water activities such as boating. When participating in Troop 2 outdoor activities (including summer camp) it is important to use the buddy system at all times whether it is to take a walk, go to the dining hall, go to the restroom, go to an activity, go fishing or visit the Trading Post to buy candy. Scouts, regardless of their rank or age, must use the buddy system at all times during all Troop 2 outdoor activities.

Scout should tell the supervising adult at the outdoor activity when they are leaving, where they are going and when they will return. When they return to the group they should notify the adult when they have returned.