

Dear Troop 57,

The Troop 57 Yahoo Group is a great asset for communicating with a large troop like ours. Without it, many extra hours of time would need to be spent by the volunteers and leaders of the troop communicating useful information to the membership.

I have been asked by the Troop 57 Committee to remind Troop 57 Yahoo Group subscribers of some important considerations.

1. Criticism is never appropriate in the public forum of the Yahoo Group. All e-mails should adhere to the ideals embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.
2. The purpose of this list is to support Troop 57. E-mails should be Scouting related or of interest to most subscribers.
3. Remember that tone of voice and other non-verbal cues are not present in written communication. Something which is intended to be light hearted or in jest may come across poorly when written, unless written very carefully.
4. When possible, do not send e-mails to the entire group when only one individual needs to be contacted. E-mail that individual directly. The usefulness of the group declines if subscribers stop reading e-mails because they receive too many non-applicable e-mails.

If you know of Troop 57 members who have not subscribed to the group, please encourage them to go to [www.troop57garland.org](http://www.troop57garland.org) and subscribe. There is a link on the home page.

If you need to change your e-mail options, log on to the group and change your member profile. The group administrators cannot do this for you. If you are not able to log on, the group administrators can delete your account and you can create a new one. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for doing your part to help maintain the usefulness of our lists.

YIT57S,  
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