



To All Parents:

We are sending out a permission slip that contains a policy for use of your child's name, photo, creative works, video image, etc on our web site.

This policy is modeled on the Clarkstown School District policy, and modified slightly to suit our needs.

The troop parents committee has adopted this policy for use of names, images, etc. on the site. We are conscious of privacy concerns, and feel that by following this policy, we will be adequately protecting our children. Please explore the various organizations that your children belong to, and you will see many of them with web sites. Many of us have boys in West Nyack or New City Little league – they both have sites. Our children go to Clarkstown Schools, which has an extensive web site. Many of the private schools have sites also. Some have portions password protected, some don't. Have a child attending a local dance studio – yep, a web site too! JCC-Y sports, RBA, soccer leagues – you can find them all on the web. Also realize that many of these organizations post images of your children without your consent being requested.

Obviously, there are also many Boy Scout sites – by the thousands. Most of these sites have sections with names, pictures, and various other forms of work or images that are accessible to all. Visit the Rockland District site (the link is on our web page) and see what the other local troops are doing. We are not setting any new trend – we are just keeping pace in this arena. Our own council acknowledges that a web site is a great tool for recruiting new scouts, but only when they can see how much fun your current scouts are having. We want our site to be a tool for those in the troop as well as for those who may want to join us.

We have purposely delayed adding this content to the site to ensure we did so in a responsible manner, rather than rushing into things. Having had a unanimous vote of the committee at our last meeting, we are now ready to proceed with the final content portions of the site.

The policy is fairly simple. Names, when used, will be only first name and last initial for current scouts. Scouts who have left the troop may be listed by full name. It is anticipated that names will be used in two areas – a troop roster showing the ranks for the scouts in the troop, and a history page of troop Eagle scouts.

Where photos are used, no names will be listed in any captions accompanying the photos. It is anticipated that photos will be used in photo gallery pages, and sporadically throughout the site. No photos will be used on the two pages mentioned that contain names. At this time, it is not anticipated that any video images will be used, but of course the same precautions would be taken if any video were to be included on the site.

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We would hope to have 100% participation in consent to appear on the site. This will certainly make our use of the site much easier from the back end of posting material without having to check each item against those who have chosen not to participate. However, if you do not return a consent form, or return one without granting permission, we will of course abide by your wishes. If you return a form partially completed, we will return it to you and ask that you fill in the missing information. Those who do not consent to the use of the child's photo will have that child's image blurred out on any photo we do use with multiple scouts in the image, so that your child's image will not be recognizable.

With all that being said please complete the permission form ASAP and return it to the troop, either electronically, or via regular mail to:

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If you have any questions, you can reach me at chair@troop97newcity.org or 639-4413.

Yours truly,

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