

Medication Policy

Troop 804 - Boy Scouts of America

It is recognized that Boy Scouts may need to have medications (prescription and/or over the counter) administered during Troop outings and Troop 804 feels it is in the Scouts, his parents' and the Troop's best interest for the medications to be administered. The Scoutmaster may, at his discretion, agree to administer medications as directed by the parents. If the Scoutmaster agrees, any Scout requiring medications during an outing shall provide them to the Scoutmaster at the start of the outing, usually in the parking lot at Baldwin Hall before departure. They shall be in an original pharmacy printed label medication container clearly marked with the Scout's name, medication type and dosage frequency. It is intended that this means the usual small plastic cylindrical container provided by pharmacies. While over the counter medications won't have a pharmacy label, a similar container clearly marked with the same information will suffice. The quantity provided shall be only for the frequency for the duration of the outing. It is also requested that the administration times be set for morning around breakfast, evening before going to bed or both, if possible, as frequently, Scout activities can be wide ranging geographically and getting to the Scout may be impossible at times other than when Troop adult leaders are present. A written Troop 804 Medication Administration Form will accompany the medication, delineating medication dosage, time of administration and giving permission for the Scoutmaster (or designee - a registered adult Scouter over 21 years of age) to administer. The Troop 804 Medication Administration Form and medication will be sealed in a ziplock bag and the Scoutmaster should place all provided medications in a waterproof container.

The only exceptions to the policy for adult administration of medication shall be for asthma inhalers and EpiPen® Auto-Injectors type devices for allergic reactions. These devices shall be carried by the Scouts themselves and the Scout shall be capable of administering it to themselves, as adult leaders may not be able to. If a Scout is not capable of self-administration, he needs to be taught to do so, or he will be unable to participate in Troop outings.