



# TROOP 41



## Internet Publishing & Photo Release and Permission

Boy Scout Troop 41 maintains a World Wide Web site for purposes of publicizing our Scouting program. The Troop 41 policy regarding photographs on Web Sites states is now:

*"Although the Troop 41 encourages use of photographs and illustrations to graphically depict the excitement and adventure involved in Scouting, the Troop is sensitive to concerns about publishing photographs of individuals, especially youths, in any medium. Therefore, photos of group scenes wherein faces and unique identifying characteristics are not readily distinguishable are preferred. If a photo depicting a person's face or unique identifying characteristics is published, it should not include names, and it may only be published after the individual has granted written permission by signing a model release."*

Troop 41 will adhere to this policy. Troop 41 adopted this policy because of its concerns about child abuse in general, and specifically because of the possibility that a child abuser could find a photograph on the Internet, be attracted to the subject of the photo, and engage or attempt to engage in harassment, stalking, or abuse.

Troop 41 considers this possibility unlikely, and considers that a photograph published on the Internet is little different than one published in a newspaper, magazine, or brochure. However, we are concerned for the safety and well being of our Scouts above all else, and wish parents to be able to make informed decisions.

Throughout the year, scouts, parents, and friends may take pictures during scouting activities. Parents and friends may submit their pictures for posting to our website, currently located at [http://abingtonscouts.com/Troop\\_41/index.html](http://abingtonscouts.com/Troop_41/index.html) Pictures must be suitable and appropriate for our website. This **Photo Release Form** must be on file before any pictures of *your* scout may be posted.

Note that posted pictures may be viewed by anyone knowing the WEB site address. Per Troop 41 website policy, names or identifying information will *never* be posted with pictures for anyone less than 18 years of age, and only for adults with their permission on a case by case basis.

As such, *Please check one box*

I give my permission for Troop 41 to place pictures of my family or my son on the above website. Furthermore, I hereby release BSA Troop 41 of liability with regard to posting pictures of my family or my son on the website.

I DO NOT want photos of my son or my family to be published on the Troop website.

*Please Print Clearly:*

Scout Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

This **Release** may be revoked at any time, but will remain in effect until withdrawn in writing by me.

Signed: (Parent/Guardian) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_