

ATV Program FAQ's

- ✓ **Why is Polaris partnering with the Boy Scouts of America by providing Councils with ATV's?** The #1 reason for their BSA national sponsorship is to promote riding ATVs and UTVs **SAFELY**, introduce as many new riders as possible to ATVs and UTVs, and to increase brand awareness and create brand loyalty among Scouts and Scouters

- ✓ **What did our council have to do to get this program and what do they have to provide in the future to operate in accordance with the program rules?** The council requested this program along with many other councils across the nation and were approved in 2017. As a council a 150' x 200' training field must be built, develop designated areas for trail rides, provide storage for the ATVs, provide a covered area to be used as a meeting area and to protect in case of inclement weather, and a place to perform ATV routine maintenance including an area to clean the ATV's after each ride.

- ✓ **How long will this ATV Program run?** Polaris has a 3-year loan plan. After that, the Council has the option to purchase the ATV's or discontinue the program.

- ✓ **What are the ages to be able to participate in this program and what training is required?** Youth must be at least 14 years old. All potential riders must complete a 5 - hour training course that includes a trail ride before using any of the council ATV's.

- ✓ **What training is required?** The Council will send at least two personnel to the ATV Safety Institute in Irving, TX for a 3 - day training course. After completion, they will return to our council and will train all riders (Youth over 14 years old and Adults) with a 5 - hour course conducted at Camp Don Harrington (Camp MK Brown at Boy Scout Summer Camp only).

- ✓ **How many ATV's does the Council have?** We have two Polaris Sportsman 450 Adult ATV's and we have six Polaris Phoenix 200 ATV's.

- ✓ **How much will it cost to attend the initial (one time) five-hour long Training Course and what will I receive for attending?** The cost for the course is \$60.00 per person that includes expert instruction, a patch, certificate, and the ability to ride in the future.

- ✓ **How much will it cost to take an ATV out on Camp Don Harrington, how long can I ride for, and what are the leadership requirements?** The cost for a two-hour ride per person is \$40.00. Not to exceed two hours. No discount for less than two hours.

- ✓ **Who can ride the ATV's and what other rules must be followed?** A youth who has completed the ATV Training that the Council provides, may use our ATV's as long as an adult accompanies you who also has this training. He or she **MUST** be on the ride with you. Youth Protection Guidelines and 2-Deep Leadership must be observed at all times.

If you are an adult who has completed the ATV Training that the Council provides, you may use one of our ATV's but you must be accompanied by another trained adult for safety purposes.

No personally owned ATV's may be used.....You may bring your own helmet, goggles, gloves etc. if you prefer.

- ✓ **How do I schedule myself to take the Training Class or to schedule a Ride?** The Council will offer Training Classes periodically throughout the year. Watch for these on the council web site---www.goldenspread.org. To schedule a Ride, contact the Scout Service Center at 806-358-6500 and they will let you know if the ATV's are available on the date you desire and then will advise you to complete the reservation form. Remember to have all the required leadership confirmed **BEFORE** calling.