

BSA Reminders for Drivers

The following points are for drivers about the major needs to assure high standards of health and safety are met.

All registered volunteers need to be current on their Youth Protection Training (valid for two years).

INSURANCE

Refer to: [BSA Insurance Coverage](#)

All vehicles MUST be covered by a liability and property damage insurance policy. The amount of this coverage must meet or exceed the insurance requirement of the state in which the vehicle is licensed and comply with or exceed the requirements of the country of destination for travel outside the United States. It is recommended, however, that coverage limits are at least \$100,000 combined single limit. Any vehicle designed to carry 10 or more passengers is required to have limits of \$500,000 combined single limit. In the case of rented vehicles, the requirement of coverage limits can be met by combining the limits of personal coverage carried by the driver with coverage carried by the owner of the rented vehicle.

MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION GUIDELINES

Refer to: [Transportation](#), and [Activity Consent Form and Approval By Parents or Legal Guardian](#)

1. We agree to enforce safe travel speeds in accordance with state and local laws, weather and traffic congestion conditions in all motor vehicles.
2. Driver qualifications: All Boy Scout adult drivers and all Venturing adult drivers must have a valid driver's license. **Youth member exception:** When traveling to an area, regional or national Boy Scout event/activity or any Venturing event/activity under the leadership of an adult (21 or older) tour leader, a youth member at least 16 years of age may be a driver, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The person has six months' driving experience as a licensed driver (time on a learner's permit or equivalent is not to be counted.)
 - b. There is no record of accidents or moving violations.
 - c. Parental permission has been granted to the leader, driver and riders.
 - d. Driver restrictions in some states may be stricter. Review driver qualifications in all states through which youth members may be driving. Some units may set stricter driver age limit restrictions.
3. If the vehicle to be used is designed to carry more than 15 people (including the driver), the driver must have a commercial driver's license (CDL). In some states (California, for example), this guideline applies to 10 or more people.
4. Driving time is limited to a maximum of 10 hours with one or more drivers in one 24-hour period and must be interrupted by frequent rest, food and recreational stops.
5. Safety belts are provided and must be used by all passengers and the driver. Exception to this guideline: a school or commercial bus, when not required by law.
6. Passengers will ride only in the cab and use safety belts if trucks are used.
7. No one may ride in the bed of trucks or trailers.