

Troop 567 Knife Policy

Scouts in Troop 567 will be allowed to carry knives to scout functions as long as they demonstrate safe practices in use of the knife. Scouts are very highly encouraged to carry smaller folding pocket knife, such as a Swiss army knife. Many scouts find a pocketknife that has scissors rather than a huge knife is more useful since the scissors will most likely be used more than the knife.

Scouts should carry their Totin' Chip when they are carrying a knife at scout functions. Requirements to earn the Totin' Chip are found here:

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/BoyScouts/AdvancementandAwards/MeritBadges/totin.aspx>

Blade length may NOT exceed FOUR inches. The troop will allow knives with lockable blades and/or a pocketknife with a folding blade such as a Swiss Army knife.

The following are NOT permitted:

Double-edged blades

Spring-loaded blades

Switchblades

Sheath Knives

Large fixed blade knives may be used for cooking but must remain in the “kitchen” area.

If a scout is using a knife improperly they are first shown the correct way to use it. If they continue using the knife in an unsafe way the knife is taken away for a certain period of time. The important thing is a scout needs to understand is a knife is a tool that can seriously hurt them so they should treat the knife in an appropriate manner or they can lose the privilege of being able to use one.