



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND**

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MEMORANDUM FOR AETC/PA

FROM: AETC/JA

SUBJECT: Permissive Temporary Duty with Boy Scouts of America

1. BLUF: Mission permitting, commanders may approve permissive temporary duty (PTDY) of members in support of the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) summer camp.
2. Background: The BSA inquired into Airmen and Guardians serving in staff positions in PTDY status at a BSA summer camp in support of 350 youth. BSA requests members aged 21 and up serve in positions for a week teaching the youth skills and working with them daily. The BSA listed specific positions including: Aquatics Director, Climbing Director, COPE Director, and Rifle Instructor. Required training and certifications for these positions are provided by the BSA. Each member will report to the BSA Camp Director.
3. Law:
  - a. PTDY is non-chargeable leave of absence limited to reasons found in DAFI 36-3003, Table 3.6. See DAFI 36-3003, *Military Leave Program*, 24 August 2020, para. 3.2.4. Table 3.6, Rule 22, permits commanders to approve PTDY to support and/or participate in youth organization activities consistent with the best interests of the Air Force and as mission permits. If approved, PTDY travel is limited to travel in support of the Jamboree and similar annual events held by the other youth organizations listed in 5 USC § 301, *Departmental Regulations*. The Boy Scouts of America is among those youth organizations listed in 5 USC § 301.
  - b. No specific time limits are listed in Table 3.6, Rule 22 authorizing PTDY in support of the Boy Scouts. When no time period is listed, squadron commanders are authorized to approve up to 10 days of PTDY; wing commanders may approve up to 30 days. DAFI 36-3003, para. 3.2.4.2.13. Unit commanders may delegate approval authority to no lower than deputies or equivalents. *Id.* at 3.2.4.2.10.
4. Analysis and Conclusion: Pursuant to DAFI 36-3002, Table 3.6, Rule 22, squadron and wing commanders (or the equivalent), may approve PTDY for members who support the BSA summer camp.

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