

Troop 10

Adopt-A-Highway

WHAT: Troop 10 maintains a stretch of 69 Highway, from 167th Street to 174th Street. Scouts, provided with safety vests, patrol both sides of the highway and bag trash for later pick-up by Kansas Department of Transportation workers.

WHY: This is a great **service project** for our community. It provides service hours, and counts as a troop activity for rank advancement. **This is a semi-annual Troop Commitment so ALL SCOUTS NEED TO HELP, even if you don't need the credit.**

WHEN: **Saturday, October 3rd, 2009 9:00 am -11:00 am**
Please try to arrive around 8:45 am to get organized and complete needed paperwork!

WHERE: We will meet at the maintenance building located on the northeast corner of 167th Street and 69 Highway. (Note: the only exit at 167th is for southbound traffic and the only entrance is for northbound traffic.)

WHO: All Troop 10 Scouts and parents to help with safety management.

HOW: Each participant must have a signed (by both the scout and his parent) waiver on file (good for two years). These can be obtained from Jim Leeper the morning of the Clean Up.
(Parents: If you are dropping off your scout, be sure to see me to complete a waiver before you leave.)

This form is also available on-line:
bsatrop10.org/AdoptHighway.pdf

SUGGESTIONS:

- Dress for the weather
- Wear long pants and boots
- Bring **heavy work gloves**
- **Never** cross the highway
- Stay off the pavement

We will review our safety practices before we get to work Saturday morning.
Contact Jim Leeper, 913-681-5865 or jim@leepermetal.com if you have any questions.

Thanks in advance for a great turnout and a good deed.
See You Saturday, October 3rd

**CONSENT FORM
ADOPT A HIGHWAY
KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S ADOPT A HIGHWAY PROGRAM IS PART OF AN EFFORT TO MAKE OUR ROADWAYS LITTER FREE. THE PROGRAM IS VOLUNTARY, DESIGNED FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, AND IS OPEN TO GROUPS THAT DO NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF RACE, RELIGION, COLOR, OR SEX. EACH VOLUNTEER (ADOPTING) GROUP ASSUMES THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AN ASSIGNED SECTION OF HIGHWAY AND AGREES TO REMOVE LITTER AND TRASH A MINIMUM OF THREE TIMES A YEAR FOR AT LEAST A TWO YEAR PERIOD. THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WILL WORK WITH THE ADOPTING GROUP TO SELECT THE SPECIFIC SECTION OF HIGHWAY TO BE ADOPTED. SOME HIGHWAYS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS, USUALLY SAFETY RELATED CONDITIONS.

PARENTAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WARNING AND RELEASE

I, _____, PARENT / GUARDIAN OF _____, ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AND MY CHILD HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY SAFETY TIPS BROCHURE AND THAT WE HAVE ATTENDED AN ADOPT A HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AND MY CHILD ARE AWARE OF THE MANY DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKING ON HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY. I CONSENT TO MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES.

I RELEASE AND DISCHARGE THE STATE OF KANSAS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION, THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM ALL CLAIMS, DEMANDS AND CAUSES OF ACTION OF EVERY KIND WHATSOEVER FOR ANY DAMAGES AND, OR, INJURIES WHICH MAY RESULT FROM MY PARTICIPATION, OR MY CHILD'S PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY AND OTHER VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES ON OR NEAR THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY.

I FURTHER AGREE TO HOLD HARMLESS THE STATE OF KANSAS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY ADVISORY COMMISSION, THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THEIR OFFICERS, AGENTS AND EMPLOYEES, FROM LIABILITY FOR ANY DAMAGES OR INJURIES RESULTING FROM ANY ACTS OR FAILURE TO ACT ON MY PART OR MY CHILD'S PART, DURING OUR PARTICIPATION IN SAID VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES ON OR NEAR THE HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS CONSENT FORM IS VALID AND EFFECTIVE FOR TWENTY-FOUR (24) MONTHS.

DATE

PARENT / GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE

CHILD'S ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WARNING AND RELEASE

I, _____ ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I HAVE READ AND I UNDERSTAND THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY SAFETY TIPS BROCHURE AND THAT I HAVE ATTENDED AN ADOPT A HIGHWAY SAFETY MEETING. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT I AM AWARE OF THE MANY DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH WORKING ON HIGHWAY RIGHT OF WAY. I CONSENT TO MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ADOPT A HIGHWAY ACTIVITIES.

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NOTE: This information is available in alternative accessible formats. To obtain an alternative format, contact the KDOT Bureau of Transportation Information, Docking State Office Building, #754, Topeka, Kansas, 66612-1568 or phone (785) 296-3585 (Voice)/(TTY).

Thanks for participating in the Adopt-A-Highway program! This brochure provides information to help you have a safe and enjoyable time while working to keep Kansas roadways clean.

Things to do:

- Only pick up trash and litter.
- Car pool to reduce number of vehicles and park only in recommended areas.
- Work one side of the highway at a time.
- Work only during daylight hours.
- Avoid contact with poisonous plants.
- Have a first aid kit and transportation available in case of emergency.

Be on the alert:

- Notify nearest KDOT office, the Kansas highway patrol, or the police of suspected toxic / hazardous substances or dead animals. Do not try to remove.
- Be alert for places where snakes may be located such as around logs, rocky areas, and tall grass. Avoid these areas.
- Fill sack with what goes in easily. Do not squeeze trash sacks to make room. This could result in injuries from broken or ragged objects.
- Stay clear of any maintenance or construction activities.
- Stay off roadway and paved or unpaved shoulder area, to pick up litter.

What to wear:

- Wear light-colored clothing and your safety vest at all times.
- Wear heavy gloves. Do not pick up discarded syringes or hypodermic needles.
- Wear substantial leather shoes or boots with ankle support. Stay off steep slopes and watch your footing.
- Wear a hat and consider using sunscreen and insect repellent.

Things not to do:

- Do not allow children or pets at the litter pickup area or leave them in parked vehicles.
- Do not mow or trim shrubs and / or weeds.
- Do not carry firearms, machetes, or axes.
- Do not cross traveled sections of roadway.
- Do not pick up litter on bridges, underpasses, or overpasses.
- Do not use headsets or cell phones.

Helpful Hints:

- Face oncoming traffic while you work. Be prepared to move out of the way of vehicles in an emergency.
- Avoid overexertion.
- Have a refresher session on safety awareness each time a crew goes out.
- Crew members should have the following minimum qualifications:
 - Good physical condition, including sight and hearing.
 - Mental alertness.
 - A sense of responsibility for safety of public and crew.
 - A willingness to use good common sense.
 - Must be at least 11 years old.

Weather:

- Discontinue work in inclement weather, especially in times of reduced visibility and wet or icy roads.
- Be cautious of dry conditions. Be alert to fire hazards and do not smoke while working.
- Take breaks, especially when it is warm. Drink plenty of water, especially on warm days.
- Try to schedule cleanup times in the morning when it is cooler and visibility is better.

Troop 10 Adopt-a-Highway Area

