

Troop 128 Code of Conduct

1. All scouts and adult leaders are expected to live by the Scout Oath, Law and the Outdoor Code while participating in troop activities.
2. Scouts and adult leaders are expected to treat each other and their environment with respect regardless of situation or differences.
3. If a scout has a concern or dispute, the chain of command will be used to resolve the issue. If the problem cannot be resolved within the patrol or is especially serious, it will be presented to the Senior Patrol Leader, the Patrol Leaders Council, and to the Scoutmaster in that order.
4. Hazing, verbal or physical abuse or intentional humiliation of another is prohibited.
5. Scouts should always follow directions when given, unless doing so would be dangerous to themselves or others or would violate this Code or the Scout Oath and Law. If the scout feels the directions are unnecessary or unfair, he/she may afterwards appeal to the Senior Patrol Leader or an adult leader.
6. When wearing the uniform, scouts should wear it properly, and with pride.
7. Scouts will not:
 - a. Use profanity
 - b. Leave a troop activity without the permission of the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster
 - c. Take or use anything that does not belong to them without the owner's permission
 - d. Litter a campsite, meeting room, or any other area
 - e. Play with knives or fire; no scout is to use or carry a knife or build a fire unless they have earned their Totin' Chip, or Firem'n Chit, respectively
 - f. Intentionally damage the property of the Troop or others
 - g. Smoke or use alcohol or drugs
 - h. Engage in any other conduct that is inconsistent with the Scout Oath and Law
8. Modern electronics can be useful in assisting our scouts in maximizing their scouting experiences, as long as use is directed toward the advancement or success of the Scouting activity; the Troop's intent is not to restrict scouts in these cases. We recognize, during Scouting activities, electronic devices may be used as part of the Scouting program, however, they can also be a distraction. For this reason electronic devices may not be used as entertainment, and in some cases we will restrict usage where it is felt that these devices detract from the Scouting program or are contrary to BSA policy (i.e. no picture taking in shower or bathroom facilities and, no violations of any other person's privacy). Our intent is to teach youth responsible use of these devices.

Procedure for Violations

Minor problems should be handled in the patrol. The Senior Patrol Leader may assist in resolving such disputes.

For more serious or repeated problems, the following progressive steps will normally be followed:

1. Counseling/warning by an adult leader
2. Time out from a particular activity
3. Notice to parents of the misconduct, and removal from the campout or other event
4. Suspension from Troop activities or other punishment as determined by the Patrol Leaders' Council in consultation with the Scoutmaster
5. Referral to the Troop Committee to determine the conditions under which the offender can remain a member of the Troop

While these are the normal steps, the circumstances or severity of a particular act of misconduct may require more serious measures, even for a first offense.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I have read the Code, I understand it, and I agree to abide by it. I understand the consequences of failure to abide by the Code.

Signature of Scout

Date

We, the parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of _____ have received and reviewed the Code of Conduct with our Boy Scout. We understand what is expected of him/her, we agree to hold him/her accountable to follow the Code and we understand the consequences involved should he fail to do so at any time.

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Date

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