

Troop 181

Guidelines for Behavior and Associated Discipline

Scouting activities are fun, memorable experiences, and the troop leaders want the Scouts to enjoy themselves at all times. Their fun and enjoyment must, however, stay within the boundaries of proper behavior. Not only does inappropriate and disruptive behavior ruin the Scouting experience for others, it can also be dangerous. With that in mind, we have set the following guidelines for behavior.

Scout Law

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| TRUSTWORTHY | Tell the truth. Keep promises. Honesty. Dependable. |
| LOYAL | Be true to family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation. |
| HELPFUL | Be concerned about other people. Do things willingly for others without pay or reward. |
| FRIENDLY | Friend to all. Brother to other Scouts. Seek to understand. Respect differences. |
| COURTEOUS | Be polite. Use good manners. |
| KIND | Be kind. Treat others as you want to be treated. Do not hurt or kill harmless things without reason. |
| OBEDIENT | Follow the rules of your family, school, and troop. Obey the laws of your community and country. |
| CHEERFUL | Look for the bright side of things. Cheerfully do tasks and try to make others happy. |
| THRIFTY | Work to pay your way and to help others. Save for unforeseen needs. Protect and conserve natural resources. Carefully use time and property. |
| BRAVE | Have the courage to stand for what you think is right. |
| CLEAN | Keep your body and mind fit and clean. Keep your home and community clean. |
| REVERENT | Be reverent toward God, faithful in your religious duties, and respect the beliefs of others. |

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

1. At all times, Scouts will act in accordance with the Scout Oath, Scout Law and the rules of the BSA.
2. **Examples:** Examples of misbehavior and inappropriate activities include, but are not limited to, the following:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disrupting activities • Not following rules • Not following safe Scoutcraft procedures • Being uncooperative • Intentionally damaging property or equipment • Hitting, fighting, or similar actions • Doing anything that would be considered dangerous | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leaving a designated area without an adult leader's permission • Using inappropriate language • Smoking • Gambling • Using illegal drugs or alcohol • Refusing to take prescribed medications • Disobeying the leaders or adult volunteers |
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3. **Consequences:** The consequences of misbehavior will vary depending upon the severity of the activity and will range from warnings, sitting out during an activity, parent conferences, being sent home from an activity, and/or expulsion from the troop.
4. **Repair and replacement costs:** Scouts are responsible for paying for the repair or replacement of any troop equipment that is lost or damaged as the result of misbehavior. All Scouts and their parents are required to sign a behavior contract which acknowledges their understanding and acceptance of the Troop behavior policy.

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5. **Procedures:** The following procedures shall be used for disciplining the offending scout on all Troop functions:
- a. First offense – Verbal warning
 - b. Second offense – The scout shall be asked to leave the meeting and his parents will be called to pick him up. Before returning to the troop, the Scout and his parents will meet with the Scoutmaster. Time away from the Troop will not count towards advancement.
 - c. Third offense - Loss of current elected office and time served in that office or delay in passing Scout Spirit at the next Scoutmaster Conference (not to exceed 3 months).

The Scoutmaster in charge of the Troop function will make the final determination of the severity of any misconduct and has authority to forego the first and/or second warning.

6. **Contraband:** The following items are considered as "contraband" and shall not be allowed at any troop function by anyone: Fireworks, radios, T.V.'s, electronic games, sheath knives, adult magazines, martial arts equipment, tobacco (by Scouts) or anything else so deemed by the Adult Leaders at a Troop function. All contraband will be confiscated by an Adult Leader, turned over to the Asst. Scoutmaster in charge of the Troop function, who will then return the contraband to the Scout's parents on return from the Troop function.
7. **Controlled Substances:** Controlled substances (illegal) and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on any Troop function. These items will be confiscated and turned over to the proper authorities. The offending Scout's parents/guardians will be notified as soon as is practical for the situation.
8. **Adult Behavior:** All adults working with the troop are required to conduct themselves in a courteous and professional manner and adhere to the Scout Oath and Law. Adults are expected to lead by example and to be a proper role model for the Scouts. The use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances is not permitted at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. In addition, all Scouting functions, meetings or activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis. Knowledge of all applicable BSA standards and a commitment to implement and follow BSA policy and procedures are essential parts of the requirements for leadership in Troop 181.