

BOY SCOUT TROOP 276 CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE POLICY



Code of Conduct

The Troop expects Scouts to behave in accordance with the Scout Law: A scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Here are a few examples of living the Scout Law:

Friendly & Kind: Fun is only fun if everybody involved agrees it's fun. If it hurts, if it is mean, if it excludes, if it frightens, it has no place in Troop 276.

Trustworthy & Brave: Scouts are encouraged to speak out if they see other Scouts not following the Scout Law, and/or tell a Scout leader or Adult leader.

Thrifty: Scouts are expected to show proper respect toward any property put in their trust.

Obedient: Following directions is essential for safety and is part of a respectful environment.

Scouting events happen in a friendly, safe and supportive environment where Scouts have fun, learn and grow.

Here are a few examples of inappropriate behavior that will not be allowed:

- Failure to follow any directives from scout leaders (including patrol leaders, senior patrol leaders, etc.)
- Unnecessary or inappropriate physical roughness. Unless participating in a contact game, all Scouts are expected to abide by a "hands-off" policy with their fellow Scouts, adult leaders and property.
- Bullying, threatening or intimidating another Scout with words or actions.
- Foul language that offends, degrades or is negative and derogatory.
- Actions or language that is offensive or discriminatory with respect to sex, race, religion, ethnicity, physical/mental disability, etc.
- Behavior that displays disrespect for other person's, personal property or the environment.

Scouts come in different sizes and shapes, at different levels of emotional maturity, and with different physical capabilities. As Scouts, we respect those differences.

Discipline Policy

Living the Scout Law is part of the "Scout Spirit" requirement necessary for Rank Advancement. Older Scouts will lead by showing the best examples of Scout Spirit.

The Scoutmaster is responsible for working with the Scouts to address their inappropriate behavior or who are disruptive at scouting functions. When a Scout's behavior warrants action, the following procedures will be followed:

1. **Parent Contact.** The Scoutmaster will initiate contact with the parent to discuss the inappropriate behavior. This is a two-way conversation as both parties strive to find a way that will encourage the Scout to meet the behavior expectations.
2. **Dismissal from the Event.** If a serious situation occurs at any scouting event (a Scout who is disruptive or a danger to himself or others) the adult leader will contact the parent(s) and ask them to remove the Scout from the premises.
3. **Parent Attendance.** If after the initial Parent Contact, the Scoutmaster believes that inappropriate behavior is likely to continue, the Parent will be required to attend the next event(s) with their Scout. The parent attendance condition, if imposed, will be for a specific length of time.
4. **Committee Chair & Scoutmaster.** If a problem situation persists, or if it is serious enough, the parent(s), Scoutmaster and Committee Chair will meet to discuss the conditions under which the Scout may remain a member of the Troop or discuss the Scout's dismissal from Troop 276.

Please sign below

The expectation of Troop 276 is that any Scout Leader, Committee Member, or parent who observes unacceptable behavior on the part of a Scout will immediately intervene and talk to the Scout. It is through this diligent supervision and mentoring that our Scouts can be molded into upstanding adults. If a Scout observes or becomes aware of unacceptable behavior it is his responsibility to notify a Scout Leader or the nearest available adult. Likewise, if a Scout is subjected to physical violence, bullying, taunting, insults, etc. he needs to report it to a Scout Leader or other adult, as soon as possible.

Agreement:

I, , (Scout Name) agree to abide by the rules and member responsibilities of the Scouting USA and Troop 276, respecting the rights and property of others. I promise on my honor as a Scout that I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Law, as well as this Code of Conduct.

SIGNATURE OF SCOUT:

Date:

I, the parent/guardian, of (Scout Name)
the Troop 276 Code of Conduct.

have read and understand

SIGNATURE OF PARENT:

Date: