



Palos Verdes Estates, California

III. General Policy for Scout Conduct

TROOP POLICY FOR SCOUT CONDUCT

TROOP 276

The following policy has been established by the Troop Committee of Troop 276 governing the general conduct and deportment of young men who wish to be members of the Troop.

1. **SCOUT UNIFORM** -- the scout uniform represents a real part of being a scout and a member of Troop 276. Each scout should be in full uniform for every scout activity – troop meetings, outings, hikes, etc., unless specifically instructed otherwise by the Scoutmaster. Full uniform includes a Troop 276 neckerchief, fanny pack, broad brimmed hat and hiking boots. Scouts not in uniform or in partial uniform may be denied participation in scout activities.
2. **DUES** -- The Troop, as a public service organization, requires money to operate -- to buy badges and awards, reserve campsites, etc. One such source of funds is the regular contribution of dues from each scout. Scouts not regularly contributing take unfair advantage of those who recognize their responsibilities.

It is the current policy of this Troop that annual dues are payable in September of each year. No scout will receive his awards at the Court of Honor until he is current with his troop dues.

3. **ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND SMOKING** -- The possession, buying, selling or use of any kind of alcohol, illegal drugs or smoking materials at any troop activity or outing is counter to the principles of scouting. Any scout who possesses, uses, or takes part in any activities involving alcohol, illegal

drugs or smoking during Troop 276 events will be immediately dismissed from the Troop.

4. ATTENDANCE -- The scouting program (like Little League Baseball, AYSO soccer and other youth sports) requires regular attendance both for the scouts to get the most out of the program. Any scout who wishes to be a member of Troop 276 must recognize this responsibility. Excused absences for other activities and inactive status for a period of time can be arranged at the discretion of the Scoutmaster.

The Scout's participation in the Troop program of hiking and other monthly outings is the key indicator of his being active in the Troop.

Regular attendance and active participation in Troop 276 can usually compliment participation in other programs that also promote social, religious, athletic and academic leadership. All scouts are encouraged to take full advantage of opportunities to develop themselves. It is the Troop's expectation that each scout will seek full participation and provide enthusiastic support for the Troop 276 troop meetings and hiking programs.

5. BEHAVIOR -- The management of a large group of scouts at scout meetings and outings by a few adult leaders requires a certain degree of discipline in the behavior of each of the scouts. While good times and fun are part of scouting, gross anti-social behavior cannot be tolerated. The Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster is authorized by the Troop Committee to send home any scout who in his judgment is disrupting the Troop activities. In extreme cases the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee will determine if dismissal from the Troop is warranted.