



## **BOY SCOUT TROOP 77 CODE OF CONDUCT**

Boy Scout Troop 77 strives to provide and maintain a positive environment for every member of the troop. The Code of Conduct provides direction to the troop's members on both their personal actions and their interactions with others. The troop requires that each troop member sign and agree to abide by the Code prior to participating in troop activities.

The Code of Conduct is based on the fundamental beliefs of the Boy Scouts of America, primarily as expressed through the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. In particular:

- If we are *Trustworthy* in our actions, we believe in and depend upon one another.
- If we are *Helpful* to one another, we can learn and accomplish more as a unit.
- If we are *Friendly, Courteous, and Kind* to one another, we establish a welcoming and accepting environment.
- If we are *Obedient* to our troop's leaders, both you and adult, we ensure a smooth-running troop, and are able to safely and successfully accomplish our objectives.

By agreeing to follow the Code of Conduct, a scout acquires the privilege of participating in the activities and opportunities offered by the troop. In exchange, the scout accepts the personal responsibility of adhering to the Code, and also accepts any consequences that the Troop Committee may issue should he violate the Code. As a member of the Boy Scouts:

- I will not push, shove, hit, kick, or in any way, hurt others. Unwelcome physical contact with others is not allowed.
- I will not be rude and will not make any unnecessary bodily noises.
- I will listen to all Adults and don't talk back. I will notify an adult if I receive conflicting instructions from two Adults.
- I will demonstrate respect for unit property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism or property as a result of my actions.
- On camping trips and at summer camp, I will not change my officially assigned bunk / tent without permission from the adults.
- All Scouts and adults, including family members, will be respectful and courteous to each. This includes no "boo-ing", putting-down others, or making fun of others. Foul language is not allowed by Scouts or adults, including family members at meetings or activities.
- Theft is not permitted by Scouts or adults, including family members and will be grounds for expulsion.
- I will observe quiet hours on camping trips.
- On camping trips, I will keep my area clean, make my bed and dispose of trash in proper place.
- Littering is not allowed. We ask that everyone help clean up after every Scout meeting and function. "Leave No Trace"—we should leave all meeting areas in better condition than they were before we arrived.
- I will observe the Scout Oath or Promise and the Scout Law.
- I will wear my uniform to all activities, as required.
- Scouts **MUST** come to at least half of all Troop Meetings during that particular year in the program
- Scouts **MUST** participate in a minimum of one Bottle Drive per month.
- I will be responsible and follow the Fireman Chit, Totin Chit, Tool use and Axe yard rules.

We will have a **"THREE STRIKES - YOU'RE OUT"** rule.

The **first time** a boy breaks a rule, he gets a warning or a 5 minute Time Out. (Time Out is an interruption of a boy's unacceptable behavior, by removing him from the scene of the action.) A chair off to the side, out of the activity of the meeting, can serve as the Time Out area. After 5 minutes the boy is asked if he is ready to return to the group. If a boy doesn't control himself in Time Out, he moves on to his second strike.

The **second time**, there will be discretionary action from the Scoutmaster, Asst. Scoutmaster to determine the disciplinary action which could include expulsion from the meeting, not participating in a boy scout event or not going on the next camping trip.

When a boy commits his **third** infraction of the Code of Conduct, he is excused from the meeting and must call a parent to come and get him. The Scout leaders will have a conference with the boy and at least one parent before he can return to the next scout meeting. Be sure to explain the Scouts Code of Conduct and the consequences of breaking the rules to the parents of boys in your scout at each of our scout parents meetings.

Such problems should be addressed in a firm, fair manner with the goal to integrate the youth into the Scouting program. Together, the Troop Committee, parents, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster should work toward a solution with the troop's best interest in mind.

I will also obey the Time Out Policy as described below:

One of the most important parts of Scouting is that Scouts have fun. Sometimes having fun is playing games that require more activity that is physical. Whether a game is an organized event or just two scouts enjoying some 'horseplay', safety must come first. In order to insure that ALL Scouts can enjoy a fun and safe environment, TROOP-77 has a policy called the "Time Out".

Every Scout has the right to call "Time Out" of roughhousing or other activities where the conduct of others is making them uncomfortable. If a scout should call Time Out, then everyone must stop what they are doing.

### **Role and Responsibilities**

**Every Scout** – If you feel a game or situation is getting out of hand and you feel uncomfortable; just call 'TIME OUT'. Time Out is the Troop Code Word to tell other scouts to stop whatever behavior they are engaged in.

**All Scouts** – All Scouts must respect this request for time out and stop what they are doing. Any Scout that sees other scouts not respecting the 'Time Out' policy must immediately bring it to the attention of the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader.

**Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader** – As senior Scouts your are not only expected to support requests for a 'Time Out' by any scout, but as leaders must step into situations which have been brought to your attention where other scouts have failed to follow the policy. Repeated failures by a scout to support this policy should be brought to the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster for disposition.

**Scoutmaster** – If you believe that any scout is not following this policy, including the Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Senior Patrol Leader in their leadership roles, you should bring the situation to the attention of the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will work with the Troop Leadership Committee to ensure the policy is carried out. The Scoutmaster is always available to discuss any type of problem.

Please remember that the goal of this policy is to promote an active, fun and safe environment for all scouts.

By signing below, I agree to abide by Troop 77's Code of Conduct in my personal actions and interactions. I further agree to abide by the points of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law, and to show respect for people, property, and things. Should I violate the Code of Conduct through my words or actions, I agree to take personal responsibility, and to accept any resulting disciplinary action as issued by the Troop Committee based on Troop 77's Three Strike Policy.

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Scout's signature

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Date

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Parent's signature

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