

TROOP 13

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Troop 13's and Scouting's expectation of all scouts (adults and boys) behavior is based on respect. Respect for ones self, respect for others, respect for our country, respect for the environment and respect for property. The expectation of respect is based on the Scout Law, generally accepted behavior, and common sense.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Annually, at recharter time, each Scout will review the Code of Conduct agreement. If the Scout wishes to abide by the Code, he will sign the form, obtain his parent's signature, and return the signed Code of Conduct form to the Scoutmaster.

After the recharter date, any Scout who has not turned in a signed Code of Conduct form to the Scoutmaster, will not be permitted to participate in Troop 13 events/activities.

INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR CONSEQUENCES: The troop's goal is to handle discipline situations in a firm and fair manner to the best of the scout's benefit and our ability.

Behavior in defiance of the Code of Conduct will be addressed by the following leadership:

LEVEL

1. Patrol Leader/Assistant Patrol Leader
2. Senior Patrol Leader/Assistant Senior Patrol Leader
3. Assistant Scoutmaster/Junior Assistant Scoutmaster
4. Scoutmaster

It is expected that two individuals will first attempt to resolve an issue between themselves before anyone else (youth or adult) needs to become involved.

The parents of the scout whose behavior has been called into question will be notified ASAP by the Scoutmaster or adult leader regardless of the severity of the offense. This requires the scouts in leadership positions to communicate promptly with an adult leader letting them know the status of the situation, its' resolution and if they require adult leader intervention with the situation.

The above levels are the standard order. This order will change depending on the type of activity, such as on a non-patrol structured activity the Scout in Charge will be Level 1.

If behavior issue or problem is not resolved at lower level, it will then be taken to the next level. Addressing the problem may automatically go to a higher level based on the severity of the behavior, if it is a repeat offense, or level of Scout/s involved.

Process may include, but is not limited to:

- A. Leader to address inappropriate behavior and identify acceptable resolution.
- B. Meeting of the party/ies involved, the appropriate youth leadership, and two registered adults, to discuss issue and planned resolution.
- C. Meeting of youth leadership, Scoutmaster, and at least one other registered adult, to determine resolution.
- D. Meeting of Scoutmaster and other adult leadership to determine resolution.

Consequences may include, but are not limited to:

- Apology to the offended individual/s.
- Written reflection on the point of the Scout Oath or Law which was not followed.
- Assigned additional tasks.
- Removal from activity or not allow participation in future activity/ies.
- Removal from leadership position.
- Delayed or postponed rank advancement.
- Suspension or removal from Troop.
- Other actions as determined by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or Registered Committee Member.

Troop 13 Code of Conduct

In order to provide a positive, safe, and enriching environment for all scouts; while offering opportunities for wonderful adventures; the following rules have been established:

1. I will follow the Scout Law, Scout Oath, Motto, and Outdoor Code. I will remember that these are the basis for all the following rules and should be the basis for all of my actions.
2. I am expected to follow the posted or verbal schedule of activities and assignments specified by the troop leadership. I will follow all directions during any troop gathering or activities.
3. I will do my best to be on time and wearing the appropriate uniform for all troop events.
4. I may not use or possess any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs. If found or detected, my parents (and/or the police, if necessary) will be notified immediately.
5. The use of profanity or abusive language will not be permitted.

6. I will not intentionally harm or bully another scout in any way(physically, verbally or on-line). Hazing is prohibited. I will report instances of bullying and harassment to senior scouts and/or adult leaders ASAP.
7. I will use the buddy system on all troop activities.
8. I will take responsibility for any property owned by a camp, the troop, or another individual that I damage.
9. When on outings I understand, unless otherwise posted, that lights will be out, I will be quiet, and in bed by 11PM.
10. No visitors will be allowed in other people's tents from 11PM to 8AM.
11. Sounds that can be heard outside any tent after lights out are disrespectful and disturbing to others. Lack of compliance will be dealt with by troop leaders immediately.
12. I will use matches and lighters only when appropriate and safe.
13. I will follow Totin' Chip rules and regulations when using knives, saws, and axes.
14. I will not bring any personal electronic devices to any troop event. An exception to this rule can be made only by the Scoutmaster only (no troop youth or other adult leader).

Troop 13 is primarily responsible for the behavior, safety, and welfare of our members on all camping events. At District or Council events, as well as at BSA camps, all District/Council/camp leaders have the right and responsibility of helping and correcting any problem they encounter. I will follow the directions of those leaders as if they were my troop's leaders.

Scout's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Signature _____ Date _____

This form is signed once a year at recharter time. It must be signed by the Scout and parent/guardian and turned in to the Scoutmaster prior to participating in any Troop activities. Each year a meeting of the Scouts, Troop Leadership and Parents will be scheduled within the month of January to review this document.