

## **TROOP 255 OFFICIAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

Scouts are expected to attend and be prompt to all possible meetings and activities. In order to be considered active, the minimum attendance required is 65% of all meetings and 6 nights of camping. Scouts are expected to maintain good behavior by following the code.

**I.** The Code of Conduct for members of the Troop, Scouts, and Scouters is the Boy Scout Law:

1. **Trustworthy:** Besides telling the truth, dependability is just as important in your relationship with your fellow Scouts and Scout Leaders.
2. **Loyal:** The Troop is a family in the community of Scouting and other Troops are extensions of our family, they deserve to be treated as family.
3. **Helpful:** New Scouts look to older Scouts as role models, you should be generous with your skills and be aware of your behavior. The older Scouts must live up to their responsibility to pass on what they have learned. Younger Scouts also need to be aware of their responsibilities and behavior.
4. **Friendly:** All Scouts are part of the brotherhood, and appreciation of different customs and styles of behavior or dress are part of being friendly. A Scout should not criticize another for practicing their customs or beliefs.
5. **Courteous:** Good manners are minimum standards and make social interactions work with all types of people. The Scout shall endeavor to be punctual and respect others' value of time.
6. **Kind:** At about 15 years of age, muscle mass increases dramatically in males ... the 11 to 14 year old Scout can't really compete on the same physical level. The older Scout needs to understand this difference and act accordingly. No Scout should let looks or personality be a major influence in how they act with fellow human, beings.
7. **Obedient:** Scout Laws and community laws have the same goal and that is to prevent chaos while minimizing limitation of freedoms. Whether a law is good or bad does not change the law. Scouts are expected to follow the Scoutmaster and his assistants as well as the Junior Leadership.
8. **Cheerful:** "Cheerful Service" is the motto of the Order of the Arrow, but should be a guideline for all of us. Requests from your adult or youth leadership should not be answered with looks of anger or disgust. The troop has to function together and bothersome tasks happen to all of us.

9. **Thrifty:** Besides money, natural resources have to be conserved; besides these, time and property should be used with the realization that they are not endless.

10. **Brave:** Part of being Scout-like is having courage regarding personal convictions while not being reckless or having a mindless macho approach in your relationship with others.

11. **Clean:** A Scout keeps his mind and body fit and clean, and associates with others who believe in these same ideals. A Scout is expected to leave for campouts or: arrive for Troop functions with clean clothes and clean body. Abusive or foul language is inappropriate to the Scouting movement and disrespect to others, as are racial slurs, ridicule and insults.

12. **Reverent:** A Scout is respectful and tolerant of all religions and faiths, and is faithful in his own religious duties.

## **II. Discipline**

### **1. Minor Problems**

First Offense: The scout will receive a warning.

Second Offense: The scout will be prohibited from participating in free time.

Third Offense: The scout will be asked to leave the meeting and not to return until the problem is remedied as prescribed by the Junior or Adult leadership. Upon the third offense, this also counts as a 'serious problem.'

### **2. Serious Problems**

First Offense: The scout's parents will be notified.

Second Offense: The scout will be banned from the next event and parents will be notified.

Third Offense: There will be a Parent-Leader meeting discussing the Scout's behavior.

Fourth Offense: A board of adult and scout leaders will vote on whether or not the scout will be expelled from the troop. 2/3 of the vote is required to expel the offender.

The Junior Leadership, upon the advice of the Scoutmaster and his assistants (if necessary), will decide how serious the problem is.

The Troop Scribe will record all offenses, should any parent or adult leader be interested.

## **III. The following items are prohibited from all BSA activities:**

A. Alcoholic beverages;

B. Illegal drugs;

C. Tobacco products;

D. Pornographic materials;

E. Cell phone, Laptop, iPad, and All Electronic Devices;

F. Playing cards;

G. Open blade sheath knives;

H. any knife without possession of the "Totin' Chip" (applicable to Scouts only)

I. any instrument capable of emitting a projectile (i.e. BE guns, firearms, sling shots, pyrotechnics, bow and arrows, etc.).

The Scout and his parent/guardian must sign the space below the following statement. Detach it from this form and keep the code for future reference.

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I have read and understand the Troop Code of Conduct. I will accept any method of discipline decided upon by the Scoutmaster, his assistants, and the junior leadership.

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Parent/Guardian

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Scout