

Three Strikes Rule

Dear Parent, your son's time at camp can be a fun filled, memorable learning experience.

Meeting new Scouts and making new friends, while having fun in the outdoors, is a central goal of Scout Summer Camp and Troop leadership. It is the goal of each Troop Leader to ensure that each Scout has a chance to enjoy this opportunity.

One factor, which may create difficulty for boys to fully enjoy their camping experience, is poor discipline and inappropriate behavior. Unfortunately, these are issues that must be addressed.

It is the goal of Boy Scouts of America to provide a safe haven for boys to learn and grow, while presenting a positive image and service to the public. It is not the purpose of this rule to eliminate boys from the opportunities that Scouting offers. This rule's sole purpose is to make clear to everyone that poor discipline and inappropriate behavior are unacceptable.

As Troop Leaders, we do not want the week of Summer Camp to have a negative impact on any Scout. Therefore, we would like to outline our discipline policy for you to review with your son.

Typical inappropriate behavior includes, but is not limited to: physical or verbal bullying (meanness intended to intimidate, demean, create fear or segregate), harassing (ridiculing, name calling), hazing or initiation activities, not following Troop Leader instructions, general mischief, shouting, cursing and the like.

Discipline needs to be positive rather than negative, whenever possible, and it must be applied using common sense and fairness. The Boy Scouts of America and Troop 75 do not permit corporal punishment, nor is discipline enforced using punitive measures.

Should your son have to be disciplined, the "**three-strikes**" rule is applied.

The **first strike** involves the Troop Leader explaining the infraction and why it is important that the rules and Troop Leader instructions be followed.

The **second strike** involves Troop Leader notification of the Scout's parents, then discussing the infraction with the Scout and the parents.

Should the inappropriate behavior continue, the **third strike** again involves notification of the Scout's parents. However, the Troop Leader will then work together with the parents to decide on whether the Scout should be given another chance or be removed from camp.

Should your son be sent home, Patriots' Path Council **will not** refund any remaining fees for that week. Although few cases ever reach the third strike it is important to have this policy in place. All disciplinary actions are presented in a positive manner and are aimed at helping the Scout grow. If you review these guidelines with your son, together we can make Scout Summer Camp the most positive experience possible for all the Scouts.

We have read and discussed the Troop's "Three Strikes Rule" and agree to abide by it.

Print Scout Name	_____	Sign	_____	Date	_____
Print Parent/ Guardian Name	_____	Sign	_____	Date	_____

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