

## BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

- 1. I have or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all questions truthfully and honestly.
- I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of the Boy Scouts of America.
- 3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection and Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow:
  - BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: <u>www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection</u>
  - o The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss
  - o The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16
  - The Ethics and Integrity in Ministry (EIM) course as offered by the Austin Catholic Diocese
  - before joining the troop on any overnight activities: https://austindiocese.org/eim
- 4. When transporting Scouts, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.
- 5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to:
  - Unauthorized fundraising activities
  - Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand
  - Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind
- 6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer Scouts with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.
- 7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any
- of the following:
  - Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse,
    - violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles
  - Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter
  - Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving
    - controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons
- 8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies:
  - Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana
  - Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives
  - Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values
- If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put Scouts at risk, including driving or operating equipment.
- 10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities.

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