

BOY SCOUT TROOP 1911

CODE OF CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE POLICY 2013

Code of Conduct

The Troop expects Boy Scouts to behave in accordance with the Boy Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent. Here are a few examples of living the Scout Law:

Friendly & Kind: Fun is only fun if everybody involved agrees it's fun. If it hurts, if it is mean, if it excludes, if it frightens, it has no place in Troop 1911.

Trustworthy & Brave: Scouts are encouraged to speak out if they see other Scouts not following the Scout Law, and/or tell a Scout leader or Adult leader.

Thrifty: Scouts are expected to show proper respect toward any property put in their trust.

Obedient: Following directions is essential for safety and is part of a respectful environment.

Scouting events happen in a friendly, safe and supportive environment where Scouts have fun, learn and grow. Here are a few examples of inappropriate behavior that will not be allowed:

- Failure to follow any directives from scout leaders (including patrol leaders, senior patrol leaders, etc.)
- Unnecessary or inappropriate physical roughness. Unless participating in a contact game, all Scouts are expected to abide by a "hands-off" policy with their fellow Scouts, adult leaders and property.
- Bullying, threatening or intimidating another Scout with words or actions.
- Foul language that offends, degrades or is negative and derogatory.
- Actions or language that is offensive or discriminatory with respect to sex, race, religion, ethnicity, physical/mental disability, etc.
- Behavior that displays disrespect for other person's, personal property or the environment.

Scouts come in different sizes and shapes, at different levels of emotional maturity, and with different physical capabilities. As Scouts, we respect those differences.

Discipline Policy

Living the Scout Law is part of the "Scout Spirit" requirement necessary for Rank Advancement.

Older Scouts will lead by showing the best examples of Scout Spirit. The Scoutmaster is responsible for working with the Scouts to address their inappropriate behavior or who are disruptive at scouting functions. When a Scout's behavior warrants action, the following procedures will be followed:

1. **Parent Contact.** The Scoutmaster will initiate contact with the parent to discuss the inappropriate behavior. This is a two-way conversation as both parties strive to find a way that will encourage the Scout to meet the behavior expectations.
2. **Dismissal from the Event.** If a serious situation occurs at any scouting event (a Scout who is disruptive or a danger to himself or others) the adult leader will contact the parent(s) and ask them to remove the Scout from the premises.
3. **Parent Attendance.** If after the initial Parent Contact, the Scoutmaster believes that inappropriate behavior is likely to continue, the Parent will be required to attend the next event(s) with their Scout. The parent attendance condition, if imposed, will be for a specific length of time.
4. **Committee Chair & Scoutmaster.** If a problem situation persists, or if it is serious enough, the parent(s), Scoutmaster and Committee Chair will meet to discuss the **conditions under which the Scout may remain a member of the Troop or discuss the Scout's dismissal from Troop 1911.**

