

# Troop 708

## CODE OF CONDUCT

*from the Guide to Safe Scouting:* All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults and drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's membership in the unit.

### Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

### Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

### Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to  
Be clean in my outdoor manners,  
Be Careful with fire,  
Be considerate in the outdoors,  
and be conservation-minded.

## Troop Member Agreement

I alone am responsible for my behavior at all Boy Scout functions. I understand that each Scout has the privilege to learn about Scouting and to enjoy all Scouting activities. Some behaviors take away from the Scouting experience, hurt others, destroy property and impact the ability of Scouters to obtain the full benefit of participating in the Scouting program. I understand that by following the ideals and teachings of the Boy Scouts of America I will more safely enjoy, and benefit from, the Scouting experience.

To make certain the privileges of Scouting are available to all members of my Troop, I agree to the following:

1. I will demonstrate good Scout spirit and follow the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code
2. I will actively participate in all activities while in attendance unless excused by the Scoutmaster or for medical reasons.
3. I will remain in attendance at the activity location unless excused by the Scoutmaster.
4. I will follow all directions from adult or scout leaders promptly and respectfully
5. I will not participate in any form of harassment – verbal, physical, sexual or racial. This includes intimidating behavior (e.g., ridiculing, teasing, bullying) and fighting.
6. I will treat all others with proper respect at all times
7. I will not say disparaging things about other Scouts or Leaders
8. I will not use profanity
9. I will use equipment in the manner for which it was designed and in keeping with the proper safety guidelines set forth by the Boy Scouts of America
10. I will respect the personal equipment and property of others
11. I will respect troop equipment
12. I will properly wear the appropriately classed Scout uniform to all Scouting functions and will not wear inappropriate clothing or footwear. The insignias on my Scout uniform will be kept up-to-date.
13. If I have any problems I will inform a leader in the following order based upon availability / my comfort:  
1) My Patrol Leader, 2) Senior Patrol Leader, 3) Scoutmaster, 4) Assistant Scoutmaster.

Failure to follow the rules in this Code of Conduct will result in the following consequences, though, risky or serious behavior will be dealt with more severely and be escalated more expeditiously:

- 1st I will be warned
- 2nd I will be removed from the activity
- 3rd I will be sent home from the activity
- 4th I will not be allowed to attend other activities

I also understand that continued failure to follow these rules will result in more severe consequences, including revocation of my membership in the Troop.

**I understand that possession of illegal drugs, alcohol, tobacco products, firearms, fixed blade knives, fighting weapons, fireworks or other similarly dangerous or illegal items will be grounds for IMMEDIATE REVOCATION of my membership in the Troop.**

Cigarette lighters, illegal fire starters, knives (without earning the Totin' Chip), matches (without earning the Firem'n Chit), electronic devices, laser pointers and headsets will be collected and returned to parents or guardians. Repeated incidents of bringing non-sanctioned items to an activity will result in more severe consequences.

In addition to any actions noted above, if I commit any of the following infractions, I will replace or repair the damaged, destroyed or missing equipment at my own cost:

1. Items stolen (no matter how small or inconsequential)
2. Other's personal property damaged or destroyed (intentional or accidental)
3. Troop equipment damaged or destroyed through neglect

On My Honor as a Scout I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to live by the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code. I have read and understand the above Code of Conduct, agree to follow the rules set forth in it and understand the consequences of breaking any rules.

Scout Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_