

## **Boy Scout's Code of Conduct**

There have always been written and unwritten codes by which honorable men have tried to live. The Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is a values-based youth development organization that helps young people learn positive attributes of character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Every boy who joins Scouting has taken a pledge to uphold a specific code –

### **the Scout Oath:**

“On my Honor, I will do my best,

To do my duty to God and my country.

To obey the Scout Law,

To help other people at all times,

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.”

A Scout who takes this oath pledges to uphold three points: his duty to self, his duty to others, and his duty to God and his country. But also embedded in the Scout Oath is a Scout's promise to obey and live by a set of twelve virtues (a reference to the 12 Tribes of Israel) – those set forth in

### **the Scout Law:**

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous,

Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

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### Use of the Patrol Method to Enforce Troop 50's Code of Conduct

Troop 50 operates under the principles of the patrol method. Scouts are required to follow the direction of their Patrol Leader (PL). Each patrol leader will defer to the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) regarding matters of Troop activity. Scheduling, organization and implementation of activities will be conducted in accordance with Troop 50's Code of Conduct and the chain of command from Scoutmaster to SPL to PL to Scout. An elected or appointed Youth Leader agrees to uphold the duties and responsibilities of their position –Youth leaders will be removed from their position if they fail to lead in accordance with Troop 50's Code of Conduct or if they fail in fulfilling their duties.

As a boy led organization Troop 50 Youth Leaders are empowered to maintain discipline and seek adult leader guidance. Though at times the Scoutmaster or an adult leader may initiate discipline, when appropriate the following are procedures Troop 50 youth leadership follows to enforce our Code of Conduct:

- 1) The Scout receives a verbal warning from the PL, Leadership Scout, or Troop Guide.
- 2) The Scout receives a verbal warning from the SPL.
- 3) The Youth Leader will act depending upon the severity of the inappropriate behavior. Discipline may take the form of a simple apology to the person(s) injured/offended, relinquishing of inappropriate item to an adult leader (including all electronics), or referral of the Scout to the Scoutmaster or adult leader in charge.
- 4) Discipline of repeat offenders and discipline of actions that threaten the safety, well-being, or aid in the moral delinquency of individuals in Troop 50 will be immediately referred to the Scoutmaster and must apologies to the troop for his untented behavior.
- 5) For repeated offenses, or offenses of serious nature, the Scout's parent(s)/guardian(s) will be called to remove the youth from the event. The Scoutmaster may consult with the parent(s)/guardian(s) of the boy to determine a course of corrective action. If problem behavior persists, or misbehavior is a risk to the well being of other Troop members, the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee may revoke a Scout's membership in Troop 50. Disciplinary action is entirely within the discretion of the Scoutmaster and will be based on the severity of the conduct in question, prior conduct of the Scout, and extenuating circumstances. [The Scoutmaster will conduct all disciplinary action in accordance to the guidelines set forth in BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.](#) A Scout may be asked to make an apology or to reimburse damaged property. The Scout may be suspended or expelled from the Troop. If suspended from the Troop, the Scout and his parent(s)/guardian(s) will meet with the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee before suspension and again before reinstatement, but only after seeking spiritual consulting.
- 6) When the Troop revokes a Scout's membership, it will promptly notify the Mustang District of the action. The Troop shall inform the Scout Executive and committee about any incident that involves allegations of sexual misconduct or any deviant acts by a Troop member.

## AFFIRMATION OF POLICY

As a Boy Scout in Troop 50, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the meaning of the Troop 50 Code of Conduct. I also agree to live by the principles in the Code of Conduct and be bound by its terms.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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