



## TROOP 1104 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

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### Troop 1104 Conduct / Discipline Policies

#### Scout Conduct

Good behavior is essential to any safe program and will be strongly supported by Troop 1104's Scout leadership and Scouters. Good behavior is a primary element of "showing Scout Spirit," a requirement for advancement.

Specifically:

- Scouts will not participate in any activity that could be considered dangerous to their fellow Scout. These include: hazing, harassing, abuse of fire or flammable materials, or abuse of sharp instruments.
- Scouts will conduct themselves properly during all Troop 1104 activities.
- During Troop meetings, Scouts will be with their Patrol at all times unless given permission by their Patrol Leader to meet with the Scoutmaster, go to the restroom, etc.
- During a camp out, Scouts will be with their Patrol at all times unless given permission by their Patrol Leader. No Scout will leave the campsite without the permission of their Patrol Leader. Patrol Leaders will get permission from the SPL. Disciplinary problems on camp outs will not be tolerated. Scouts who cannot behave themselves will be returned home.
- All photography will abide by the Scout Oath and Law.

**Buddy System:** Scouts will follow BSA's "Buddy System" whenever appropriate. Examples include water activities, whenever a Scout is to go beyond visual range of a campsite, instances where Scouts are interacting with large groups of people that are not known by the Troop, and whenever the Scoutmaster declares the Buddy System is in effect.

#### Discipline

**General:** Discipline policy in Scouting is simple and the doors of Scouting are always open to those who strive to follow its law. Adherence to BSA & Troop 1104 policies is required to maintain safety, preclude property damage, and avoid disrupting other organizations' activities.

**Obedience:** Obedience in Troop 1104 means to follow to the Scout Oath and Law. The Oath and Law make being a good citizen of the troop, camp or community possible. Obedience to the Scout Law includes respect for Scout leadership and adult leadership and all members and guests of the troop. Respect for adult and Scout leadership is expected. Under no circumstances will adult or boy leaders administer physical punishment for any reason. Hazing, of any type, will not be tolerated. Boys or adults observing such activity will take immediate measures to stop such activity.

## **Enforcing Discipline**

- A. Discipline in the patrols will be handled by the Patrol Leaders. Patrol leaders have the authority to ask any patrol member to leave a patrol meeting and report to the Senior Patrol Leader.
- B. When the Patrol Leader cannot handle the problem, he must obtain help from the Senior Patrol Leader. The Senior Patrol Leader has the authority to ask a Scout to leave the meeting area and report to the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- C. When the Senior Patrol Leader cannot handle the problem, he must obtain the help of the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
- D. When the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster determines that a Scout requires discipline the following actions are taken:
  - (1) First instance -- Conference with the Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster.
  - (2) Second instance -- Conference with Scoutmaster or Assistant Scoutmaster and a phone call to parents explaining the problem and stating that one more complaint may result in a suspension for a period of time established by the severity of the offense. Parents may be requested to attend meetings to help supervise their Scout. The Scout may be assigned to appear before a board of review as a lesser disciplinary action prior to suspension from troop activities.
  - (3) Third instance -- Conference with Scoutmaster and parents. Based on the Scoutmaster's recommendation, the Scout may be suspended from all troop activities for a period of time as established by the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will notify the Troop Committee of his actions.
  - (4) Fourth instance -- The issue is referred to the Committee Chairman and Charter Organizational Representative by the Scoutmaster with a recommendation of action and the circumstances for the referral.
- E. The above steps are not meant to discourage either the Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader from seeking advice from the Scoutmaster or any adult leader when they are having leadership challenges, but are intended to state discipline options in advance. Complaints that are unrelated or separated by a "significant" period of time will be treated as first offenses. However, recurring problems will follow the above guidelines.
- F. In extreme cases a Scout may be recommended for dismissal from the Troop. This action means that only by agreement from the Organizational Representative, Committee Chairman, and Scoutmaster will the scout be permitted to return to the troop. Dismissal will only be carried out by a decision made by the Organizational Representative, Committee Chairman, and the Scoutmaster. In the case of a dismissal, a letter to the Scouts parents will be sent outlining the reasons for the dismissal and the alternatives for returning to the troop
- G. If a Scout is disruptive during any event (meeting, camping trip, day trip, etc.) and it is determined by the adult leader of the event that the scouts continued presence will continue to be disruptive, the parents of the scout will be called to come and get him.

### **Adult leader conduct:**

Adult leaders shall exhibit the ideals of Scouting when working with boys. They will strive to set the example in their handling of the boys. Standards of conduct in personal habits, language, hygiene and interaction with Scouts will be in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law. The Scoutmaster is responsible for the conduct of adult leaders.

## **Drugs, Alcohol and Tobacco**

No Scout shall use, possess and/or distribute a controlled substance (drugs and alcohol). Parents of a Scout found to have used, possessed or distributed a controlled substance at a Scouting function will be notified. At the discretion of the Scoutmaster the disciplinary steps outlined above may be waived and the matter referred to the Troop Committee if the situation warrants.

No Scout will be allowed to use either tobacco or a controlled substance of any type at any Scouting function. This includes those boys who have parental permission to use tobacco.

Parents of Scouts required to take prescription medication over the period of a Troop event will discuss the requirement with the Scoutmaster. Serious medical requirements may require a parent to attend an event and administer medication.

## **Do's and Don'ts**

The Scoutmaster has the authority to confiscate and destroy all items deemed inappropriate or dangerous.

The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the securing, use and display of fireworks in conjunction with programs and activities except where the fireworks display is conducted under the auspices of a certified or licensed fireworks control expert. Scouts of Troop 1104 are prohibited from possessing or using fireworks on any Troop 1104 activity.

A qualified shooting sports merit badge Counselor may bring firearms to a Troop meeting only if the Troop program calls for such activities. Any such activities will have the approval of the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee.

Sheath knives are not permitted. Scouts carrying pocketknives will have earned their tot'in chit as prescribed by BSA training requirements.

Each Scout is responsible for making restitution for any damage caused by his actions or negligence. A Scout is trustworthy.

Scout passengers in vehicles to and from events will remember that they are guests of the driver/owner of the vehicle. Scouts will follow the rules set by the driver/owner, e.g., eating, drinking, seating arrangements, and noise levels. BSA policy requires that seat belts shall be worn at all times.

Fighting is not permitted and is grounds for immediate disciplinary action.

Sexually explicit materials shall not be brought to Scout activities. If found, such materials will be confiscated and returned to the parents of any Scout involved.

Foul language, swearing, cursing, blasphemy and abusive/suggestive gestures are not in keeping with the ideals of Scouting and will not be allowed. A Scout is Reverent, Courteous and Clean.

Troop 1104 policies prohibit Scouts from bringing personal radios, televisions, DVD players, mp3 players, cell phones, compact disc or cassette players and/or electronic video games on Troop meetings, camping trips, or Scout activities. The listed equipment may be used only during the ride to and from the Scout camp/activity and secured in a vehicle while at camp or during the activity.



## **Commitment to Troop 1104 Conduct/Discipline Policies**

I have reviewed and understand the Troop 1104 Conduct /Discipline Policies. I agree to live up to these rules or be subject to the actions listed.

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

I have reviewed and understand the Troop 1104 Conduct /Discipline Policies. I agree to help my son to live up to these rules or be subject to the actions listed.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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