



# Troop 502 Handbook

## Appendix A – Code of Conduct

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### A. Troop 502 Code of Conduct

#### 1. Scout's Responsibilities:

All members of Troop 502 are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, foul language, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program and may result in the revocation of a Scout's privileges and or membership in the Troop. If any Scout is confronted by threats of violence, verbal insults or other forms of bullying or hazing including pranks performed on the Scout, his possessions or tent by other Troop members, he should seek help from his unit leaders or parents.

#### 2. Agreement:

All Scouts and Adult Leaders are responsible representatives of their community, family and Troop 502. Therefore, all Scouts and their parents are asked to review and sign this **Code of Conduct** and **Statement of Understanding** as a condition for membership and participation, with the further understanding, that serious misconduct or infractions of behavior rules may result in possible disciplinary actions that include expulsion from any activity, meeting and/or trip. Our goal is to make the Scout understand that he alone is responsible for his behavior and the consequences of their actions.

ALL SCOUTS ARE EXPECTED TO LIVE BY THE BOY SCOUT OATH AND THE 12 POINTS OF THE SCOUT LAW AT ALL TIMES AND TO USE THESE IDEALS AS GUIDES FOR THEIR BEHAVIOR.

- a. I promise on my honor as a Scout that I will live by the Boy Scout Oath and Scout Law.
- b. I promise on my honor as a Scout that I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. The Scout uniform will be worn always when designated by the Troop leaders.
- c. I will respect the rights of my fellow Scouts and leaders.
- d. I will be responsible for keeping my tent, the Troops and personal gear clean, and neat.
- e. I will respect the property of others and will not use them without permission.
- f. I must observe the rights and property of others by demonstrating respect for Troops equipment, public property and the property of others. Scouts will be personally responsible for cleanliness, loss, breakage, vandalism or improper use of property.
- g. When instructed /directed by a Scout Leader, an adult or junior leader of the Troop to perform a reasonable task or instruction; the Scout will follow the

- instructions/directives given to him; unless the Scout believes that the task or instruction is unreasonable, where he will seek the intervention of the Scout Master.
- h. Troop has a "no hands" policy in effect. Keep your hands to yourself unless the activity warrants this type of contact. Pushing, shoving, back slaps, etc.
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## **B. Disciplinary Actions**

Serious or repetitive unacceptable behavior by Scouts including, but not limited to, the possession or use of tobacco, alcohol, cheating, gambling, dishonesty, fighting, cursing, swearing and/or unacceptable language may result in loss of privileges and/or revocation of the Scout's membership in the Troop. Any Scout who continues to exhibit unacceptable behavior that also includes possession of fireworks, weapons or facsimiles, possession of pornography or possession of any non-prescription drug, will appear before a board of Leaders and parents for possible disciplinary action. Note: Any Over the Counter (OTC) or prescription (Rx) drug must be declared & handled per BSA rules.

### **1st offense:**

Two-week suspension from all Scouting activities and events. BOR conducted with Scout and Parents. At least two Scoutmasters must agree that the incident occurred before acting on this.

### **2nd offense:**

One-month suspension from all Scouting activities and events. BOR Conducted with Scout and Parents. At least two Scoutmasters must agree that the incident occurred before acting on this.

### **3rd offense:**

Three-month suspension from all Scouting activities and events. Scout will lose leadership position. BOR Conducted with Scout and Parents. At least two Scoutmasters must agree that the incident occurred before acting on this along with the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairs approval.

### **Time Frame:**

Probation will be for a period of six months after the 1st offense is committed. After this time, the Scouts record will be wiped clean and will start over. Any Scout that receives the 3rd offense twice in one year will go before a BOR to determine his involvement within the Troop.

### **Board of Review:**

Board of Reviews will be chaired by the Troop Committee and the (2) Scoutmasters that agreed the incident took place along with the Scout(s) and parents involved.

**I PROMISE ON MY HONOR AS A SCOUT THAT I WILL DO MY BEST TO LIVE UP TO THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THIS CODE OF CONDUCT.**

SIGNATURE OF  
SCOUT \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNATURE OF  
PARENT \_\_\_\_\_

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