

## Troop Discipline Policy

The Scoutmaster is responsible for the health and safety of all the Scouts while they are at meetings and other Scout functions.

It is the Scoutmaster's duty to impose a reasonable level of discipline in order to insure that all Scouts may participate equally in the activities without interference, physical or emotional harassment, or unsafe conditions.

The Scoutmaster must use common sense and personal discretion in the enforcement of the rules of discipline. If a Scout injures, threatens, or otherwise interferes with another Scout's ability to participate in troop activities, the Scoutmaster should restore order and take action to see that the problem does not continue. The action will include, but is not limited to, one of the following steps, depending on the severity and/or frequency of the infractions:

1. Conference with the offending Scouts, with parent in attendance, if present.
2. Have the Scout leave or discontinue his participation in the activity and have parents pick up the Scout.
3. Suspend the Scout from all troop and patrol activities for one month.
4. Have the Scout perform a service project to demonstrate Scout spirit.
5. Suspend the Scout for several months.

In the case of a suspension, the Scout will not be allowed to return unless he had a Scoutmaster's Conference with parents in attendance and has satisfied the Scoutmaster that he has improved Scout Spirit and willingness to cooperate. Otherwise the reinstatement will be refused.

Items 3, 4, and 5 require that the Scoutmaster advise the Troop Committee after the action is taken.

Notes:

1. The Scoutmaster should and will expect that other adults present, whether registered and trained or not, are available to assist in maintaining order at troop functions.
2. If the Scoutmaster is not present at a scheduled troop function, he should designate beforehand one of the other registered adults to serve as Acting Scoutmaster for that event. This person will have the Scoutmaster's authority to maintain order and discipline.

John Rankin, Scoutmaster  
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**\*\* Parent/Guardian AND Scout must sign prior to the activity.**

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Parent/Guardian's Signature

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Scout's Signature

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Date