

## **Boy Scout Troop 653 Rules**

Very simply stated, all boys are expected to live and act by the precepts established by the "Scout Law". Therefore, he should be:

TRUSTWORTHY - LOYAL - HELPFUL - FRIENDLY - COURTEOUS - KIND - OBEDIENT -  
CHEERFUL - THRIFTY - BRAVE - CLEAN – REVERENT

Endangering the health or safety of other Scouts or himself, fighting, serious "Horseplay" that can lead to injury, malicious name-calling, or making derogatory statements about one's race, nationality, or beliefs will not be tolerated.

Most discipline problems are handled by the Scout's themselves under the guidance of the Scoutmaster or an Assistant Scoutmaster. Serious conduct violations will result in parents being notified, and may include having to pick up their son from the activity.

The Troop Committee approves and advises the Patrol Leader's in establishing Troop rules.

### **Troop Activity Behavior**

- Scouts will wear the proper uniform to all meetings and activities.
- Do not disrupt Troop meetings.
- No candy, gum, etc. brought to meeting.
- No music players, game boys or electronic devices.
- Rowdy behavior will not be tolerated.
- Troop and Church property must be respected.
- Scouts are expected to live by the Scout Oath and Law.
- Scouts sit with and participate in activities with their patrol.

In the event a Scout has violated one or more of the aforementioned rules, the boy's patrol leader, the senior patrol leader and the Scoutmaster (in that order) will talk with the boy and determine what action is appropriate. This can range from a warning to dismissal from the activity.

### **Rules during Troop activities/outings:**

1. No alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs.
2. No fireworks, sheath knives, bull whips, throwing stars, numb chucks, sling shots or any other items that could potentially cause harm.
3. No firearms, bows, and arrows unless an event has been specifically designated and an adult leader is made aware of the possession.

4. No rock or projectile throwing.
5. Sticks and alike are not swords and will not be used as such.
6. No candles, unless used as emergency fire starters in inclement weather.
7. No squirt guns, unless an event has been specifically designated.
8. No use of axes or knives, unless a boy has been trained, tested and in possession of Totin' Chip card.
9. Liquid (open bottle white type) fuel use during campouts requires adult supervision.
10. No liquid (open bottle white type) fuel stored in the tents.
11. Use of lighters requires adult supervision.
12. No playing in or with fire. Fires are to be used only for heat, light and cooking. Any other activity constitutes playing with fire.
13. No fire in the tents, EVER!
14. No fighting, rough horseplay or striking others.
15. No teasing, crude acts, pulling pranks and similar acts at the expense of another Scout.
16. No vulgar language.
17. No music players, game boys or electronic devices on the way to/from an event or at the event.
18. No cell phones. Parents/leaders will have cell phones available for use in emergencies or to contact parents for a ride upon return from a scouting event.
19. Cameras are allowed, but picture taking should be of appropriate subject matter.
20. No inappropriate magazines, photos or other printed material.
21. No food or eating in the tents unless inclement weather requires it. Food and smellables should be removed from tents and hung from a tree when wildlife conditions require it.
22. No cutting or damage to live trees.
23. No cruelty to animals.
24. Do not disturb individual or patrol property including camp box and equipment.
25. Do not use, borrow, or otherwise disturb another person's property without their permission.
26. Do not enter another person's tent without permission.
27. Do not enter another patrol's or Troop's campsite or patrol box without permission.

## **Disciplinary Action at Scouting Events**

In general, Troop 653 will utilize the "Three Strike" system when confronting a discipline problem. However, depending on the situation, less than three strikes may be used.

A warning will be issued for the first offense. A Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Registered adult leader may issue this warning. Continued conduct violation will result in the issuance of a second warning, along with a discussion with the Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters present. Corrective action will be discussed with the Scout, and agreed upon.

If after two strikes the situation reoccurs, it is at Scoutmaster's discretion to ask that the parent to remove the Scout from the event.

## **Extreme Conduct Violation**

The following procedure has been adopted for handling extreme situations. Those situations may include endangering the health or safety of other Scouts or himself.

The situation will be documented in writing with as many witnesses as possible. Every effort will be made to uncover the facts. We will interview all parties separately, away from the rest of the Troop, following Youth Protection Policy Guidelines. After the interviews, the offender/s involved will be pulled aside by the Scoutmaster and one other adult for a conference. They will be away from, but insight of the Troop. This conference will be documented in writing and appropriate action will be taken. The Scoutmaster (or leaders involved) will notify the Committee Chair and the situation will be brought to the attention of the Troop Committee leaders.

The Scouts parents will be notified as to when the Troop Committee leaders will be discussing the situation. The parents of the Scout will be invited to attend without the Scout present. The charges will be aired and discussed. The parents will be asked to leave while the Troop Committee leaders vote on the scouts continued participation options. The committee's decision will be sent to the scout and parent in writing.

If the vote is the scout will be allowed to continue participation but with a probationary period, the scout and parents must appear before the Committee to discuss the probationary terms.

If the vote is termination of the scouts Troop participation, re-admittance to the Troop at a later date will be considered by an in person application to the Committee. The boy will leave the room while the Committee reviews and votes on the Scouts re-application. During these hearings, the Charter Organization Representative, Committee Chairperson, Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster will be in attendance.

