

## TROOP 447 CODE OF CONDUCT

Each Scout and participating adult shall practice living by the Scout Oath and Scout Law in everyday life, as well as at all scouting functions. In addition to the policies contained in this document, all policies and procedures written in the Guide to Safe Scouting and The Boy Scout Leader Book apply as well.

Participation in the BSA program is a privilege, which carries responsibilities of all involved Scouts and Adults, in order to carry out our objectives. The policies contained in this document are for ensuring safety and enjoyment for all scouting members.

Troop membership depends upon acceptance of the Troop 447 Code of Conduct. All current members must also sign and adhere to code of conduct also.

Troop 447 Code of Conduct applies all Boy Scouts, Adult Scouters and all Parent Participants as well as other family participants attending Troop 447 functions.

1. Each Person shall show respect to Adult Leaders/Parent participants, as well as his fellow scouts at all times. We will also strive to work as a TEAM at all times.
2. Foul language, inappropriate games/behavior/stories and or songs, or verbal/physical abuse (Hazing) will not be tolerated at any time.
3. Physical – or – Verbal Abuse of other Scouts is not acceptable. Inappropriate Roughhousing, fighting, "threats" or physical abuse to Scouts by other Scouts will not be allowed.
4. During meetings/outings Scouts will remain in the meeting/outing area. Permission to leave the area must be obtained from an Adult Leader/Parent participant, noting the specific need to leave the area, and must follow the buddy system. The meeting/outing area must be kept neat and left clean, including the bathroom area.
5. Each person will respect other Scouts/Scouters property at all times. Nothing will be taken or used without the permission of the other person. If you break/lose another person's property, you will pay for it, regardless if you had permission or not.
6. The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at any activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members. Prescription drugs must be checked according to BSA policy.

7. Scouts will not bring any weapons or any form of explosive device can be brought to a scouting event except for tools described in the totin chip booklet. The Scouts who have the totin chip are able to carry a knife as long as they follow the proper safety procedures.

**Failure to follow any of the rules above, as well as the National BSA policy outlined in the Guide to Safe Scouting booklet, will result in one or more of the following actions:**

**Meeting/Outing Policy:**

Actions to be taken after agreement of at least two members of the Patrol Leaders' Council and the Scoutmaster or one member of the Patrol Leaders' Council the Scoutmaster and or a parent participant.

1. A verbal warning informing the Scout/Scouter/Parent Participant that their behavior is inappropriate by the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster.
2. A meeting with the SPL and ranking Troop Committee Member present at the meeting/outing, the witnessing Troop Leader, Scout or Scouter or Parent Participant, and Parent of Scout if present to discuss modification of inappropriate behavior and consequences should inappropriate behavior continue.
3. Based on the severity of the infraction the Scout/Scouter/Parent Participant will be asked to leave the event. Parent of the Scout is responsible to pick up, or take their child from the meeting/outing should this happen. No reimbursement of meeting/outing fees, or any other cost incurred by picking up the Scout will be given to the Scout/Scouter/Parent Participant or his family when this action occurs.

**Follow Up Actions:**

Non-compliance with any of the above Code will result in the Scout facing one or more of the following actions:

Step 1: One-on-one meeting with Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmaster or other adult leader.

Step 2 Peer to Peer Meeting with another Scout and an Adult Leader or Personal meeting with a group of adult leaders. Letter of apology prepared by the scout.

Step 3: Scout's parent(s) requested to begin attending troop events

Step 4 Scout and parent(s) present themselves before the Troop Committee to discuss further action that could result in being asked to leave the troop.

The steps in the above four step process may be followed individually or combined based on the severity of the infraction, and attitude of the scout/scouter involved.

## Troop 447 Code of Conduct Signature Page

This page should be retained for permanent file.

Troop 447 maintains a record of Code of Conduct documents that have been signed by each Scout and his parent(s) have indicated that they have read, discussed and understand Troop 447's Code of Conduct and will comply with it to the best of their ability.

Scout/Scouter: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Committee Chair: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_