

## Troop 141 Behavior Policy

Over the years the behavior of most Scouts is very good. A Scout that follows the Scout Oath and Law will not have any problem getting along with fellow Scouts and with the adult leadership. Sometimes it is necessary to discipline Scouts for unacceptable behavior. The following policy is designed to let Scouts and parent know what the limits are and the measures we will take to discipline the Scout.

It is the obligation of the adult leadership to support the troop program. Adult leader must all be sure that all activities offer safety and security for all attending. If any Scout or Scouts jeopardizes the safety and security of himself or the group, it is up to the adult in charge to discipline the Scouts involved.

For serious behavior problems the Scout will have to be removed from the Troop activity. The procedure will be to call the parent(s). The parent(s) of the Scout will be responsible for providing transportation for their son, to be removed from that activity.

For some less serious behavior problems a Scout may be asked not to attend the next Troop activity. If this happens the parents will be called and told the reasons for the discipline.

The following behaviors will be cause for the Scout to be removed from the activity:

1. Possession of a weapon such as guns (including BB/pellet/look-a-like), sheath knives, sling shots, or any other device used in a threatening manner which includes jackknives, sharpened sticks, etc.
2. Possession and use of alcohol is not allowed by youth or adult on any Scout activity.
3. Possession and/or use of non-prescription drugs or controlled substances is not allowed by youth or adults on any Scout activity. All prescription drugs to be taken at camp by a youth must be turned over to a leader with written directions for dispensing including any potential side effects.
4. Possession and use of tobacco products is not allowed by youth on any Scout activity. It is suggested that adults set the example and refrain from tobacco use within sight of the youth.
5. Threatening others with bodily harm.
6. Stealing.
7. Disrespect for Troop leadership - Youth and Adult included.
8. Hazing.

With the following behaviors it might be necessary to have the Scout miss a future scout activity:

1. Leaving activity without permission of troop leadership.
2. Not following camp rules.
3. The use of unacceptable language.
4. Fighting.
5. Refusing to complete jobs on the duty roster.
6. Not allowing others to sleep during quiet times.

All problems will be reviewed on a case by case basis by Scoutmaster and an assigned group of Committee Members. If the Scout or parent(s) of the Scout would like additional explanation you may contact the Scoutmaster or Committee Chair.

To be consistent with the outdoor method of scouting, electronic game devices may be used in the vehicles to and from camp but are not to be used once the Troop arrives at camp. Personal radios, MP3 devices, cell phones (music only) are allowed with headphones to and from camp and at night in bed.

The Troop follows the Leave No Trace Cell Phone Use Guidance. It is recognized that many outdoor recreationists carry cell phones for safety and emergencies. Be considerate of other visitors, carry and use cell phones out-of-sight and sound of other people. Keep them turned off until needed or left in a pocket on the "vibrate" or "silent" ringer setting.

Be self-reliant, whether carrying cell phones or not. Don't leave ill-prepared or engage in risky actions just because you have a cell phone to call for rescue. Remember that in many remote areas cell phone coverage is limited or non-existent.

Many people go to the out-of-doors to get away from technology. Please respect their desire for solitude and be considerate when using a cell phone.

Cell phone use of camera is approved at all times but must follow BSA Youth Protection guidelines. Inappropriate use of smart phones, cameras, imaging, or digital devices is prohibited. Although most Scouts and leaders use cameras and other imaging devices responsibly, it is easy to unintentionally or inadvertently invade the privacy of other individuals with those devices. The use of any device capable of recording or transmitting visual images in or near shower houses, restrooms, or other areas where privacy is expected is inappropriate.

No high caffeine energy drinks such as Monster, Red Bull, Rock Star etc. are allowed along with 2 liter containers of soda. Drinks such as Vita Water or Gatorade type drinks are suggested. Youth may bring 2-3 cans of 12 ounce soda on a campout but use should be consistent with at home consumption. Patrol food money should not be used to purchase candy or sodas.

These rules were designed to help make activities a better experience for all concerned it is not meant to be to detract from the experience.

I agree and accept this Troop 141 Policy.

Scouts Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_