



BOY SCOUT TROOP 63
 Closter, New Jersey
 Northern New Jersey Council
Code of Conduct

Troop 63 has established the following Code of Conduct to provide Scouts, Parents and Adult Leaders with a framework of expectations and disciplinary actions for ALL members of the Troop. This Code of Conduct will help ensure a common language and understanding for behavioral expectations, and consequences, allowing us to create an atmosphere conducive to fun, safety, and the values of Scouting.

Expectations - Scouts

- Always be on time.
- At no time will an adult be alone with a scout that is not their own child.
- Listen and pay attention.
- In response to the "signs up" signal, silently return the sign.
- Respect one another and your leader.
- Don't take anything from someone else without first asking permission.
- Show respect for your surroundings, indoors and out, leaving them in as good or better condition than when you found them, "Leave no Trace".

Interactions with Scouts BSA Troops – Girls

- No male scout is permitted to be alone with a female scout at any time at troop events (meetings, campouts, summer camp, tents, etc.) unless visually supervised by an adult leader.
- There must be two scouts of each gender to allow assembly with each other in the absence of a supervising leader.
- Violation of the above will result in immediate removal from the event by the parent AND the Scout(s) banned from troop camping for 3 months.
- Consequences may include but are not limited to removal from activity, suspension of participation in future activities, removal from troop

Parents

- Assist your scout with learning the Troop Code of Conduct.
- Pay attention, and in response to the "signs up" signal, silently return the sign.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their scouts and non-scouts before and after the meeting.
- Parents are responsible for the conduct of their non-scout children during Troop activities.
- Scouting is a program based on parent (or guardian) and scout participation.
- Parents must always behave in a proper manner.
- No use of alcohol or illegal drugs is permitted while at Scout functions.

Adult Leaders

- Act as a role model, demonstrating proper behaviors, language, etc.
- Assume responsibility for the safety, well-being, and behavior of your charges always.
- Follow BSA rules regarding discipline and other matters.
- Obtain all necessary Leader Specific Training.

Respect

We strive to provide our Scouts with a fun, safe and enjoyable scouting experience. Our Adult Leaders donate many hours of their free time to achieve this goal.

All Adult Leaders should be given respect by both scouts AND their parents. Directions given by Adult Leaders must be obeyed for the good of all Scouts. Failure to do so may result in parental notification and possibly dismissal from that Scouting function. We want ALL Scouts to be able to participate in activities, but we also want our Scouts to learn that there are consequences for poor behavior.

Members of the Troop are also expected to respect each other. Any behavior that injures, demeans, threatens, or offends other members of the Troop is not acceptable and will NOT be tolerated.

Discipline

Participation in any Scouting activity by a Scout, Parent or Adult Leader, will be conducted in a manner that upholds the principles, standards, and ideals of the Boy Scouts of America as set forth in the Scout Oath and Law.

We recognize that for Scouts to grow into responsible adults, they need to be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, any Scout who intentionally participates in an activity that has the potential to harm themselves or Troop members or behaves in a manner that reflects negatively upon the Troop or the Boy Scouts of America, will be disciplined. Behavior that is cause for disciplinary action includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Not following the Scoutmaster or Leader's directions.
- Consistently late for meetings, etc.
- Significantly unsafe actions which may endanger himself or others
- Exploring physical hazards (lakes, creeks, etc.) without permission and supervision.
- Leaving designated areas without the Leader's permission.
- Use of cursing or foul language.
- Excessive rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior.
- Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of others.
- Use of any controlled or illegal substance during any Scouting function.
- Any action that would be considered illegal.

Summation

All Scouts, Parents and Adult Leaders are participants of the Troop and are representatives of their community, family, and local Scouting Council. Therefore, all Scouts, Parents, and Adult Leaders are asked to sign and agree to this Code of Conduct as a condition for participation. An individual's behavior or inability to cooperate with others in the Troop that impacts the overall successful operation of the Troop may constitute reason for temporary suspension and/or removal from the Troop for a parent, leader, or youth.

We want each Scout to be accountable for their own behavior, and only when necessary, will the procedure be invoked to send a Scout home from the Troop meeting or activity.

Scout Name Name: _____

Scout Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Leader Name: _____

Leader Signature: _____

Date: _____