Troop XXX TROOP GUIDEBOOK

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**Our “Standards of Behavior”**

**Our troop demands that scouts must be respectful, obedient, and cooperative during scouting activities.** The volunteer leaders of Scouting are devoted to teaching Scouts about safety, outdoor skills, self-reliance, moral strength, citizenship, leadership, and many other good qualities. Leaders are not interested in using valuable group time to frequently correct young men who repeatedly choose to be disrespectful, disobedient, and disruptive.

Scouting does not take the place of the parent’s primary responsibility to instill good character and safe habits in their sons. Parents are responsible for teaching and reinforcing (a) respect for rightful authority, (b) obedience to rightful leaders, and (c) cooperation with group participants. Scouting will build on these character traits by teaching the values of the Scout Oath and Law.

The standards of behavior listed below for scouting activities are very important for the safety and success of the Scouting program. Remember, **Scouting is both disciplined and fun.**

1. Scouts must be obedient to leaders, and respectful and cooperative with everyone during scouting activities.
2. Scouts should have a good attitude while participating with the Scout group, cheerfully helping and cooperating in Scouting activities, and earning leadership responsibilities.
3. Scouts should attend at least two-thirds of the scheduled troop activities and should regularly advance in rank.
4. Scouts should wear appropriate uniforms to all troop activities.
	1. Class A required items = Scout shirt, pants, belt, and socks (uniform must be worn properly with shirt tail tucked in and straight leg pants not tucked into boots).
	2. Class B = any BSA Scout T-shirt (worn tucked in).
	3. No camo, military or law enforcement items or insignia may be worn or visible at any time at any Scouting activity (including no such hats, coats, shirts or pants).
5. Scouts must never:
	1. Enter the water or a boat without adult supervision.
	2. Enter an area marked “closed”, “do not enter”, or “no trespassing”.
	3. Leave the troop area without the Scoutmaster’s permission or enter an area after gaining the Scoutmaster’s permission to enter a different area.
	4. Approach river, creeks, cliffs, caves, abandoned structures, machinery or equipment (whether running or not) without the Scoutmaster’s permission.
	5. Commit or participate in unsafe actions.
	6. Use cursing or foul language.
	7. Physically or verbally harass another person.
	8. Damage or deface man-made or natural objects.
	9. Carry or use tobacco products or controlled or illegal substances.
	10. Carry any type of firearm (or replica), explosive, or weapon (other than a permitted camping knife.)

I/we have read and understand the standards of behavior described above. I/we agree to abide by these standards, which are a condition to continued participation in troop activities.

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