

## Troop 71 Code of Conduct

As a Scout, I agree to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law at all times.

I will show respect to Adult Leaders, other Scouts, parents and guests.

I will abide by the NO-TOUCH rule, which means I will not make ANY contact with another Scout, which includes, but is not limited to poking, pushing or shoving, wrestling, or any other form of physical contact. The only exception to this rule is during closing ceremony, which is to be conducted in a mutually respectful manner.

I will respect other Scouts' property at all times. This includes having permission before touching or using another Scout's property and being responsible for replacing another's property if it is broken in my possession.

I will keep the meeting area and bathroom neat and clean at all times.

I will follow Totin' Chip rules and regulations for the use of knives, axes and saws and will follow Firem'n Chit rules and regulations for lighting fires and carrying lighters and/or matches.

I will follow the Buddy System at all camping trips and off-site events.

I will comply with the Outdoor Code and follow the Leave No Trace guidelines of Scouting.

I will wear my Class A or B uniform to all Scout meetings and events unless told otherwise by the Scoutmaster.

I will strive to work as part of a TEAM at all times.

I understand that the following are strictly prohibited at all meetings, functions and trips:

Disruptive behavior, such as talking over leaders, bullying, verbal abuse, and leaving the area without permission.

Foul or abusive language and cursing.

Drugs and/or alcohol of any kind.

Electronic devices, battery-powered games and cell phones. (Special permission may be granted to use these devices in a car on a trip, but for the balance of the trip they may be turned on only in the event of a serious emergency.)

I understand that should I fail to abide by any of the requirements in this Code of Conduct, disciplinary action will be taken as outlined on the back of this page.

Troop 71 maintains a record of these Code of Conduct documents. By their signature, each Scout and his parent(s) have indicated that they have read, discussed, and understand Troop 71's Code of Conduct and will comply with it to the best of their ability.

**I have read and understand this Code of Conduct:**

Scout Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parental Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scouting is designed to be fun, adventurous, and present an opportunity for boys and young men to develop character and a sense of responsibility. Our Code of Conduct exists to promote an enjoyable, fair and comfortable environment in which all Scouts can have fun and experience growth. In the event that a Scout breaks one or more of the rules within the Code, there will be an appropriate and measured disciplinary response.

Depending on the severity and/or frequency with which a Scout violates the code, the responses may vary, but can include one or more of the following:

The Scout(s) may be asked to sit out the remainder of an activity

The Scout(s) may be required to have a one-on-one meeting with the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or other adult troop leader.

The Scout(s) may be required to have a peer-to-peer meeting in the presence of the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or other adult troop leader.

The Scout(s) may be asked (required) to leave the meeting/event. If this occurs, the Scout's parent(s) will be responsible for picking up their child from the meeting or event. There will be no reimbursement of meeting/outing fees or any other costs associated with picking up the scout in the event of this disciplinary action.

The Scout(s) may be required to prepare a written letter of apology.

The Scout's parent(s) may be required to meet with the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or other adult troop leader.

The Scout's parent(s) may be required to begin attending troop meetings/events.

The Scout(s) and parent(s) may be required to present themselves before the Troop Committee.

The Scout(s) may be suspended from the troop.

The Scout(s) may be expelled from the troop.

Should any Scout actions result in any of the above disciplinary measures, the Scout's parent(s) will be notified by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster or other adult troop leader via a telephone call or e-mail.

By my initials below, I acknowledge that I have read both the Code of Conduct as well as the disciplinary measures that may be taken for Code violations. The Scoutmaster's initials below indicate that the Code of Conduct will be enforced honestly, fairly and even-handedly throughout the entire troop by all of its adult and youth leaders.

Scout's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

Scoutmaster's Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

**Scout Oath:** On my honor, I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; To help other people at all times; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight.

**Scout Law:** A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

**Totin' Chip:** This certification grants a Scout the right to carry and use woods tools. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility to do the following:

1. Read and understand woods tools use and safety rules from the *Boy Scout Handbook*.
2. Demonstrate proper handling, care, and use of the pocket knife, ax, and saw.
3. Use knife, ax, and saw as tools, not playthings.
4. Respect all safety rules to protect others.
5. Respect property. Cut living and dead trees only with permission and good reason.
6. Subscribe to the Outdoor Code.

**Firem'n Chit:** This certification grants a Scout the right to carry matches and build campfires. The Scout must show his Scout leader, or someone designated by his leader, that he understands his responsibility to do the following:

1. I have read, understand and use fire safety rules from the *Boy Scout Handbook*.
2. I will build a campfire only when necessary and when I have the necessary permits (regulations vary by locality).
3. I will minimize campfire impacts or use existing fire lays consistent with the principles of Leave No Trace. I will check to see that all flammable material is cleared at least 5 feet in all directions from fire (total 10 feet).
4. I will safely use and store fire-starting materials.
5. I will see that fire is attended to at all times.
6. I will make sure that water and/or shovel is readily available. I will promptly report any wildfire to the proper authorities.
7. I will use the cold-out test to make sure the fire is cold out and will make sure the fire lay is cleaned before I leave it.
8. I follow the Outdoor Code and the principles of Leave No Trace.

**Buddy System:** A system in which two people, the "buddies", operate together as a single unit so that they are able to monitor and help each other. In outdoors, adventurous or dangerous activities, where the buddies are often equals, the main benefit of the system is improved safety; each may be able to prevent the other becoming a casualty or rescue the other in a crisis.

**Outdoor Code:** As an American, I will do my best to: Be clean in my outdoor manners. Be careful with fire. Be considerate in the outdoors. Be conservation minded.

**Leave No Trace:** Plan ahead and prepare. Travel and camp on durable surfaces. Dispose of waste properly (pack it in, pack it out). Leave what you find. Minimize campfire impacts. Respect wildlife. Be considerate of other visitors.