

BEHAVIOR CONTRACT

Boy Scout Troop 120
Portland, OR

Print Scout's Name: _____

Print Parent / Guardian Name: _____

The adventure of Scouting is centered on the Troop's outdoor programs of hiking and camping. A Scout looks to camping for adventure, fun, fellowship, and recognition. There he stands on his own feet, learns new skills, explores nature, tests his physical and mental abilities in an outdoor setting, and enriches his appreciation of and respect for the great outdoors.

As a Scout, I hereby certify and agree to the following:

- That as a member of Troop 120, I understand that my behavior at all Scouting events and activities, including camping, is expected to **conform to the Scout Oath and Law**. I understand that Scout Spirit, as mentioned in the requirements for every rank in Scouting, includes behavior that meets these standards.
- **I agree to be an active participant while at Scout functions.** All activities such as rank advancement, camp ceremonies, campsite meetings, Scout's Own Religious Services, etc. are in support of the goals of Scouting, and all Scouts, except those excused by the Scoutmaster, are expected to attend.
- **As a Scout, I will set an example for others to follow.** I will be a role model for others including active involvement in instruction, assisting less experienced Scouts, and offering service to others wherever recognized or instructed. I will set a positive example with my **attitude / willingness** at all times. I will always strive to represent my Sponsor Organization, my Troop, and my Scouting Family in a positive manner.
- **I understand that I will be held accountable for my behavior.** I understand that if misconduct at a Scout function continues after repeated corrections or if behavior endangers the health and safety of any person, I may be sent home at the sole discretion of the Scoutmaster. If this occurs, my parents will be expected to arrange transportation home, regardless of the time, distance, or cost. If I am sent home from a campout for disciplinary reasons, I understand that there will be no refund of camping fees.
- **I recognize that if I am sent home for behavioral infraction, participation in future camping activities is conditional** and renewed privilege will be dependent upon the results of a Board of Review held with the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, Parent(s) and or Guardian(s), and the Scout. I am fully aware that my actions can and will most likely result in delayed rank advancement for such violations.
- **My Parent(s) or Guardian(s) and I have read, understand, and agree** to follow the rules for Scout functions as established by the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 120.

I fully understand that the consequences of misbehavior will vary depending upon the severity of the activity. I understand that these consequences can include warnings, sitting out during an activity, parent conferences, having a parent take me home from an activity, and expulsion from the Troop.

Signature of Scout

Date

I have discussed the behavior expectations and misbehavior consequences with my son. Furthermore, I agree to pick my son up from an activity if necessary, even if the activity is out of town, at *any hour*.

Signature of Parent

Date

Troop 120

BASIC RULES OF CONDUCT

Review these rules and make sure that you understand and agree to follow them:

- Scouts understand and agree to live by the principles of the Outdoor Code & Leave No Trace as outlined in the Boy Scout. Each Scout will respect all living things whether two legged or four legged, fur or feathers, roots or scales.
- Behavior not in accordance with the Scout Oath and Scout Law, such as lying, stealing, swearing, fighting, destroying property, etc. will not be tolerated at any time. Scouts will be expected to abide by all rules, guidelines, and decisions set forth by the Scoutmaster and Adult Leaders.
- Every Scout is encouraged to have fun while at a campout. However, fun at someone else's expense isn't fun for anyone. Hazing (Mental, Physical, or Verbal Abuse) of another person is classified as unacceptable behavior.
- The safety of each Scout is a priority. If a Scout wants to leave a campsite for any reason other than an official Troop activity, he must obtain permission from the Scoutmaster or an Adult Leader. If the Adult Leader believes the destination or activity is not appropriate for any reason, permission will be denied.
- Every Scout must use the "Buddy System" on outings. No Scout is allowed to remain in camp alone at any time.
- "Two Deep Leadership" will be practiced at camp at all times; NO EXCEPTIONS.
- Leader tents are OFF LIMITS to all Scouts and, except in an emergency, are not to be entered without the permission of an Adult Leader. A Scout's tent is his home. Only enter another Scout's tent upon invitation. Always respect others belongings.
- Any damage done to a Scout's, Troop's, or Camp's property, equipment or supplies will be paid for by the person responsible for the damage.
- Each Scout is expected to wear his clothes (both in style and as to content) in accordance with BSA policy pertaining to wearing the Class "A" and Class "B" Scout Uniforms.

The following items should NOT be brought to camp:

- Personal radios, televisions, *cell phones, compact disc, cassette, or MP3 players, electronic games, laser pens or pointers, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and controlled substances not prescribed by a physician.
- Tobacco products such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.
- Adult magazines or any form of pornographic material.
- Fixed blade or sheath knives unless you are First Class rank or higher.
- Fireworks, firearms, ammunition, and weapons such as bows and arrows, martial arts equipment, sling shots, water balloon launchers, or any other kind of 'toy' weapon.
- Lighters and Liquid fuels. Any Fire-starting tools such as strike-sticks, matches, etc. except as approved by the Scoutmaster for program purposes only.
- Aerosol cans. Bring insect repellent, deodorant, and other such items in liquid or stick form only.

* Cell Phones will not be used during a camp function without knowledge / permission of the Scoutmaster or an Adult Leader.

Behavior that is not allowed at any Scout functions includes and is not restricted to:

- Disobeying junior or adult leaders, this includes Committee members.
- Hazing or Bullying of other scouts will not be accepted.
- Foul or inappropriate language of any kind.
- Hitting, fighting or similar actions.
- Refusing to follow Troop uniform policy.
- Not following safe Scoutcraft procedures.
- Leaving a designated area without an adult leader's permission.
- Lying, Cheating, Stealing, and any form of inappropriate behavior.
- Being uncooperative.
- Disrupting activities.
- Intentionally damaging property or equipment.
- Refusing to take prescribed medications.

Anyone found in violation of the above will be disciplined in the following manner:

- Violation #1 – Scout is issued a verbal warning and parents are notified.
- Violation #2 – Scout is given a written warning, parents are notified. Service and leadership credit is revoked.
- Violation #3 – The next 8 activities you attend (meetings, campouts, etc.), you will have to be accompanied by your *parent/guardian*, who will be responsible for supervising you the *entire* time.
- Violation #4 - Scout will be counseled by the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and Parents to discuss your future participation of being in Troop 120.