



BSA Troop 1 – Behavioral Policy

BSA Troop 1 has adopted the following behavioral guidelines for all youth and adult members to maintain the integrity of this program and to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all who participate.

Responsible Behavior is shown by:

- Following the Scout Oath and Law in all parts of our lives
- Maintaining an active status in the Troop
- Wearing the proper scout uniform
- Participating in and being punctual for Troop activities
- Respecting yourself, others, and your surroundings
- Respecting those in charge and responding to reasonable requests the first time

Irresponsible Behavior includes, but is not limited to:

- Name-calling or intimidation
- Disrupting Troop activities and meetings
- Using abusive or foul language
- Leaving Troop meetings or activities without permission
- Not helping or completing assigned duties (such as cleanups after meals, activities, and meetings)
- Misusing Troop or other persons equipment or property
- Pranks
- Throwing objects (other than in an organized activity)
- Outward disrespect towards either youth or adult leaders, whether verbally or by physical gestures
- Electronic devices (video games, cell phones, radios, CD players, etc) are not permitted without express permission of the Scoutmaster

Non-Negotiable Behavior is behavior deemed unacceptable under any circumstance and will result in the immediate notification of parents/guardians and the individual being sent home. Non-Negotiable Behavior includes:

- Use or possession of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs/substances, and/or paraphernalia
- Possessing a weapon of any kind (pocket knives are not considered weapons when used appropriately)
- Possession of fireworks
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Hazing
- Sexual misconduct – verbal or physical – including possession of pornographic/adult materials
- Leaving Troop meetings or activities without leader awareness
- Vandalizing property
- Gambling
- Throwing objects with the intent of striking another individual or property
- *Repeated irresponsible behavior*

Consequences of Irresponsible and Non-Negotiable Behavior:

Irresponsible behavior will be addressed through a step change course of action with one or more of the following consequences (Note: Non-negotiable behavior will result in item #3 as a minimum):

1. A discussion between the offender, the Scoutmaster, and another adult
2. Parent(s)/guardian notified of the situation and the offender sent home at the parent/guardian expense. Scout may return pending results of Scoutmaster decision on course of action (may result in #3 or #4 below).
3. Immediate suspension from all Troop activities until a meeting is held between offender, parent/guardian, Scoutmaster, and at least one other member of the Troop Committee. The meeting will address the behavior and appropriate follow-up action.
4. TROOP COMMITTEE TERMINATES THE SCOUT'S MEMBERSHIP IN TROOP #1

➤ **Behavioral issues or concerns should be brought to the attention of the Troop Committee Chair.**

➤ **Please see the Troop Directory for contact information.**

I have read and understand this policy and agree to honor the commitments outlined above. ALL who sign this policy (parents, adults, and leaders) are held to the same behavior expectations.

Scout/Adult Signature	Printed Name	Date
Parent/Guardian Signature	Printed Name	Date
Troop Committee Chair Signature	Printed Name	Date