

Troop 295

Discipline Policy

The following guidelines have been set forth by the Patrol Leader's Council and have been approved by the Troop Committee. This policy has been designed to support compliance with The Troop's Code of Conduct and maintain Troop spirit.

One of the goals of Boy Scout experience is for Scouts to learn how to resolve behavior problems when they arise. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters serve to assist the Scouts or, as a last resort, resolve matters themselves, if necessary, in order to maintain a safe and fun environment for all Scouts. Youth protection is paramount to all scouting activities and can never be compromised, be it by boys or adults.

The following rules apply at all Scout meetings, outings, camps and other functions:

1. The Scoutmaster (or his designee) is in charge of the Troop and has final authority on all disciplinary matters, and Assistant Scoutmasters have authority for discipline in their primary roles with the Troop. The Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) is directly responsible to the Scoutmaster and no Scout may usurp his authority.
2. The SPL is in charge of the Patrol Leaders (PL). He runs the Troop with the help of the Jr. Assistant Scoutmaster(s), Assistant Scoutmaster(s) and the Scoutmaster. Scouts are to respect the SPL's authority and give him their full cooperation.
3. The Patrol Leader (PL) is in charge of the Scouts in his patrol. All patrol members are to give their PL complete cooperation and respect his authority. PLs are expected to ensure Patrol members obey the Scout Motto, Law and Oath, and to maintain discipline and Patrol spirit at all times.
4. The Scout sign is to be used whenever possible. Yelling and physical abuse by anyone will not be tolerated.
5. If a Scout other than the SPL does not obey simple requests, he will be asked to take a 10-minute "timeout" in the corner or other appropriate location away from but in view of the other Scouts. This is to be given by the SPL only. The PL is not to administer "timeouts." PLs are to report to the SPL any Scouts who cannot control themselves, compromise Youth Protection, or otherwise do not comply with the Scout Motto, Law and Oath.

6. The SPL may be asked by the Scoutmaster (or his designee) to take a 10-minute time out for insubordination or any acts of behavior that compromise Youth Protection, are contrary to the Scout Motto, Law or Oath, or are not in the best interests of the Troop.
7. The Scout may resume the Troop activity after his “time-out” at the discretion of the SPL.
8. If the Scout continues to be disruptive, he will be sent to the Scoutmaster for a consultation. The Scoutmaster may choose to call the parents and have them pick up their son. This also applies to outings and campouts.
9. The Scout will not be allowed to return to the Troop until agreed upon by the PL’s Council and Troop Committee.
10. If a Scout violates the guidelines set forth in the Boy Scouts of America’s Youth Protection policy more than once, it will be grounds for dismissal from the Troop at the recommendation of the SPL or Scoutmaster (or his designee), and confirmed by the Troop Committee. Notice of dismissal will not be given to the violating Scout until the dismissal has been confirmed by the Troop Committee. Report of an incident to the District Council will be handled as appropriate.

Date: _____

Signatures:

Parent(s): _____

Scout _____