

## Behavioral Expectations for Troop 31

The mission of the Scouts BSA is **to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes by instilling in them the values of the Scout Oath and Law**. The expected behavior of Troop 31 Scouts and adults is based on living by the Scout Oath and Law. To this end, the Troop has adopted these behavior expectations.

### **THE BIG 3**

- 1. HANDS OFF** Unless participating in a contact game, all Scouts are expected to abide by “hands off” with their fellow Scouts, their adult leaders, and their property.
- 2. RESPECT OTHERS** All Scouts and adults are expected to show proper respect toward all adults and fellow Scouts.
- 3. RESPECT PROPERTY AND THE ENVIRONMENT** All Scouts are expected to show proper respect toward any property put in their trust, and toward any premises being used, outside or inside.

We believe that if everyone involved in Troop 31 abides by “The Big 3”, behavior issues will be non-existent. All discussions with Scouts about proper behavior should be centered around living by the Scout Oath and Law and “The Big 3”.

**Responsible Behavior** is shown by:

- Following the Scout Oath and Law during all activities
- Wearing the proper scout uniform, including full Class A during travel
- Arriving on time for all activities
- Participating in all activities and training required for any leadership position that I agree to undertake
- Respecting yourself, others and your surroundings
- Listening to those in leadership roles and responding to reasonable requests the first time

**Irresponsible Behavior** includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Bullying, name calling or using other abusive or inappropriate language
- Leaving the group without permission and appropriate notification
- Not helping with patrol or crew activities and duties, e.g., meal preparation, cleanup, etc.
- Intentional non-compliance with BSA youth protection procedures
- Misusing equipment and property
- Disrupting activities or meetings
- Excessive or inappropriate use of a cellular phone or other digital devices at times that they are not allowed

**Nonnegotiable Behavior** is behavior deemed unacceptable under any circumstances and will result in immediate notification of parent(s)/guardian(s) and individual may be sent home or, if prior to a trip, not allowed to participate in the trip.

- Fighting or intentionally causing harm to others
- Stealing or Vandalizing property including public property or property of other participants
- Arriving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, or possessing drugs, alcohol, e-cigarette or vaping products, or tobacco
- Possessing a weapon of any kind or fireworks (pocket knives are not considered weapons)
- Sexual misconduct – verbal or physical
- Gambling
- Repeated irresponsible behavior

### **Consequences of Irresponsible and Nonnegotiable Behavior**

We will address irresponsible behavior through a stair-step course of action with one or more of the following consequences (listed from least to most severe):

1. A discussion between the scout, an adult leader and at least one additional adult. If the irresponsible behavior is related to the inappropriate use of a cellular phone or digital device, the scoutmaster or adult leader may confiscate the device until the end of the event.
2. Parents(s)/ guardian(s) notified of the situation and the scout is sent home at the parent’s expense from the event. If the event is a hike or outing, the scout may be allowed to continue with the trip if all parties, including all adult leaders, agree to a plan to ensure appropriate future behavior. All costs associated with sending the scout home early (if feasible) will be the responsibility of the scout and their parent(s)/guardian(s).
3. Immediate suspension from all Troop activities until a meeting is conducted between the scout, the scout’s parent(s)/guardian(s), the scoutmaster, and at least one member of the troop committee. This meeting will address the behavior and appropriate follow-up.
4. Troop Committee ends the scout’s membership in the troop.

**I understand that it is a privilege for me to participate in Troop 31 activities as a representative of Troop 31 and Scouts BSA. I also understand that these behavioral expectations were established for all youth and adult members to maintain the integrity of our Troop activities and ensure the safety and well-being of all who participate.**

**I agree to honor and abide by the above expectations and follow the Scout Oath & Law.**

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