



## Troop 250 Code of Conduct

Troop 250 has a large number of active Scouts who are good, solid boys of character, and we intend to maintain the high standards that we ascribe to under the Scout Oath and Scout Law. It is important that Scouts show respect to adult and youth leaders, as well as each other. Although we have very few problems and do not anticipate any, we feel that certain guidelines should be written and accepted to avoid any potential for misunderstandings.

These rules apply when a Scout is under our responsibility – that is, any time that he is with the Troop at weekly meetings, camping trips, or other Troop or BSA sponsored activities.

- Possession or use of any illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages
- Possession or use of firearms, ammunition, or fireworks
- Smoking or any tobacco use - this includes electronic cigarette (e-cigarette) or personal vaporizer (PV)
- Reckless/dangerous behavior that could cause harm to yourself or other Scouts
- Profanity or vulgar / inappropriate discussions
- Stealing or damaging property that does not belong to you
- Any form of hazing or bullying
- Verbal or physical harassment or malicious behavior directed toward another Scout
- Physical abuse such as punching, kicking, or slapping another Scout

Participating in the above will result in disciplinary action that could include suspension or expulsion from the Troop. Such suspension or expulsion, as well as the reinstatement of a suspended Scout, will be determined by the Scoutmaster with the concurrence of the Troop Committee.

**Electronics Policy:** NO PORTABLE ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE ALLOWED TO BE BROUGHT TO ANY TROOP 250 EVENTS. This includes but is not limited to iPods, Mp3 players, electronic games, cell phones, TV's, and any hand-held radio. Exceptions are the use of devices by the adult leaders for emergency communications purposes.

Portable electronic devices are contrary to the scouting philosophy of learning to live in and appreciate the outdoors. A Scout that is using an electronic device instead of doing scouting related tasks loses out on the scouting experience. A Scout using electronic devices during classes, activities, and meetings, is a distraction. Such a distraction to the adult leaders can also result in a hazardous lack of attention to the surroundings, resulting in injury to a Scout. This is the primary reason for the no electronic policy.

Any infraction of this policy will be handled as follows: upon the discovery of an electronic device, the Scoutmaster or other adult leader will confiscate the item and return it at the end of the event.

**Agreement:** All Scouts and Adult Leaders are representatives of their community, family and local Scouting Council. Therefore, all Scouts and parents are asked to sign this Code of Conduct as a condition for membership and participation, with the further understanding, that serious misconduct or infraction of the above rules may result in expulsion from any activity or meeting. We want each Scout to be responsible for their behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a Scout home. By signing this document, you agree to abide by the conditions listed above and to live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law.

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Scout Signature

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Parent Signature

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Date