

Troop Code of Conduct

As a member of Troop 188, I understand that my right to join in the fun of scouting requires responsibility on my part to always behave according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Outdoor Code, and the Troop 188 Rules. I will arrive on-time, prepared and in the proper uniform at all events. I will participate in as many Troop Service projects as possible, as an obligation of helping others as a Scout.

Troop 188 Rules (As determined by the Patrol Leader's Council)

1. We live by the Scout Oath and Law.
2. We will show respect to our adult or youth leader at all times.
 - ✓ We will follow instructions given to us at the time they are given.
 - ✓ We will pay attention to any speaker sharing an idea or instruction.
 - ✓ We will refrain from interrupting.
 - ✓ We will control our anger when we disagree.
 - ✓ We will have no physical violence at any time.
3. We will respect each other in the troop, including each other's personal belongings.
4. We are courteous guests of Cornerstone Baptist Church. We will respect the property and any other facilities we use.
5. Proper use of troop and patrol equipment is of utmost importance. All equipment will be checked out and back in through the quartermaster.
 - ✓ Every Scout will be responsible for cleaning and returning troop equipment in good condition.
 - ✓ Purposely damaging or destroying troop equipment will not be tolerated.
6. Foul language is not necessary. We will not use it at any Scouting activity.
7. We will use the buddy system at all outside activities, and sign out with the SPL or his designate when leaving the site.
8. Permission from the SPL or Fire Marshall is required before striking a match or lighting a lighter.
9. All Scouts and leaders will wear appropriate uniform for meetings and campouts.

Penalties

The Scouts of the Troop elect Patrol Leaders to run the Troop through the Patrol Leaders' Council (PLC). The elected Senior Patrol Leader (SPL) leads the troop for the PLC between its meetings. The PLC or SPL will decide when a rule has been broken. The SPL may issue verbal warnings by himself. Issuing a written warning or asking a Scout to leave or miss an activity or meeting requires a simple majority vote of the PLC.

First Offense: The first breaking of any Troop Rule or Scout value will result in a verbal warning. This will be reported to the Scoutmaster or his designate.

Second Offense: The second breaking of the same or any other rule will result in a written warning to re-study the Scout Oath, Law and Troop Rules with a parent or guardian. A written note from the parent or guardian stating this has been done will be required.

Third Offense: The third breaking of the same or any other rule will result in the Scout being sent home or being asked to not attend a meeting or event until he and his parents can show that the problem has been corrected. This Scout will not be allowed to hold a leadership position in the next Troop election.

Fourth Offense: The fourth breaking of the same or any other rule will result in the PLC referring the matter to the Troop Committee for action. The Scout and his parents or guardian will need to explain to the Troop Committee why the Scout should be allowed to remain in the Troop.

To be fair and equitable, these penalties will be enforced in six (6) month intervals (coinciding with Troop elections). At the end a six month interval, all first and second category offenses will be pardoned. The Scout will start over with a new SPL and PLC. However, third and fourth category offenses will be enforced and reviewed by the new SPL, PLC and/or Troop Committee.

Scout's Agreement:

_____ Date: _____

Parent's (or guardian's) Agreement:

_____ Date: _____