

Boy Scout Troop 77 Discipline Policy

The Boy Scouts of America have two sets of ideals which govern the conduct of any scout. These are the Scout Oath and the Scout Law. When a boy becomes a Scout, he promises to try to live by these ideals. A list of rules and regulations would do nothing more than repeat what is already contained in the Oath and Law. Every Scout in Troop 77 is expected to behave according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law to insure order and safety at Troop meetings, functions and outings, including Summer Camp.

Our procedure for dealing with Scouts who become a behavior problem is as follows:

1. General discipline within the Troop is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster. Any boy who misbehaves will first have a Scoutmaster Conference in an attempt to solve the problem. The Scoutmaster may or may not, at his discretion, involve the Senior Patrol Leader in this discussion. (The Senior Patrol Leader is not involved in steps 2-5 below.) The Scoutmaster will inform the Scout's parents that a Scoutmaster Conference has occurred to discuss a behavior problem and will describe the problem to the parents.
2. If a Scout's behavior continues to contradict the Scout Oath and Scout Law after the Scoutmaster has tried to work with the Scout, then the Troop Committee Chairman along with two other Committee Members will convene a Discipline Board of Review with the Scout and his parents. The results of this meeting can include a temporary suspension from the Troop for a time period deemed appropriate by the members of this Discipline Review Board.
3. Finally, if the Scout's behavior has not improved after all of the above steps, the Scoutmaster and Discipline Review Board may place the Scout on a long-term suspension or expel the Scout from Troop 77. If expelled, the Troop would refund a pro-rata portion of the membership dues to the Scout's family.
4. Alcohol, drugs, tobacco, firearms, theft, or other major departures from the Scout Oath and Law can result in immediate expulsion from the Troop based upon a review by the Scoutmaster and Troop Committee Chairman.
5. The parents have the right to appeal these decisions within two months. The appeal would be made to the Scoutmaster and the Discipline Review Board. The results of this appeal, and any conditions related to the decision of the Scoutmaster and the Discipline Review Board will be summarized in writing and a copy provided to the parents. The parents will then have the right to make a final appeal to the Troop Committee at Large.

I, (Scout name): _____,
agree to the conduct policy and procedures outlined above.

Scout Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____