



Troop 409 Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy

It will be the policy of all the Northern Star Council's troops to follow all statements and guidelines outlined in the "2010 National Scout Jamboree Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct (Code of Conduct)". How we enforce and follow this Code of Conduct is outlined below. The Scout Oath and Law form the basis of how we expect to behave and treat one another.

The adult leadership team of the troop promises to treat all Scouts with respect and dignity at all times and in all places. This means that we will not yell or lecture any Scout who comes before us with issues regarding their conduct or behavior. However, we will be firm and decisive in our actions.

All Scouts (and their parents or guardians) and leaders must read the attached Code of Conduct Disciplinary Policy and sign at the bottom of this form before being allowed to participate in any events. All signed forms will be retained and kept by the Troop Scoutmaster and valid for 13 months from the date of signature.

Violation of any aspect of the Code of Conduct will be brought to the attention of the Scoutmaster or one of his Assistants and documented on the Troop 409 Behavior Documentation Sheet. Depending upon the severity of the infraction the following process will be utilized:

1. For minor infractions, the issue is discussed with the Scout and the Scoutmaster or his Assistants and a resolution is achieved that is agreed upon by all parties involved.
2. For repeated or more serious issues, the Scout discusses the issue with the Scoutmaster and the issue is recorded in the "Behavior Documentation Sheet". Resolution of the matter must occur before the discussion with the Scoutmaster concludes and the details of the resolution must be recorded in the "Behavior Documentation Sheet" and signed by the Scoutmaster and the Scout.
3. A second occurrence of a disciplinary issue may necessitate a consultation with the parents or guardians.
4. Further violations will lead to the Scoutmaster consulting with the Troop Committee regarding the Scouts continued participation in troop related activities.
5. The Scoutmaster of the Troop will not hesitate to discuss with the Troop Committee any issues that arise concerning threatening or violent behavior, violations of points 1, 3, 5, 7, 8, 10, and 14 of the Code of Conduct. The Troop Committee and Scoutmaster have the authority to dismiss a Scout from the troop activity.
6. Serious violation of this code or a 3rd occurrence of a disciplinary issue may result in expulsion from the event at the applicant's own expense, including transportation costs. Adult leaders responsible for the event or outing will be expected to use their best judgement as situations arise. All decisions will be final.

For official BSA sponsored events, the BSA event headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions. For troop events, it is at the discretion of the adult leaders to make this decision based upon this policy.

I have read and agree to all the points of the Troop 409 Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy.

Scout signature _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

Date _____



All Scouts are expected to abide by the Troop 409 Code of Conduct as follows:

The units' adult leaders (Scoutmaster and Advisor) are responsible for the supervision of their membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Scout Code of Conduct.

The units' youth leaders (SPL, ASPL, Patrol Leaders) are responsible for defining, conducting, and organizing the scouts to accomplish assigned event activities. Youth leaders are to be treated with the same level of respect as the adult leaders.

1. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the event.
2. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. The official Class A uniform is required at all official troop activities. I will wear the Class A Scout uniform when requested. This includes travel to and from all events and at any event function where Class A is specified.
3. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate, as required, in cooperation with other scouts and leaders.
4. In consideration of other scouts, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the troop, unless otherwise directed by the event program. This includes adhering to lights out and quiet time. At no time is it allowable to have more than 2 scouts in a tent, unless specifically approved by the adult leadership.
5. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all event recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the event grounds.
6. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs is prohibited. This shall apply to all participants. Violation of this rule will lead to immediate expulsion.
7. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco/e-cigarettes, vaping, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, and fighting may result in expulsion from the event or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. Swearing and cursing are never allowed, with strict expectations of a zero tolerance policy.
8. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited. Card games and board games are acceptable.
9. I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
10. I will demonstrate respect for unit and event property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
11. Neither the troop leadership, nor the BSA, will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
12. While participating in activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
13. All Scouts are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession unless as part of a sanctioned event and under approved supervision.
14. Hazing has no place in Scouting, nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the troop with hazing.