

Troop 226 Code of Conduct

1. The Scoutmaster or Unit Leader in Charge is responsible for each boy's safety, and he must be obeyed.
2. **DO NOT** possess or consume illegal substances such as drugs or alcohol.
3. **DO NOT** use vulgar or demeaning language or inappropriate behavior, it is not allowed or tolerated.
4. **DO NOT** intentionally cause harm to or place yourself or any other person in danger.
5. **DO NOT** dress inappropriately.
6. **DO NOT** smoke at any Scout function.
7. **DO NOT** attend Scout functions while under the influence of illegal substances.
8. **DO NOT** attempt to destroy or deface any private or personal property; treat the meeting place and camping facility with proper respect.
9. **DO NOT** carry or use a knife, axe, or saw in camp until you have had the proper Scout training and have been issued a Tote'n Chip card by the Scoutmaster.
10. **DO NOT** possess Sheath knives, knife blades longer than 4", radios, electronic devices, etc. at Scout activities. **If a scout possesses a cell phone during a troop meeting the ringer must be turned off and a scout must restrict phone use until after the meeting or to emergency situations. Operating the cell phone; including but not limited to text messaging, viewing calendar, viewing games, etc. is considered "USING" the phone.** Violation will result in the items being confiscated and returned to the parent.
11. **DO NOT** behave in any way that disrupts meetings or distracts the attention of people around you from the meeting.
12. **DO NOT** use liquid fuel or liquid fire starters to start a fire at any Scouting activity.
13. **DO NOT** bring or possess liquid fuel, liquid fire starters or aerosol cans (cooking spray, aerosol deodorant, insect repellent, etc.) at any Scouting activity.
14. **DO NOT** play with, in, or around fires. Fires are for cooking, illumination, and warmth.
15. **DO NOT** connect, light, or turn off propane stoves or lanterns without first receiving training from a Leader-appointed individual.
16. **DO NOT** cut down or chop on any tree (living or dead) without getting permission from the Scoutmaster.
17. **DO NOT** wear military or Para-military attire at scouting activities. National BSA policy **DOES NOT** allow anyone to wear these items. [BSA Publication #33066E, 2004 Revision, Insignia Guide 2005, Rules and Regulations-page 2, Article X, Section 4, Clause 4(b): "Imitation of United States Army, Navy, or Marine Corps uniforms is prohibited, in accordance with the provisions of the organization's Congressional Charter."] The stance of National BSA regarding "combat" boots is that they are acceptable, *with the understanding that the boots will be covered by long pants.* **Tucking pants into combat boots is a facsimile of military attire and therefore is not allowed.**
18. Any Scout three months (one Quarter) or more behind in his Dues is considered "not in good standing" and as such may not: (a) vote, (b) camp with the Troop or patrol (c) attend field trips or hikes. Parents of Scouts for whom this creates financial difficulty should contact the Troop Committee Chair.

Violations of Troop Rules

The rules of Troop 226 are discussed at meetings and throughout the Guidebook. Each failure to abide by a Troop rule is considered to be a "Violation." Violations are tracked in a cumulative manner, by each Patrol Advisor, who reports all violations to the Scoutmaster. Violations are responded to by the immediate Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. If the Scout continues to violate troop rules then he is taken to the Scoutmaster who will respond as follows:

1. **First Violation:** Scout is warned by a Scoutmaster; written notification is sent to the Scout's parent informing him of the Scout's behavior.
2. **Second Violation:** Scout's parents are called to pick up the Scout immediately. This includes from meetings or outings, wherever the Scout may be.
3. **Third Violation:** Scout's parents are called to pick up the Scout immediately. The Scout will not be able to return to the Troop until he addresses the Troop Committee, with his parents, explaining why he wants to remain a Scout.

Promise to Abide by Code of Conduct

I have read and understand the Troop 226 Code of Conduct and I promise to abide by these rules at all times during scouting activities. I also understand the consequences of violating any of the rules specified by Troop 226 and the Boy Scouts of America.

Scout name printed

Date

Scout signature

Parent name printed

Date

Parent signature

Troop witness name printed

Date

Troop witness signature