



Discipline Guidelines

The purpose of Boy Scouts is to promote learning, friendship and leadership while having fun. These guidelines were developed to ensure the enjoyment and safety of all the Boy Scouts in Troop 442. While the Boy Scouts are in uniform or participating in an official Boy Scout activity, the guidelines will be followed. If disciplinary actions are needed, these guidelines will ensure fairness and consistency. The Scout Oath, Scout law, Scout Motto and Scout slogan are the foundations of good scouting. If a Boy Scout's actions interfere with another Scout's enjoyment and learning, then the leaders of the Troop must correct his behavior. It is the goal of Troop 442 to provide a healthy, friendly and safe environment for all boys. While we hope that disciplinary actions will not be necessary, these guidelines will be strictly and evenly enforced.

There are five types of behavior that will require corrective action:

1. Fighting
2. Profane language
3. Using tobacco, alcohol, or any other dangerous drugs
4. Lack of respect for authority, i.e. Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader, Scoutmaster or any adult leader.
5. Lack of respect for another person or property, i.e. inappropriate touching, hazing of younger Scouts, destruction or defacement of property.

Any of the activities is prohibited and should be reported immediately to a Boy Scout leader. The Scoutmaster should be notified as soon as possible. Corrective action will be taken immediately.

- The first offense will necessitate a warning and the Scout's name will be placed on the board at the next four Troop meetings. If no further problems occur, the name is removed. The Troop Secretary will keep a written record of all disciplinary action.
- The second offense will involve the patrol leaders, the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster will contact the parent/guardian by telephone to discuss the situation.
- The third offense will involve and the Scoutmaster, possibly the Troop Committee chairman, and a parental warning will be sent home with the Scout. This must be signed and returned for the Scout to continue to participate in the Troop.
- The fourth incident will be referred to the Troop Committee for consideration of permanent removal of the Scout from the Troop. The Troop Committee's decision will be binding and final.

If no disciplinary action is taken for one full year from the time of the last offense (1st through 3rd), the Boy Scout will be commended for his improved behavior and the written record will note this. Any further disciplinary action will start with a warning as before.

If possible, the Patrol Leader and the Senior Patrol Leader will be involved in the disciplinary process. Troop 442 is a Boy Scout led Troop and corrective action should be discussed with the Boy Scout leaders. If this is not appropriate, the Scoutmaster will direct the disciplinary process with supervision from the Troop Committee.

If a Boy Scout engages in illegal acts, i.e. possession of drugs, assault, or destruction of property, law enforcement authorities will be notified and the Boy Scout will be suspended from the Troop pending the outcome of law enforcement investigations.

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