



## Boy Scouts of America

### Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding -- 2019-2020

- 1) I understand that the Troop's leaders, Adult and Youth, are responsible for the safety and security of each member of the Troop. I will follow their guidance and direction. I will not leave the location of the Troop meeting or event without permission of the Scoutmaster and until my parents/guardian pick me up.
- 2) The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide in all interactions with Troop members and others.
- 3) I will set a good example by keeping myself appropriately dressed, neat, tucked in and clean at all times. I will wear the Official Scout Uniform: Scout Shirt, with proper insignia and neckerchief at Troop meetings, Courts of Honor and at other times as instructed by the Troop Leaders. While traveling to Troop activities, trips and other designated events I will wear my Troop T-shirt.
- 4) I will work cooperatively as a member of my Troop and Patrol, sharing in all work, communicating my ideas, listening to the ideas of others and supporting the Troop leaders.
- 5) I promise to respect the Troop leaders during the meetings and activities. Remaining in control, listening to others, setting a good example for my fellow Scouts, I will try to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. I will be quiet and respectful and pay attention during the times of the meeting when I am supposed to be listening.
- 6) I promise to assist the Troop leaders during instructional sessions, assisting if I already know the skill and not being disruptive or disrespectful. I will not use my cell phone/mobile device in a manner disrespectful or obstructive to the conduct of meetings, activities or trips. If a youth or adult leader requests that I put away my device, I will comply without objection. If I fail to adhere to these policies, the leader reserves the right to confiscate my device and give it to the Scoutmaster until the end of the meeting or activity.
- 7) I will be responsible in caring for Troop Equipment. I assume full responsibility for my personal gear and will keep it labeled, neat and clean. I understand that any loss, breakage or theft of my personal items is not the responsibility of the Troop. I will demonstrate respect for others' property and will be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, damage or vandalism of Troop, Church or personal property of others as a result of my actions. I will take responsibility for any actions and talk to the Scoutmaster or one of the other Troop leaders.
- 8) I will actively support Scouting's Low Impact/Leave No Trace camping policies. I will do my best to protect and maintain the natural environment wherever I go.

9) I understand and promise not to be involved in any way in the following prohibitions:

The purchase possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco;  
Gambling in any form for money or possessions; Possession or detonation of any type of fireworks;  
Fighting; Bringing disruptive materials to any meeting, activity or trip.

(Such items will be taken and returned to the Scout's parents.)

10) I will respect the property of St. John's, our Chartered Organization, and will not touch anything without permission, nor will I enter rooms or areas not approved by the Troop Leaders.

11) I understand that serious and/or repeated behavioral (including those listed in #7) or failure to follow safety procedures or instructions may result in expulsion from Troop activities or result in serious disciplinary action and loss of Scouting privileges.

12) Photo Release: I hereby give permission to Boy Scout Troop 185, its committee and adult leaders to use images/photographs/videos whether a hard copy or electronic files of our scout and family members. Items maybe be published on the website, Facebook page, Instagram, in the newspaper or in other publications and/or promotional material of Boy Scout Troop 185. I understand that these images/photographs/videos can be viewed by anyone in the world. Boy Scout Troop 185 will not list the Scout's full name in any of its own publications. I also understand that this permission can be revoked with a written note to the Troop 185 Committee.

13) I understand Boy Scouting is an Experiential Learning Program. Scouts will learn by doing their own work, discovering solutions and advocating for themselves. Parents agree to coach, guide and educate their scouts. Parents will allow their scouts to advocate for themselves in scouting including items such as advancement. We use the metaphor "A Scout Packs Their Own Pack". A parent should immediately contact the scoutmaster or other uniformed adult leader if they ever have a concern about safety.

14) I understand that Scouting is a SAFE HAVEN. I will not tolerate bullying (see attached Troop Anti-Bullying Policy), hazing of any kind, put-downs of others, aggressive or disrespectful behavior. I will try to communicate with and show acceptance of all members of my Troop and the Troop leaders. I will work to build a safe environment of learning and enjoyment for everyone.

I certify that I have read and understand this CODE OF CONDUCT AND STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING and agree to follow and abide by the 14 points listed above as a member of Troop 185 and the Boy Scouts of America.

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Name of Scout

Signature of Scout

Date

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Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

Date