

Boy Scouts of America Youth Protection Policy excerpts:

"The Boy Scouts of America places the greatest importance on creating the most secure environment possible for its youth members."..."Bullying, verbal, physical and cyber bullying are prohibited in Scouting



Boy Scout Troop 185 Bullying Policy



Anti-bullying statement:

A safe Scouting environment is one in which every Scout develops emotionally, intellectually, and physically in a supportive atmosphere free of intimidation and abuse. Bullying of any type has no place in a Scouting setting. Troop 185 will endeavor to maintain an environment free of bullying. The Troop 185 Committee and the leadership shall not tolerate bullying.

Definition:

"Bullying" is the repeated use by one or more individuals of a written, verbal or electronic expression or a physical act or gesture or any combination thereof, directed at a victim that:

- i. Causes physical or emotional harm to the victim or damage to the victim's property
- ii. Places the victim in reasonable fear of harm to himself or of damage to his property
- iii. Creates a hostile environment at a scout function for the victim
- iv. Infringes on the rights of the victim at a scout function
- v. Causes the scout to feel like they cannot participate in a scout activity

Policy:

Part 1: Any incident of bullying shall be reported immediately to the unit leader in charge at the event. - The unit leader and both sets of parents will confer to come to an immediate resolution.

Resolution A: Bullying scout apologizes and victim accepts apology (preferred outcome).

If bullying persists, the offending scout will need to leave the event.

Resolution B: If accord cannot be made between the two scouts, the bullying scout will need to leave the event immediately.

Part 2: A second incidence of bullying by the same scout at a subsequent event, shall result in the expulsion of that scout from the event. A written warning will be issued by the unit leader.

Part 3: A third incidence of bullying by the same scout will result in expulsion from the Troop.

Part 4: Any incident of physical bullying shall result in the immediate expulsion of the offender from the event.

Part 5: The second incident of physical bullying results in immediate expulsion from the Troop.