

BSA Troop 191 Summer Camp Behavior Expectation Contract

Troop 191 sets high standards for personal behavior and follows certain rules and guidelines for camping that are designed to provide opportunities for leadership development and teamwork. These rules are a critical component of delivering the optimum scouting experience for everyone while camping. All members of Troop 191 are expected to live by the Scout Oath and exhibit the qualities in the Boy Scout Law at all times.

Scout Oath

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind,
Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Unacceptable Behaviors

We consider the following to be unacceptable behaviors under any circumstances. It will be at the discretion of the attending scout leaders to remove a scout from summer camp (by calling his parents to come and pick him up) for any instance of the following.

1. **Physical Violence:** We do not condone hitting, punching, kicking, or striking a person with any object. Restraining another scout against his will is unacceptable. Keep your hands to yourself.

2. **Disregard for Fire Safety:** No playing with matches. No putting a stick into the fire & then taking it out with a burning ember on the end. No starting a fire without the expressed permission of an adult leader. No starting fires or feeding fires with potential dangerous accelerants (such as bug spray, batteries, etc.). If you can't be safe around fire, you can't be at a scout event; period.

3. **Hate Speech:** There is no reason for profanity or for "insults" based on ethnicity, creed, or sexual orientation. There is no room in camp for threats of physical or verbal bullying.

Contraband... If you're in doubt; ask, or leave it out!

If a scout brings or is found to have in his possession the following items, the item will be confiscated immediately and parents may be notified and asked to immediately pick their scout up from camp.

- Cell phones*, electronic games, laser pens or pointers, iPods, MP3 players, etc.
- Any items intended for the purpose of hazing or pranking other scouts, such as Saran/plastic wrap, shaving/whipped cream, silly string, excessive rope, etc.
- Alcoholic beverages, narcotics, and controlled substances not prescribed by a physician.
- Tobacco products such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, etc.
- Adult magazines or any form of pornographic material.
- Fireworks, firearms, ammunition, and weapons such as bows and arrows, martial arts equipment, sling shots, water balloon launchers, or any other kind of „toy“ weapon.
- Lighters and Liquid fuels. Any Fire-starting tools such as strike-sticks, matches, etc. except as approved by the Camp Scoutmaster for program purposes only.
- Aerosol cans. Bring insect repellent, deodorant, and other such items in liquid or stick form only.
- Any other potentially dangerous item such as hammocks, glass bottles or containers, incense, hatchets, etc.

- *Adult Leaders will have a phone available in the event a scout needs to contact home or a parent wishes to contact a scout at camp.*

Additional Troop Guidelines

Troop 191 would like to have all scouts and parents acknowledge the following:

- All medications that scouts bring to camp are turned in at Medical re-check and are to be dispensed by the Medical Staff.
- Scouts are expected to come to camp prepared with all pre-requisites for their merit badges. If you are unsure of the merit badge requirements you are expected to do the research and address your concerns prior to arriving at camp.
- Closed toe shoes are essential. Flip Flops, sandals, soft top water shoes or any footwear that does protect and cover the toes is not permitted except for use as “shower shoes.”
- Scouts will respect the privacy of each other’s tents. A scout will never touch another scout’s gear or enter his tent uninvited.
- Scouts are not allowed in the Adult Patrol camping area unless they have received permission from one of the adult leaders.
- Scouts follow the principles of “Leave No Trace.” Prior to leaving camp, all scouts will “patrol” the campground to make sure all trash is picked up and the camp is left in condition that is as good as or better than they found it.
- Scouts are expected to use the buddy system at all times.
- A new “Scout Incident” report will be available in our camp site and must be filled out for any visit to the Medical Staff (except for dispensing of regular medication) and turned into an Adult Leader in our camp site.

Discipline

For infractions or disciplinary issues not expressly defined above, the Troop Leadership will use the following steps to address misbehavior or disrespect.

Instruction - A Youth Leader, Scoutmaster, or Adult Leader may request a scout to stop or change his behavior or actions; because, they are not acceptable for the current activity; or are unsafe. If necessary, a Youth Leader, Scoutmaster, or Adult Leader may instruct a scout to cease participating in the current activity and be separated from the Troop, until the scout is able to participate in an appropriate manner.

Warning - A Youth Leader, Scoutmaster, or Adult Leader may warn the scout that: disregard of instructions, or a recurrence of the discourtesy, or lack of self-discipline, may result in a Scoutmaster Conference.

Scoutmaster Counseling - The Scoutmaster, accompanied by another Adult Leader at camp, will counsel a scout who continues to disregard instructions and warnings that his behavior is unacceptable to the principles of Scouting and the leaders of his Troop. The Scoutmaster and Adult Leader will try to reach an understanding with the scout as to why the behavior is unacceptable, and receive a commitment from him to change his behavior.

Removal from Troop Function – The Scoutmaster and Adult Leaders at camp have the authority to have the parent remove the scout from camp, if - in the Leadership’s opinion - the scout cannot conform to the behavioral requirements and expectations.

Scout Acknowledgement

I, _____, understand my responsibility as a scout to demonstrate Scout Spirit and agree to conduct myself according to the Behavior Expectations stated herein, the Scout Oath, and the Boy Scout Law.

Scout Signature

Date

Parent Acknowledgement

I, _____, have discussed the Troop 191 **Summer Camp Behavior Expectations** with my son.

Parent Signature

Date