



Code of Conduct Scouts in Troop 394

1. **Overview:** The purpose of these guidelines is to establish a code of conduct within the troop. Because of the increased size of the troop, the age differences between the boys, the varied personalities and because of an increasing number of problems that have occurred it has become necessary to establish a set of discipline guidelines. The guidelines have been established under the guidance of the troop committee and with the cooperation of the scouts themselves. They state what is expected of the boys and what discipline might be implemented if the code of conduct is not followed.

2. **Uniforming:** The level of uniforming that the Troop has established over the years remains unchanged but, it needs to be followed. For Troop 394 the uniform for regular troop meetings consists of the Boy Scout shirt, neckerchief, cap and Handbook. At a Court of Honor the full uniform should be worn if available (including Scout shirt, Scout shorts or pants, Scout socks if shorts are worn, neckerchief, cap and merit badge sash if appropriate). Failure to regularly wear the uniform could result in the boy's not being able to attend a scout function if a selection process becomes necessary (if attendance or transportation space is limited for example).

3. **Attendance:** Attendance is vital to a scout's advancement in the troop. What a scout learns at the troop meetings is put into practice when the troop goes on outings. When he does not attend the troop meetings he puts an additional burden on the other scouts and the adult leaders when he comes to camp unprepared. Failure to attend troop meetings regularly could result in the boy's not being able to attend a scout function if the scout leadership or adult leadership feels he is unprepared for the trip.

4. **Behavior:**

A. **Attitude:** A positive attitude is essential. The scout should come to the troop meetings prepared to be part of the troop, willing to participate and to learn scout skills and to have fun with other scouts. He should come to meetings and events because he wants to be a scout.

B. **Conduct towards others:** A scout needs to give his undivided attention to the adult leader or older scout who is passing on hard won knowledge. Carrying on a private conversation while someone else is speaking is both rude and disruptive. Similarly, verbal and physical abuse of other scouts does not reflect the Scout Law. In fact, disruptive behavior, including fighting, runs contrary to every scout principle and will not be tolerated.

C. **Care of Troop Equipment:** In the months to come each major piece of troop equipment will be assigned to a patrol, which will be solely responsible for its upkeep. If parts are lost, damaged or broken the patrol to whom it is assigned will be responsible for the repair or replacement of the items in question. If the equipment is not kept in good working order it will seriously hamper that patrol's ability to function or participate in an outing.

D. **Discipline procedure for offenses:**

(1) The first offense, with the exception of fighting, will be dealt with by the Troop. It will be handled as an internal matter and will be dealt with immediately by the patrol leader and adult leader when it occurs. The scout(s) involved will be given a warning.

(2) The second offense, or one involving fighting, will require the notification of the scout's parents. A meeting will take place between the scout(s), his(their) parents and the Scoutmaster to resolve the issue. In establishing appropriate penalties for misconduct the Patrol Leaders' Council will be consulted.



Penalties might include:

- a. not being able to go on the next troop outing.
- b. advancement may be delayed.
- c. parent may be required to attend a number of troop meetings.
- d. if at an outing, parent may be called to pick up the scout.

(3) The third offense will result in suspension of the scout. To be reinstated the scout and his parents will be required to come before the troop committee to ask for reinstatement.

(4) The fourth offense will result in asking the scout and his parents to find another troop.

5. These guidelines and list of disciplinary measures will become effective on June 8, 1994 and will remain in effect until modified or revoked by joint resolution of the Troop Committee and the Patrol Leaders' Council of Troop 394.

6. All scouts and their parents/legal guardians are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct. A Code of Conduct Agreement is being distributed with this memorandum. All scouts and their parents/legal guardians are expected to review and sign the Code of Conduct Agreement. Scouts may not participate in Troop events until the Code of Conduct Agreement is signed.