

BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE POLICY

In view of the liability of the Troop members, Troop leaders, and the Troop Committee members in the case of an injury to a Scout or property damage done by any Scout when at a Troop sponsored activity or campout, the Troop Committee has adopted the following discipline policy.

Any Scout who intentionally participates in an activity that has the potential to cause harm to himself or to other Troop members, or behaves in such a manner that reflects negatively upon Troop 80 or the Boy Scouts of America, or intentionally participates in any activity that may cause damage to public or private property, will be disciplined. Behavior that is cause for disciplinary action as outlined in the Discipline Policy Procedures includes, but is not limited to, the following examples:

1. Not following the Scoutmaster's or Leader's orders.
2. Significantly unsafe actions (putting a life in jeopardy).
3. Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of another person.
4. Leaving designated areas without Scoutmaster's permission:
 - Not telling the Scoutmaster of their whereabouts at all times.
 - Going to an area other than that requested.
 - Entering property marked "No Trespassing."
5. Exploring physical hazards without Scoutmaster's permission and supervision (i.e. lakes, creeks, cliffs, caves or underground areas, boats, abandoned structures, etc.)
6. Going near any type of vehicle, machinery, or equipment without the permission of the Scoutmaster.
7. Any type of property damage to natural or man-made areas.
8. Excessively rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior.
9. Use of cursing or foul language.
10. Smoking.
11. Use of any controlled or illegal substance.

DISCIPLINE PROCEDURE

The leader in charge will discuss the infraction with the Scout at the time of the violation, reminding him of the Behavior and Discipline Policy and Procedure. On the first offense, the Troop Committee Chairman must be notified by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or leader in charge and given all the details of the offense. The Troop Committee Chairman will see that the parents or guardians of the Scout involved are notified, informing them that this behavior will not be tolerated. This will serve as a first warning to the Scout and the parents.

On the second offense, the Troop Committee Chairman must be notified by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster, or leader in charge and given all the details of the offense. The Troop Committee Chairman will see that the parents or guardians of the Scout involved are notified and the parents or guardians and the Scout must appear before the Troop Committee to discuss the problem.

On a third offense, notification follows the same pattern as above and the parents or guardians will be requested to remove the Scout from Troop 80.

Each Scout and his parents will be required to sign a form acknowledging their understanding of the Troop 80 Behavior and Discipline Policy and agreeing to abide by this safety measure necessary for the safety of all Troop members.

Scout signature

Parent signature

Date

Date

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT

Troop 80 encourages the parents of all of our Scouts to get involved with our Troop and we have a place for everyone. Our active and outstanding program is only possible due to the support and involvement of our parents. We encourage all parents to register as adult Scout Leaders with the Troop. The cost is \$10.00 per year. For more information, contact the Troop Committee Chairman (See Adults joining the Troop).

THE TROOP COMMITTEE

Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend our Troop Committee meetings held monthly, except in summer. The Troop Committee will meet on a designated day of each month at in the Scout room at the church. Meeting schedules will be posted on the bulletin board in the Scout room. Meetings will be kept to one hour.

The Troop attempts to communicate fully with all parents by encouraging their membership and participation in the Troop Committee, by welcoming their attendance at Troop meetings and all Troop outings, and by distribution of pertinent information from the Troop (the Troop will use its web site as the primary source of information and communication). Please refer to www.troop80.org on the internet.

Numerous training opportunities are available for Committee members. These courses range from introductory level to advanced level including videotape courses that can be viewed individually or in small groups. More information on available training courses can be obtained from the Troop Committee Chairman or the Council office at 214-902-6700.