

Troop 65 Policy on Behavior and Banned Material

The goal of the adult and scout leaders is to have troop activities that are fun and safe for everyone. It is expected that all Scouts and adults will conduct themselves in accordance with the Scout Oath, the Scout Law and the Outdoor Code.

Some items are not to be brought to any troop meeting or outings by a scout or adult. These items include beer, liquor, illegal drugs, sheathed open blade knives (with the exception of filet knives for cleaning fish), firearms, fireworks, and adult publications. Smoking and chewing tobacco use is banned by any scout, even if they have their parent's permission. Adults are discouraged from using tobacco in the presence of any scout during a meeting or outing per BSA policy. These items will be confiscated by the Scoutmaster and returned to the parents of any scout involved or spouse of any adult involved.

Electronic devices are highly discouraged. Video games, TV's, radios, media players, & tablets are not allowed at any events unless prior approval has been given by the Scoutmaster. Scouts may be given permission by the Scoutmaster to utilize cell phones but should only be done so away from others and must not cause any disruption. The Scoutmaster may at any time tell a scout to shut off a device and may also prohibit use.

It is expected that behavior will be guided by the Scout Oath and Law. As such, certain behaviors by a scout or adult are not allowed at any troop meeting or event. These behaviors include foul language, abusive or suggestive gestures, fighting, bullying, disrespect, and destruction of property or nature.

All BSA Youth Protection policies are strictly enforced. Boys are not permitted in girls tents. Girls are not permitted in boys tents. The buddy system is to be used by Scouts on outings and buddies must be the same gender. Taking inappropriate photographs of oneself or others is prohibited.

If a scout is disruptive or otherwise prevents a scout leader from running a meeting they will be spoken to by the Patrol Leader and/or Senior Patrol Leader. If the scout is unwilling to abide by the requirements of the scout leader, the situation will be brought to the attention of an adult leader. If the problem continues, the scout's parent will be called to pick up the scout immediately, whether at a troop meeting or an outing regardless of distance.

An adult leader will intervene immediately in any situation they believe is unsafe or threatening.

Scouts and parents are required acknowledge their understanding and agreement to comply with this policy annually by signing a copy of this policy. This is a prerequisite to most troop activities and all troop camping trips.

My signature below acknowledges my understanding and agreement to comply with this policy.

Scout Name (print)

Scout Signature

Date

Scout's Parent Name (print)

Scout's Parent Signature

Date

Scoutmaster or Committee Chair Name
(print)

Scoutmaster or Committee Chair Signature

Date