

# CODE OF CONDUCT AGREEMENT

## Boy Scout Troop 773, Potomac, Maryland

The safety of the Troop 773 scouts and the parent volunteers is of paramount importance as is adherence to the Boy Scouts Oath and Law. **To that end, each Scout and at least one parent or guardian must carefully review this Agreement and initial and sign where indicated and must provide all information requested below.**

This Code of Conduct Agreement must be completed each Scout year (which begins in September of each year).

If you have any questions regarding this Code of Conduct Agreement, please consult with the Troop 773 Scoutmaster.

Print Scout's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Parent / Guardian Name(s) and contact info:

1) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Prohibited Items

The following items may not be brought by any Scout to any Troop 773 activity.

- Electronics of any kind including cell phones, personal radios, televisions, MP3 players, and electronic games. However, cell phones may be brought to any non-overnight event.
- Alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, and controlled substances not prescribed for the Scout by a physician.
- Tobacco and similar products such as cigarettes, chewing tobacco, e-cigarettes, vaping paraphernalia, etc.
- Any form of pornographic material.
- Fixed blade or sheath knives.
- Knives that use spring or gravity assistance to facilitate opening with one hand. (It is preferred that knives require two hands to open.)
- Any knife with a blade length of over 3 inches.
- More than one knife.
- Any other instrument the primary purpose of which is used as a weapon.
- Hatchets or axes.
- Fireworks, firearms, ammunition, and weapons such as bows and arrows, martial arts equipment, slingshots, water balloon launchers, or any other kind of 'toy' weapon.
- Lighters, liquid fuels, or any fire-starting tools such as strike-sticks, matches, etc. (unless approved by the Troop).
- Aerosol cans. (Bring insect repellent, deodorant, etc. in liquid or stick form only.)
- Laser pens or pointers.

If a Scout has any question as to whether a particular item is prohibited, it is the responsibility of the Scout to ask the Scoutmaster or another adult leader whether the item is prohibited.

The Scoutmaster or other adult leader may confiscate any of the items on the list above, or any other items that the Scoutmaster or other adult leader deems to be a threat to safety or inconsistent with Boy Scout Oath and Law.

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## Prohibited Behavior

A Scout may not during any Troop 773 activity:

- Threaten, haze, harass, or bully others.
- Hit, fight, restrain (including tying or taping) or take similar actions against others.
- Lie, cheat, or steal.
- Appear in public without a shirt and shorts/pants (other than in connection with a swimming or water sports event).

- Use foul or inappropriate language of any kind.
- Enter the tent of the Scoutmaster or other adult leader except in an emergency.
- Enter the tent of another Scout without invitation by such Scout or if objected to by another Scout using such tent.
- Be uncooperative.
- Disrupt Scout activities.
- Damage property or equipment. (Any damage done to a Scout's, Troop's, or Camp's property, equipment, or supplies will be paid for by the Scout or Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) responsible for the damage.)
- Engage in sexual activity or watch inappropriate material.
- Leave a designated area without an adult leader's permission.

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### Requirements

Each Scout must during any Troop 773 activity:

- Exercise behavior conforming to the Scout Oath and Law and the Outdoor Code and Leave No Trace.
- Follow BSA and Troop uniform policy. (Each Scout is expected to wear his clothes (both in style and as to content) in accordance with BSA policy pertaining to wearing the Class "A" and Class "B" Scout Uniforms.
- Follow Scoutcraft procedures.
- Take all medications as prescribed. It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to provide prescribed medications and instructions to adult leadership of overnight activities.
- Use the "buddy System" on outings. (No Scout is allowed to remain in camp alone.)
- Wear and use appropriate safety gear required of activities (e.g. closed-toe shoes, bicycle helmets, life vests, climbing harnesses).
- Promptly report any violation of the above Prohibited Items or Prohibited Behavior by any fellow scout to a Patrol Leader or, if you are a Patrol Leader, to Senior Patrol Leaders. Adult leadership must be made aware of infractions that threaten the health, enjoyment, or reputation of any scout or adult leader.

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### Violations

In general, anyone found in violation of any of the above may be sent home (at the sole discretion of the Scoutmaster or other adult leaders) from the Troop 773 activity and must be promptly

picked up by a parent or guardian. In addition, the Scout may be subject to the following discipline (subject to the sole discretion of the Scoutmaster or other adult leaders):

- Violation #1 – Scout is issued a verbal warning and parents are notified.
- Violation #2 – Scout is given a written warning, parents are notified. Service and leadership credit are revoked.
- Violation #3 – The next 8 activities you attend (meetings, campouts, etc.), you must be accompanied by your parent/guardian, who will be responsible for supervising you the entire time.
- Violation #4 - Scout will be counseled by the Scoutmaster, Committee Chairman, and Parents to discuss the Scout’s future participation in (or removal from) Troop 773.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the activity is meant to harm the Scout or others or has the potential to harm the Scout or others, the Scoutmaster or other adult leaders may immediately dismiss the Scout from the activity, and the Troop 773 Executive Committee leadership will be consulted as to whether the violation is treated as described above under “Violation #3” or “Violation #4”.

No refund of any Troop, camping, or other activity fees will be provided to Scouts who are dismissed from an activity. If a Scout is dismissed from an activity, the Scouts parents must arrange transportation home for the Scout, regardless of the time, distance, or cost.

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<b><u>Agreement of Scout:</u></b>	
I have read and understand, and agree to comply with the Prohibited Behavior, Prohibited Items, and Other Requirements described above and understand and agree to the potential consequences described above of failing to comply.	
_____	Date: _____
Signature of Scout	
<b><u>Agreement of Parent(s):</u></b>	
I have read and understand and agree to comply with the provisions above applicable to Scout parents and have discussed this Agreement with my Scout. Furthermore, I agree to pick my son up from an activity if requested to do so by the Scoutmaster or other adult leader, even if the activity is out of town, at any hour.	
_____	Date: _____
Signature of Parent	