

Boy Scout Code of Conduct

All members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Scout Oath and Law. Physical violence, hazing, bullying, theft, verbal insults, and drugs and alcohol have no place in the Scouting program.*

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.

Scout Law

A scout is

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| Trustworthy | Obedient |
| Loyal | Cheerful |
| Helpful | Thrifty |
| Friendly | Brave |
| Courteous | Clean |
| Kind | Reverent |

Expected Conduct

Examples of expected conduct are:

- Follow reasonable directions of an adult or junior leader.
- Respect and do not damage any other person, property or the environment in general.
- Behave in a manner that brings credit and honor to the troop and the Boy Scouts.
- Follow the "Golden Rule".

Inappropriate Conduct

Some examples of inappropriate conduct are:

- Bullying, threatening or intimidating another person through actions or words.
- Using language that can offend or degrade another, including derogatory, foul or profane language.
- Actions or language that is discriminatory or offensive with respect to race, gender, religion, ethnicity or sexual orientation.
- Possession of fireworks or similar devices.
- Unauthorized or unsupervised use or possession of firearms or other weapons.
- Use or possession of alcoholic beverages, tobacco[†] or controlled substances (except medication of which adult leadership has been made aware).
- Hazing, hazardous game play, non-BSA sanctioned initiation activities, ceremonies or secret rituals.

* BSA Rule and Policy. *Guide to Safe Scouting*. 2008

[†] For adults-no use in front of minors.