

BOY SCOUT TROOP 288

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA

CODE OF CONDUCT

1). **OBEDIENCE:** Your adult leaders and Senior Patrol Leaders are responsible for your safety while on all scouting functions. You **must** obey their instructions with courtesy and promptness. **A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.** If you are disruptive, disobey, or are disrespectful, your parents will be called to pick you up. You will not be permitted to prevent others from enjoying the benefits of scouting.

2). **ATTENDANCE:** You are expected to attend the majority of Troop meetings and activities. We place an emphasis on attendance and active participation, both of which are a criterion for **SCOUT SPIRIT**. Scout spirit is a requirement for all rank advancement.

If you know that you will miss a scheduled Troop meeting, Court of Honor, or Troop outing, it is your duty to notify your **Patrol Leader, Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster** in advance. Likewise, you are encouraged to participate in Troop sponsored **service projects** as a criterion for scout spirit and as a requirement for rank advancement.

If you hold a **Position of Responsibility**, and display irregular attendance or fail to function in that capacity on a consistent basis, the position of responsibility will be re-assigned to another Scout.

3). **UNIFORM:** You are expected to dress in the appropriate uniform for each scout function, as dictated by your Troop. The wearing of a Scout uniform is both an honor and a privilege. You should arrive at all scouting functions ready for inspection. Uniform compliance is a criterion for **SCOUT SPIRIT** and rank advancement. While in uniform, you **must** always conduct yourself as a respectable representative of the Boy Scouts of America.

At scout meetings, (as well as at all Courts of Honor), all Scouts are **required** to be in full **Class “A” uniform**, consisting of the following:

- Scout shirt (Khaki button-down shirt with all proper insignia)
- Troop neckerchief with (approved) slide
- Scout shorts or pants (olive green color)
- Scout belt and Scout socks
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Writing materials for note taking

On all troop outings, unless otherwise noted, all scouts are **required** to be in full **Class “B” uniform**, consisting of the following:

- Troop Class “B” (red) tee shirt or polo shirt.
- Scout shorts or pants (olive green color)
- Scout belt and Scout socks
- Boy Scout Handbook
- Writing materials for note taking

All Troop outings **require** the wearing of the **Class “B” uniform** for departure and return.

4). **HANDBOOK:** All Scouts below the rank of Star are **required** to bring their Boy Scout Handbook to every meeting and Troop outing. All younger Scouts will need their book for advancement requirements, while all older Scouts will be expected to use their Handbook to assist in teaching scouting skills. Likewise, all Scouts are **required** to bring a pencil/pen and paper to all Troop meetings and outings.

5). **CONTRABAN:** A Scout is **forbidden** to bring candy, gum, snacks, soda, caffeinated drinks, tobacco products, radios, (or electronics of any kind), a sheath knife, matches, firearms, ammunition, fireworks, alcohol, or drugs of any kind to weekly Troop meetings or on any Troop sponsored outings. Required prescription drugs (and non-prescription drugs) must be given to the Scoutmaster in charge by the Scout's parents, prior to departure on a Troop outing, with the Scout's name and clearly written instructions for use.

By special permission only, the Troop may allow personal electronics to accompany a Scout during a travel period in excess of two hours. However, under no circumstance will electronics be permitted to leave the vehicle once the Troop arrives at their destination. Should any of the above be found at a Troop meeting or Troop outing, it will be confiscated and not returned to the Scout until a meeting of reprimand has taken place.

6). **BEHAVIOR:** Profanity, name calling, obscene behavior, or harmful talk directed towards another Scout will **not be tolerated**. Once warned, repeat offenders will be removed from the Troop activity and sent home. **A SCOUT IS CLEAN**. Likewise, the Boy Scouts of America does not permit any hazing or teasing of another Scout.

Common sense and good conduct is **required** at all times. The following restrictions are in effect at all times: No tree or fence climbing; no entering a body of water without proper supervision; no food or drinks inside of tents at any time; no flames or electronics inside of tents at any time.

7). **EQUIPMENT:** You **must** respect all Troop property and equipment and show respect for the personal property of others. All Troop equipment **must** be maintained in a clean manner and promptly returned to the Troop in proper working order.

Troop tents must be cleaned, with all parts inventoried and properly stored before returning them to the Quartermaster. Failure to do so may result in a damage assessment being levied on the offending Scout. Care must be exercised when using the Troop's lanterns, cooking supplies and gas grills. These must be returned clean and in good working order.

Failure to adhere to the rules and regulations of the Troop will result in (1) first, a reprimand by an adult leader; (2) disciplinary action by the Troop Committee; and (3) possible suspension of membership.

As a Boy Scout, and member of Troop 288, I have read this **Code of Conduct** with my parent or guardian and I agree to be bound to these rules. I understand and agree to abide by the consequences of failure to adhere to these rules.

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PARENT OR GUARDIAN

Ramifications for poor behavior - Frequent occurrences of any or all of the following is a reflection of lack of scout spirit and may effect advancement.

	Initial occurrence	Frequent recurrence
Attendance	Scout is to pay \$2 per month dues even if not in attendance	Scout needs to make good on all dues payments prior to attending summer camp or high adventure.
Uniform	Scouts that do not take the time to wear the proper uniform will clean up the meeting room after scout meetings.	SM to talk to parents
Handbook	Failure to advance	Failure to advance
Obedience & Behavior	Safety Related -Immediate removal from the activity Not Safety Related – Handled by boy leadership	Assignment of incremental work on campouts such as cleaning bathrooms, cleaning troop equipment, teaching younger scouts rather partaking in patrol activities
Contraband	Immediate removal and return to scout after meeting/campout.	Immediate removal and return to parent after meeting/campout.
Equipment – any destruction of troop equipment that is deliberate, callous or careless	Pay the troop full replacement cost.	Pay the troop full replacement cost and suspension.