

TROOP 61 CODE OF CONDUCT

MISSION STATEMENT

It is the mission statement of Troop 61, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping instill values in young people that prepare them to make ethical choices over their lifetime while achieving their full potential.

EXPECTATIONS FOR CONDUCT

BSA Troop 61 expects all Scouts and adults to conduct themselves in all Scout activities according to the ideals of Boy Scouting that are spelled out in the Scout Oath, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto and the Scout Slogan. We expect all Scouts and adults to measure their conduct against these ideals to create and sustain a physical safe, positive and emotionally fit learning environment.

Specific reminders and major considerations

1. Drug, alcohol and tobacco use: Troop 61 and the BSA prohibit the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at any Troop activity. The Troop and BSA prohibit the use of tobacco by scouts and support the attitude that adult leaders should discourage tobacco use by adults involved in youth activities.
2. Guns and firearms: Firearms (including air guns and BB guns) shall not be brought on camping, hiking, backpacking or other Troop 61 activities. Troop 61 agrees with the BSA longstanding policy of teaching Scouts the safe, responsible and intelligent handling, care and use of firearms in planned, carefully managed and supervised programs by certified BSA or National Rifle Association firearms instructors only.
3. Youth protection and child abuse: Troop 61 strongly supports the BSA Youth Protection Program developed to safeguard our youth and adult members. The Troop encourages continual education and awareness training provided by the BSA designed to avoid, identify and deal with child abuse. All persons in Troop 61 responsible for youth safety must understand and appreciate Scouting's position of no tolerance for child abuse or victimization in any form. Unit leaders should report any suspected abuse to the local Council Scout executive.
4. Hazing and initiations: Troop 61 and the BSA prohibit all forms of hazing, initiations, ridicule or inappropriate teasing. These practices should not be allowed or tolerated by Scouts or adult leadership. Violations should be reported to the Scoutmaster or adult leadership immediately.
5. Adult leadership: All adults {18 years or older) who participate in Scouting activities must be properly registered with the BSA. All adult leaders must be trained in the BSA Youth Protection Program and the Troop strongly encourages all adults in leadership roles to complete Boy Scout Leader Basic Training. The troop requires two-deep adult leadership during all Scouting activities. All those responsible for youth safety must understand and appreciate Scouting's position of no tolerance for child abuse or victimization in any form. Unit leaders should report any suspected abuse to the local Council Scout executive.

Additional information and specific guidance on safe Scouting is available in the "Guide to Safe Scouting" (1999). This guide is available from the Troop 61 Committee Chairman, the Scout office or online at www.bsa.scouting.org. We encourage all adults and Scouts to review this document.

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. ...trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

SCOUT MOTTO

Be prepared.

SCOUT SLOGAN

Do a good turn daily.

I have read and agree to follow the Troop 61 Code of Conduct

(Please return to Scoutmaster when signed)

Signature of Scout

Date

Signature of parent/guardian

Date