

MEMO TO: Troop 149 Scouts and Parents

RE: Troop Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy

DATE: April, 1996

"It is the mission of the Boy Scouts of America to serve others by helping to instill values in young people and to prepare them to make ethical choices during their lifetimes in achieving their full potential. The values we strive to instill are based on those found in the Scout Oath and Law."

Troop 149's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy consist of the following twelve points of the Policy and Standards for Units of the Boy Scouts of America chartered by Mariemont Community Church (MCC), supplemented by troop policy regarding Adult Leadership, and Uniforms.

Policies and Standards

1. In general, the Scout Oath, Law, Motto and Slogan are vital in all respects for measuring and building character, moral and otherwise. We expect all leaders and participants to commit themselves to both the letter and the spirit of these ideals.
2. We intend and expect that full effort be given to the spiritual and moral development of all participants. The specifics of "duty to God" and "reverence" will be central to the program of our units, to the example set by leaders, and to advancement of individual Scouts.
3. Within this, activities and programs should be planned with appropriate focus:
 - We will dedicate one Sunday per year as Scout Sunday, and invite Units to participate in our worship services at MCC;
 - Outings scheduled for Sundays will include devotional or worship services on the outing;
 - Mealtimes should normally be accompanied by a time of thanksgiving.
4. We do not require participants to become members of MCC. But we do encourage them to worship regularly at a church of their choice.
5. The Scout uniform will be the normal attire at **all** Scout functions. If this is a financial burden for some participants, we expect the Troop Committee to provide an expedient way for the Scout to earn a uniform.
6. Legal and safe behavior are vital to the long term health of the program and to the confidence the community at large deserves to have in Scouting and the Church. We will hold the program to the highest possible standards.
 - Drugs, alcohol or explosives will not be possessed or used at any Scout activity or function, by Scout or leader. Tobacco products may not be possessed or used by any Scout at any activity or function. Violation will result in immediate dismissal.
 - Adult leaders are discouraged from tobacco usage, even though such usage is explicitly legal. Adults will not consume these products in the presence of Scouts. Sharing of tobacco with Scouts will result in immediate dismissal.

7. We expect the adult leadership of the Troop to meet rigorous standards. All registered adults will be evaluated by the Committee Chairman on the highest standards recommended by the BSA, and shall undergo recommended training commensurate with their duties with the Troop.
8. Adult leaders are to act responsibly and with authority when required by the situation. Any Scout who endangers himself or others will be removed from the Scout meeting or activity to the custody of parents or other legal authority. If specific instructions or standards have been given to a Scout who is endangering himself or others, and the activity or behavior continues, then the Scout is to be immediately dismissed from the program.
9. The MCC Board of Elders (or a representative) will meet with the Committee Chairman and the Scoutmaster twice per year to discuss the progress of the Troop.
10. These policies and standards may be changed from time to time by the Board of Elders of MCC. They will be reviewed by the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman with each family who considers joining the MCC Scouting program, and reviewed annually with the Committee.
11. A Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy appropriate to the Troop will be developed by the Committee, agreed with the Board of Elders, shared with and signed by each Scout and Parent or Guardian.
12. It is the responsibility of the Committee Chairman and the Scoutmaster to ensure these standards are established and maintained by the Troop. These leaders are to be informed immediately of any events or behaviors which appear to be inconsistent with these policies and standards, or with the Code in Point 11. Serious matters may be brought directly to the Church leadership at any time.

I have read and agree to Troop 149's Code of Conduct and Disciplinary Policy.

Scout:	_____	_____	_____
	Print Name	Sign Name	Date
Parent:	_____	_____	_____
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Parent:	_____	_____	_____
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