

## **Boy Scout Troop 72**

Sponsorship: Roychester Park Community House Overlook Hills, Abington Pa.

www.troop72overlookhills.org

Meeting Nights: Monday 7:15p - 8:45p

## **Troop 72 Code of Conduct**

It is expected that every Scout and participating Adult in Overlook Hills Boy Scout Troop 72 shall live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law at Troop activities and functions and in his/her everyday life. The Scout Oath and the Scout Law are the basis for the following rules that have been established and should be the basis for all Scout members' actions. In addition to the expectations in this document, all policies and procedures written in the Boy Scouts Guide to Safe Scouting document apply as well. www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss

- 1. I will behave in accordance with the Scout Law and Oath at all times. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.
- 2. When instructed /directed by an adult or junior leader to do or not do something, I will follow the instructions/directives given to me.
- 3. I will not be disruptive and will show the attention and respect that is expected of me.
- 4. I will be respectful to all members of the troop.
- 5. I will consider the feelings of other scouts and adults and not do anything either physically or verbally, that will make them feel uncomfortable or put them in a situation in which they feel threatened. (i.e. use of offensive, discriminatory language, or gestures, intentional harmful or malicious physical behavior).
- 6. I will always be mindful that what I say is a reflection upon my character and will not use foul or offensive language.
- 7. I will not do anything that causes danger to myself or others.
- 8. I will respect the property of others, borrow with permission only, and not steal or damage property that does not belong to me.
- 9. I will be a responsible member of my patrol, doing what is requested of me by my patrol leader at or in preparation for patrol meetings and troop outings.
- 10. I will respect the privacy of others (i.e., entering a tent/bunk area with permission only)
- 11. I will be respectful with the use of my cell phone and use it in accordance with the Troop 72 Technology policy (separate document).
- 12. I will bring to the attention of the Senior Patrol Leader or an adult leader any situation that I am not comfortable with and not take matters into my own hands.

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- <u>First Offense</u>: A verbal warning by the Scoutmaster or designated Assistant Scout Master. If deemed necessary, a verbal apology will be asked of the scout to either the scout(s) effected/offended or to the troop based on the rules violated. This apology shall be in the presence of the Scoutmaster or designated Assistant Scoutmaster.
- 2. <u>Second Offense</u>: The Scout and his parent(s) will be asked to meet with the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Representative. A verbal apology will be asked of the scout to either the scout(s) effected/offended or to the troop based on the rules violated. This apology shall be in the presence of the Scoutmaster or designated Assistant Scoutmaster.
- 3. <u>Third Offense</u>: An emergency meeting will be called for the Scout and his parents to meet with the Scoutmaster, Troop Committee Chair and Chartered Organization Representative. to determine if the Scout is to be suspended for a period, have guidelines established for return to the troop, or expelled from the troop.

Before returning to the troop, the Scout will be required to prepare a written reflection about the point of the Scout Law that was not followed that lead to his suspension.

This Code of Conduct will be enforced by the Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmasters, other parents, and, in some cases, camp staff. Major disciplinary actions may be taken, such as contacting BSA National Hotline when there are behaviors or actions that seriously endanger the safety and well-being of scouts, or seriously affect the reputation of the Troop. Consequences may include parents being called to pick up a boy from a meeting or an event regardless of the distance involved.

I have read this Code of Conduct and agree to comply with all rules and requirements mentioned while participating in scouting activities. I understand that a violation may result in disciplinary action.

Parents of scouts understand the stipulations in the Code of Conduct and agree to their requirements. I agree to abide by all rules, restrictions and expectations as described in this document.

Scout Name

Signature

Date

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Signature

Parent/Guardian or participating Adult