

# Troop 137 Behavioral Policy

Troop 137 has adopted the following behavioral guidelines for all youth and adult members to maintain the integrity of its program and to ensure the safety and well-being of all who participate.

**Responsible Behavior** is shown by;

- Following the Scout Oath and Law in all parts of our lives
- Maintaining active status
- Wearing the proper scout uniform
- Being punctual
- Respect for yourself, others and responding to reasonable requests the first time.

**Irresponsible Behavior** includes, but is not limited to:

- Name calling, Hazing
- Disrupting Troop activities and meetings
- Using abusive or foul language
- Leaving the room during or leaving early from Troop meetings or activities without permission
- Not helping with assigned clean-ups after meals, activities and meetings
- Misusing Troop or other person's equipment or property
- Throwing objects, other than in an organized activity
- Blatant disrespect for leaders, whether verbally or by physical gestures
- Electronic devices are not permitted without express permission of the Scoutmaster

**Non-negotiable Behavior** is behavior deemed unacceptable under any circumstances and will result in the immediate notification of parents/guardians and the individual being sent home and includes:

- Use of alcohol or illegal drugs/substances
- Possession of drugs, or related paraphernalia (other than approved medication, as defined by on permission slips), alcohol or tobacco
- Possessing a weapon of any kind (pocket knives are not considered weapons)
- Fighting
- Stealing
- Sexual misconduct - verbal or physical - including possession of pornographic materials
- Leaving Troop activities without permission
- Vandalizing property
- Gambling
- Possession of fireworks
- Repeated irresponsible behavior
- Throwing objects, with the intent of striking another individual or property.

**Consequences of Irresponsible and Non-Negotiable Behavior**

Irresponsible behavior will be addressed through a step change course of action, with one of more of the following consequences: (note: non-negotiable behavior will result in item #3, as a minimum)

1. A discussion between the offender, the Scoutmaster and another adult.
2. Parent/Guardian notified of the situation and the offender SENT HOME at the parent/guardian's expense.
3. Immediate suspension of all Troop activities until a meeting between offender, parent/guardian, Scoutmaster and at least one other member of the Troop Committee.
4. TROOP COMMITTEE TERMINATES THE SCOUT'S MEMBERSHIP IN TROOP 137.

*I have read and understand this policy and agree to honor the commitments outlined above.*

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