

## Troop Code of Conduct

***Each Scout in Troop 216 shall practice living by the Scout Oath and Scout Law in everyday life, as well as, at all scouting functions.***

### **The Code of Conduct is as follows:**

All Scouts in Troop 216 are responsible for living up to the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor Code. The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Troop Committee and **must be signed by each Scout and parent and returned to the Committee** upon initial registration. Any situation that is not covered below will be decided by the present Scoutmaster Staff or Troop Committee and discussed with the parent and Scout.

1. A Scout will take care of all troop or patrol gear issued to him or his patrol and any personal property belonging to others. A Scout will be responsible for all negligent damage he causes.
2. Printed material or pictures which a Scout would not want his parents to see is not acceptable and will not be brought to troop or patrol meetings or on troop campouts or other activities.
3. Fighting with or striking another Scout is not acceptable under any circumstances. Hazing of new Scouts is not permitted. Both situations may require parents to pick up the Scout from the campout, activity or meeting immediately (at the family's expense). Please refer to the Scout Responsibilities section, page 10, under Behavior/General in the Troop 216 New Scout Welcome Guidebook for specific guidelines.
4. Engaging in unsafe acts is not acceptable. Unsafe acts include improper use of knives or axes, sharp sticks, ropes or other materials, the use of fireworks of any type, and other activities as proscribed by the Guide to Safe Scouting.
5. Using language that a Scout would not use in front of his parents is not permitted.
6. Scouts will maintain a positive attitude and remember that "cheerful" is the eighth point of the Scout Law.
7. Any Scout who has a problem with another Scout or an adult leader will immediately inform two adult leaders of the problem and seek a solution.
8. Scouts will utilize the buddy system - on all troop outings.
9. Scouts will always maintain the "Rule of Three" -- individual Scouts will not be alone with an adult leader to which he is not related but will always seek to be in the presence of a second adult leader or Scout. For example, two Scouts should work on a merit badge at the same time with a counselor.



10. Scouts will only use pocket knives (having completed their Totin' Chip requirements) – no hunting knives, switchblades, gravity knives, sheath knives or butterfly knives will be permitted.
11. Fire starters or flammable material are only allowed with proper adult supervision (having completed their Fireman's Chit requirements) and are NOT allowed in or around tents.
12. Scouts are not permitted to have in their possession any radios, cell phones, electronic music or game devices. When the troop goes on an outing it is expected that Scouts will focus on the theme of that outing.
13. Scouts who indicated they would be going on an outing but change their minds and do not inform the Scoutmaster staff that they cannot go for whatever reason within two days before the beginning of the outing must share in the cost of the food and other troop expenses incurred.
14. The Scoutmaster Staff will determine if a Scouts conduct requires his removal from or prevents his participation in a Scout outing. When this occurs the parents will remove the Scout as soon as possible from the situation. Please refer to the Scout Responsibilities section, page 14, under Behavior/General in the Troop 216 Welcome Guidebook for specific guidelines.
15. During the meetings the Scouts will not be allowed to leave the meeting areas for any reason, unless an Adult Leader has granted permission and there is proper supervision. This includes leaving with a parent. The meeting area will be kept neat and left clean including the restroom area.
16. You will wear either the Scout (Class A or B) uniform at every meeting unless told not to by the Scoutmaster.
17. We will strive to work as a TEAM at all times.



18. Non-compliance with any of the above Code will result in the Scout facing one or more of the following actions:

- One-on-one meeting with Scoutmaster, Assistant Scoutmaster and other adult leader
- Peer to Peer Meeting with another Scout
- Personal meeting with a group of adult leaders
- Letter of apology prepared by the Scout
- Scout's parent(s) requested to begin attending troop events
- Scout and parent(s) present themselves before the Troop Committee
- Suspension and/or removal from the Troop
- Suspension and/or removal from Troop Activities(amended 9/9/09)

**PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN THIS PAGE TO THE SCOUTMASTER OR TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AFTER YOU HAVE READ THIS ENTIRE DOCUMENT.**

**We have read and discussed the Troop 216 Code of Conduct and agree to abide by these rules:**

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Scout Name (printed)

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Scout Signature Date

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Parent(s) Name (printed)

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Parent(s) Name (printed)

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