



# Troop 222 Scout Behavior Contract



*I will do my best to live up to the Scout Motto, Oath, Law, and Outdoor Code, by obeying all laws, and hold others in Scouting accountable to those standards. I will exercise sound judgment and demonstrate good leadership and use the Scouting program for its intended purpose consistent with the mission of Scouts BSA. (Scouter Code of Conduct)*

The Troop expects Scouts to behave in accordance with the Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

- **A Scout is Prepared:** Leadership begins with each scout doing their part to lead themselves first. I will demonstrate leadership and scout spirit by arriving early or on-time for meetings. I will be properly dressed for all events. I will come prepared with my scout handbook, any assigned materials, and enthusiasm for scouting.
- **Safety in Scouting:** I will respect fire/matches/lighters, knives, and other tools, using them only in the manner and for the purpose they are supposed to be used. Only scouts with a Totin' Chip or Firem'n Chit are allowed to use these tools or handle fire without supervision. I will use the buddy system and follow safety rules. I will adhere to safety rules established for their protection.

To provide a positive, safe, and enriching environment for all Scouts, while offering opportunities for wonderful adventures, I will adhere to the rules set by members of the troop. Below are a few examples of living the Scout Law:

- **Friendly & Kind:** Fun is only fun if everybody involved agrees it is fun. If it hurts, if it is mean, if it excludes, if it frightens, it has no place in Troop 222. I will be kind and help others to be kind.
- **Trustworthy & Brave:** Scouts are encouraged to speak out if they see other Scouts not following the Scout Law, and/or tell a scout leader or adult leader. I will respect the belongings and privacy of others. I will always tell the truth, the complete truth.
- **Thrifty:** Scouts are expected to show proper respect toward any property put in their trust. If I borrow something to use, I will return it promptly and in the same or better condition. I will also look for ways to reuse, recycle, and repurpose in general to support the Troop budget and global sustainability.

- **Obedient:** Following directions is essential for safety and is part of a respectful environment. Scouting events happen in a friendly, safe, and supportive environment where Scouts have fun, learn, and grow. I will do my best to follow directions.
- **Loyal & Helpful:** I will support my fellow scouts and all levels of Troop leadership. I will lead myself in a manner that sets a good example for others. I will help fellow scouts in need. When I complete my own duties, I will proactively help others.
- **Cheerful:** I will demonstrate scout spirit and support my fellow scouts.
- **Clean:** I will be clean in my manners, language, and hygiene. I will do my part to follow Leave No Trace Principles and the Outdoor Code. I will not keep food in my tent or take more than I need. I will not use profanity, vulgar, abusive, or inappropriate language. I will wear my uniform with pride and not show up in dirty, wrinkled clothes. I will wash my hands before meals and maintain good general hygiene.
- **A Scout is Reverent:** I will respect the beliefs and customs of others.

I understand that if I am not able to follow these rules, any discipline will be up to the troop leadership in accordance with the troop behavior policy, and their decision is final.

Here are a few examples of inappropriate behavior that will not be allowed:

- Failure to follow any directives from scout leaders (including patrol leaders, senior patrol leaders, etc.)
- Unnecessary or inappropriate physical roughness. Unless participating in a contact game, all Scouts are expected to abide by a "hands-off" policy with their fellow Scouts, adult leaders, and property.
- Bullying, threatening, or intimidating another Scout with words or actions.
- Foul language that offends, degrades or is negative and derogatory.
- Actions or language that is offensive or discriminatory with respect to sex, race, religion, ethnicity, physical/mental disability, etc.
- Behavior that displays disrespect for other person's, personal property or the environment. Scouts come in different sizes and shapes, at different levels of emotional maturity, and with different physical capabilities. As Scouts, we respect those differences.
- Scouts are not permitted to "date" between Troop 222B and Troop 222G during BSA sanctioned events and outings. Public displays of affection have no place during scouting activities, meetings, camping, or any other event. Relationships gone wrong could negatively impact the safe space we create among 222 Troops and potentially impact each scout's path to Eagle.

**Discipline Policy:** Living the Scout Law is part of the “Scout Spirit” requirement necessary for Rank Advancement. Older Scouts will lead by showing the best examples of Scout Spirit and enthusiasm. The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are responsible for working with the Scouts to address their inappropriate behavior or who are disruptive at scouting functions. When a scout displays inappropriate behavior, it will be addressed immediately.

When a Scout’s behavior warrants action, the following procedures will be followed:

1. Parent Contact. The Scoutmaster will initiate contact with the parent to discuss the inappropriate behavior. This is a two-way conversation as both parties strive to find a way that will encourage the Scout to meet the behavior expectations.
2. Dismissal from the Event. If a serious situation occurs at any scouting event (a Scout who is disruptive or a danger to himself or others) the adult leader will contact the parent(s) and ask them to remove the Scout from the premises.
3. Parent Attendance. If after the initial Parent Contact, the Scoutmaster believes that inappropriate behavior is likely to continue, the Parent will be required to attend the next event(s) with their Scout. The parent attendance condition, if imposed, will be for a specific length of time, situation dependent.
4. Committee Chair & Scoutmaster. If a problem situation persists, or if it is serious enough, the parent(s), Scoutmaster and Committee Chair will meet to discuss the conditions under which the Scout may remain a member of the Troop or discuss the Scout’s dismissal from Troop 222.

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