



CODE OF CONDUCT POLICY 177 Scouting and Our Lady of Hope Parish

Scouting should be fun and challenging while providing a safe and supporting environment in which Scouts can learn and grow. Participation in the BSA program is a privilege, which carries responsibilities of all involved in order to carry out our objectives. Scouts come in different sizes and shapes, at different levels of emotional maturity, and with different physical capabilities. As Scouts, we respect those differences. All Scouts should help build unity and an effective program in all of our scouting units.

The 177 Scouting Committee and our Charter Organization, Our Lady of Hope, expects all scouts to behave in accordance with the 12 points of the Scout Law: Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean and Reverent.

Our Code of Conduct list all inappropriate behavior that will not be allowed. Failure to comply may result in expulsion from the unit(s). Violations will be taken to a board of review.

1. Possession of guns or other weapons brought to a scouting event is strictly prohibited. Only items approved by the BSA and/or with prior approval from the units' leadership will be allowed. Prior safety certifications must also be completed before handling these items. Examples, but not limited to, of these items are pocket knives, axes, archery bows and arrows, and BB or pellet rifles.
2. Possession or use of tobacco, alcohol or any controlled substances. All prescription medication must be handled by the parent or turned over to the unit leader.
3. Foul language and actions that offends, degrades or is negative and derogatory behavior. As well as language or actions that is offensive or discriminatory with respect to sex, race, religion, ethnicity, physical/mental disability, etc.
4. Threatening or intimidating another Scout with words or actions (hazing or bullying).
5. Dishonesty; lying, cheating and stealing.
6. Behavior that displays disrespect for other person's personal property, facility property/equipment and/or the Scout Units' property/equipment.
7. Unnecessary or inappropriate physical roughness.
8. Continuously failing to follow reasonable directives from any adult leader.
9. Leaving designated areas without permission from an adult leader. Scouts must always follow the buddy system and adults must follow two-deep leadership.
10. Cell phone use during scouting events or outside of any approved windows of use. Cell phones, or any other electronic devices, may also be collected at the discretion of the leadership. If you bring a cell phone it is to remain off and out of sight. The cell phone is to be used only in an emergency. If parents need to contact their children, they should do so by contacting the adult leader. Any issues during an event will be brought to the attention of the adult leader in charge. They will decide the best course of action. If they determine that calling home is warranted it will be done with the adult leader so they may speak to the parent and determine the proper course of action. **177 Leaders are not responsible for any devices that is lost, stolen, broken or damaged if brought to a scouting function.**



- 11. Possession of electronic devices (radios, portable TVs, DVD players, portable games, etc.) that do not have prior approval.
- 12. Possession of food, candy, soft drinks, etc. outside of approved venues. Example no food are allowed in STEM labs

Living the Scout Law is part of the “Scout Spirit” which is required for participation in all scout activities. Failure to follow any of the rules above will result in one or more of the following corrective actions:

- 1. Leader Conference and Parent Contact.** The scout will participate in a leader conference at the next regular meeting. The scout will arrive 15 minutes before the meeting begins with a parent/guardian to review the infraction. The leader will initiate prior contact with the parent/guardian 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 a Scouting Event.** If a serious situation occurs at any scouting event (a Scout who is disruptive or a danger to self or others) the adult leader may contact the parent/guardian and have them remove the scout from the event. In addition to being removed from the event, the scout will participate in a leader conference and parent contact (as indicated in Step 1 above), the scout will also be required to participate in a board of review conducted by our Charter Representative. Prior to the board of review, the scout will not be permitted to participate in any scout function /event until resolved.
- 3. Charter Representative and Adult Leader(s).** If a problem situation persists, or if it is serious enough, the parent/guardian, leader(s) and Charter Representative will meet to discuss the conditions under which the scout may remain a member of any 177 Scout Organization or discuss the Scout’s dismissal. No refunds will be provided for dismissals, no exceptions.

The discipline outlined above is a guideline for disciplining Scouts that violate the Code of Conduct. Depending on the severity of circumstances, the discipline can consist of any one or more of the above actions. Additionally, the Code of Conduct Policy is not limited to the behavior as outlined above. Other behavior may be deemed inappropriate by the Adult Leaders, Committee Members, the Charter Representative and our Charter Organization, Our Lady of Hope Parish. **Membership in our scouting units and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) is a privilege not automatically granted to everyone who applies. We reserve the right to refuse or revoke registration whenever there is a concern that an individual may not meet the standards of membership that the BSA requires.**

Code of Conduct and Policy Acknowledgement

I, Scout _____, acknowledge that I have read and understand the Code of Conduct and Policy as set forth by 177 Scouting and its Charter Organization, Our Lady of Hope Parish, and that I will conduct myself in a manner consistent with the Code of Conduct Agreement.

Scout Signature: _____ Date: _____

The parent(s) and/or legal guardian(s) of Scout _____ have received and reviewed the Code of Conduct Policy as set forth by 177 Scouting and its Charter Organization, Our Lady of Hope Parish, and we understand and agree to the corrective actions in the Code of Conduct Agreement.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____