



~ BOY SCOUT TROOP 652 ~

7690 Archibald Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA

CODE OF CONDUCT & STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING

STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING: All Scouts and adult participants of Troop 652 are representatives of their community, family and sponsoring institution (United Methodist Church of Cucamonga). Therefore, all scouts and parents are asked to sign the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition for participation with their further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion from campouts or other Troop activities. Ultimately we want each Scout to be responsible for their own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a Scout home from an outing or meeting.

ALL SCOUTS AND ADULTS ARE EXPECTED TO ABIDE BY THE CODE OF CONDUCT AS FOLLOWS:

- 1) The Scoutmaster and Assistant Scoutmasters are responsible for the general supervision of the Troop in respect to maintaining discipline, security, training of boy leaders and the code of conduct.
- 2) The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout all Troop meetings and outings.
- 3) I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. The "Class A" Uniform is required at all Troop meetings, while traveling to and from outings, and at other designated events. "Class B" Uniform is acceptable while on campouts and when designated by Troop Leadership. Only Scout related hats are acceptable.
- 4) I will attend as many scheduled outings as possible realizing that most advancement will occur while on these outings. I will cooperate with Troop members and leadership.
- 5) In consideration of my fellow Scouts, I agree to follow bedtime schedules of the Troop.
- 6) I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean and neat.
- 7) Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by Scouts including use of tobacco, cheating, gambling (for money), dishonesty, swearing, fighting and cursing may result in expulsion from Troop activities or loss of privileges.
- 8) The following WILL result in automatic expulsion from troop activities: use of drugs or alcohol, possession of pornography, stealing and lewd conduct.
- 9) Possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
- 10) I will demonstrate respect for Troop equipment, public property and be personally responsible for cleanliness and any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property.
- 11) The Troop leaders of Troop 652 will NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any loss, breakage, or theft of ANY personal items. I will label all of my personal items and "check in" items of value with an adult leader
- 12) Scouts and adults are prohibited from having firearms, weapons, and pornography in their possession. Scouts are prohibited from carrying any kind of sheath knife. A Scout's knife blade is to be no longer than the palm of his own hand (diagonally).

- 13) Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor does running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older Scouts must prevent all scouts from being "initiated" into the Troop with a hazing activity.
- 14) Scouts must learn to respect the rights and property of others. Remember to keep your hands to yourself. The tongue is a vicious weapon, think before you speak! Remember the golden rule: "DO UNTO OTHERS AS YOU WOULD HAVE THEM DO UNTO YOU".
- 15) In consideration of the time and effort of Scouts and Scout leaders in preparing for a campout, once I have committed to go on an outing, I am responsible for my share of the food and camp fees. Once I have paid for the outing, I understand there are NO REFUNDS! Final commitment or "cut-off" date for paying for the campout or outing is usually two Monday's before the weekend outing. Payment due dates for other activities will vary, depending on where the Troop is going.
- 16) Backpacking is a "High Adventure" outing, and safety is our number one concern. Before going on a backpacking trip, there will be MANDATORY day hike(s) that the Scout MUST complete, so that we can see his hiking abilities. In addition, there will be a MANDATORY "Pack Check" usually the night before the trip. We want to make sure that the Scout is "prepared" with the proper equipment. If the Scout does not go on the MANDATORY day hike (s) or attend the MANDATORY "Pack Check", he will not be able to go on the backpacking trip and there will be NO REFUNDS.
- 17) All adult leaders must take "Youth Protection Training" in order to be a registered leader. The adult must also follow all guidelines therein. All adults who wish to have an active role within the Troop are asked to take Assistant Scoutmaster Leader Specific Training (A.S.L.S.T.) A leader going to Summer Camp MUST have taken the A.S.L.S.T.
- 18) Serious violations of this code may result in expulsion from any Troop activity. Final decision is the responsibility of the Scoutmaster and his Assistant Scoutmasters.
- 19) **If a Scout or Adult is having an issue, problem or concern within the Troop, please talk to the Scoutmaster or Committee Chairman first, before trying to handle it yourself.**
- 20) Extra food is unnecessary! Don't bring any food, snacks, candy or soda! Your son is part of the planning process and generally has a say in what is prepared: Adequate food is purchased and if prepared properly is nutritious and enjoyable. We're sorry if your son does not like the food. It does not teach him anything if he is provided with separate meals. Remember, we are teaching him to be responsible for his own actions by having him plan, shop, prepare, and clean up for each meal. He is part of a team to make sure that this happens!

"No Scout has ever starved in one weekend!"

I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ THE STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS IN THE CODE OF CONDUCT AS A MEMBER OF TROOP 652.

SIGNITURE OF SCOUT _____ DATE _____

SIGNITURE OF PARENT(S) _____

SIGNITURE OF SCOUTMASTER OR ASSISTANT SM _____