

TROOP 624 CODE OF CONDUCT

All Scouts in Troop 624 are responsible for living up to the Scout Oath and Law. Scouts are always “on their honor” and should always be vigilant to do nothing that would dishonor themselves, their patrol, their uniform or the Scouting Program. Scouts will maintain a positive attitude and remember that “cheerful” is the eighth point of the Scout Law. The following Code of Conduct has been adopted by the Troop and **must be signed by each Scout and parent and returned to the Committee** to become a part of the Scout’s permanent record. The code below is not exhaustive, but the Scout Oath and Law are. Any situation that is not specifically covered below will be decided in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law and discussed with the parent and Scout. Any parent who believes his or her Scout is treated unfairly should contact the Scoutmaster Staff or Troop Committee Chair to discuss and reconcile it.

1. A Scout will take care of all troop or patrol gear issued and any personal property belonging to others that is used in troop activities. A Scout will be responsible for all damage he causes, negligently or otherwise.
2. Printed material or pictures which a Scout would not want his parents to see or which his parents would not want him to have will not be brought to troop or patrol meetings or on troop campouts or other activities.
3. Hazing is never permitted. Fighting with or striking another Scout is not acceptable.
4. Engaging in unsafe acts such as inappropriate use of knives or axes, sharp sticks, ropes or other materials is not acceptable. Intentionally harming another person or intentionally placing another person in a dangerous or harmful situation is not acceptable.
5. Using language that a Scout would not use in front of his parents is not permitted.
6. Any scout who possesses or uses any illegal substance (including alcohol) shall be immediately expelled from a scouting event.
7. Any Scout who has a problem with another Scout will immediately inform two leaders and seek a solution. Any Scout who has a problem with an adult leader will immediately inform two other adults.
8. Whenever instructed or otherwise appropriate, Scouts will always use the “buddy system” on troop outings.
9. Scouts will always maintain the “Rule of Three” -- individual Scouts will never 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 another Scout. For example, two Scouts should work on a merit badge – at no time should one scout be alone with a counselor.
10. Scouts will only use pocket knives (having completed their Totin’ Chip requirements) – no hunting knives, switchblades, gravity knives, sheath knives, butterfly knives (note: these are illegal for a juvenile to possess and are considered concealed weapons), folding knives with blades longer than 3’ or clip-on knives will be permitted.
11. Unless a waiver is obtained, Scouts are not permitted to have in their possession any radios, electronic music or game devices or playing cards while on scout camping trips. Scout possessions are subject to inspection by the Scoutmaster staff. When the troop goes on an outing it is expected that Scouts will focus on the theme of that outing.
12. Scouts who indicated they would be going on an outing but change their minds and do not inform their Patrol Leader that they cannot go for whatever reason at least two days before the beginning of the outing must share in the cost of the food and other troop expenses incurred.
13. While participating in any scout encampment, a scout’s belongings are subject to search by the Scoutmaster Staff.
14. The Scoutmaster Staff will determine, in its discretion, if a Scout’s conduct requires his removal from or should limit his participation in a Scout event. When this occurs, the scout’s parents shall remove the Scout as soon as possible from the situation.
15. I authorize use of any photos taken of my son/myself to be posted on the Troop 624 website.

Scout’s Signature

Date

Parent’s Signature(s)

Date

GENERAL RULES AT CAMP SINOQUIPE

1. Scouters, Scouts and staff are held to the principles of the Scout Oath and Promise. Profanity and offensive actions will NOT be tolerated. Behavior must be appropriate to the Scouting Code of Ethics.
2. The BSA alcohol/drug policy will be strictly enforced. No alcohol or drugs are to be in camp. Use and /or possession of either at camp is a one time, no exception "OUT THE GATE" offense. This includes adults, Scouts and staff.
3. Smoking by Scouts is prohibited. Adult leaders are asked to use discretion and, preferably restrict their smoking to the designated areas. Remember, the leader sets the example. No smoking around scouts.
4. Malicious destruction of property, stealing, raiding of tents, etc., qualifies as "send home offenses".
5. ALL INJURIES are to be reported to the Health Lodge immediately. In case a need for emergency medical transport arises, we prefer that the adult leader from the scout's troop, take him to the hospital. Our Health Director should remain in camp for other emergencies. (coverage can be arranged in the campsite if necessary.)
6. NO firearms or fireworks are permitted in camp.
7. No Scouts leave camp property for hikes or otherwise, without staff escort and prior approval.
8. Adults and Scouts leaving or returning to camp property must use the sign-in / sign-out clipboard, kept in the wall-box outside of the camp office door.
9. All staff quarters are off limits to Scouts. This includes the area around the Camp Director and the Camp Ranger's homes. The Maintenance facilities are also off limits.
10. Program areas such as COPE, Archery, Shooting Sports, Horsemanship, Council Ring, Chapel, and other designated areas, are off limits to Scouts and Scouters when not open or staffed by an authorized person.
11. Quiet time is at 10 PM. At this time every camper is to be in their campsite and preferably in bed. NO SCOUTS are to be in the showers after 9:30 PM.
12. Emphasize care around tents. Caution with knives, insect spray (non-aerosol), etc., should be stressed. NO OPEN FLAMES IN TENTS. If damage is caused, you will be financially responsible.
13. Scouts are to use the roads, entrances and exits to the road and paths to their campsites. DO NOT shortcut through other campsites or along waterlines, etc.
 - Stress security in your campsite. Encourage Scouts not to leave valuables unguarded.
 - Stress ax safety. Help prevent "chopping of water lines". If a line break does occur, please notify the camp office or ranger immediately.
 - NO SHEATH KNIVES are permitted in camp. Please collect all that you find. You may store them in the camp office, until your unit leaves camp.
14. No vehicles other than those officially designated camp vehicles by the camp director are permitted inside the gate. Vehicles will be permitted to load and unload, but must then be parked in the parking area. All vehicles must be parked out of camp at all other times. If a vehicle is needed for medical reasons, please obtain a vehicle pass from the office upon arrival. If someone is arriving or leaving during the week, please obtain a temporary vehicle pass from the office. Advance arrangements may be made with the Ranger to transport large items.
15. Council policy prohibits anyone under 18 years old, from riding in camp vehicles. All riders must be in the cab. **NO SCOUTS OR SCOUTERS ARE TO BE TRANSPORTED IN PICKUP TRUCK CARGO BEDS.**
16. We ask that campers please move off the road for approaching camp vehicles.
17. Scouts are required to attend ALL meals (no exceptions). Shirts and shoes are required, and no food is to be carried out of the dining hall. (It is recommended that troops travel to and from meals as a group, for security of campsites.)
18. Use of the ice machine is restricted to adult leaders and staff. Ice may be purchased through the dining hall staff.
19. Please read and familiarize yourself with the published emergency procedures. Share these with your troop verbally and then post them in the campsite.
20. Pull chains in showers should not be tampered with. This is for the benefit of all.
21. **Shoes must be worn at all time. (NO SANDALS EXCEPT BEACH FRONT AREA.)**
22. Immediately after lunch, mail may be picked up in the office by an adult leader. Also, leaders should periodically check the bulletin board by the office and on the dining hall porch for important information.
23. Everyone must cooperate to keep the camp grounds free of litter. Strong leader enforcement is appreciated.
24. Trash bags should be tied and set next to the road by 2:00 PM, for pickup by the Camp Ranger.
25. Fishing is not permitted within 50 feet of the Waterfront or Council Ring areas. No fishing license is required to fish.
26. Discipline of Scouts is the responsibility of ALL adult unit leaders. For the benefit of ALL scouts participating in the camp program, PLEASE help the camp staff by maintaining the discipline of the scouts in your unit.
27. Items checked-out from the Quartermaster that were damaged, lost or stolen, must be replaced, fixed, or paid for by the unit before leaving camp on Saturday.