Codes of Conduct for GTBAC District and Council Scouting Events

Events and Activities, in their leaders guide and other conspicuous locations among event details, should post the Codes of Conduct for Scouts and Scouters.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

On my honor, I promise to do my best to comply with this Boy Scouts of America Scouter Code of Conduct while serving in my capacity as an adult leader:

1. I have completed or will complete my registration with the Boy Scouts of America, answering all questions truthfully and honestly.

2. I will do my best to live up to the Scout Oath and Scout Law, obey 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 the Boy Scouts of America.

3. I will make the protection of youth a personal priority. I will complete and remain current with Youth Protection training requirements. I will be familiar with and follow: • BSA Youth Protection policies and guidelines, including mandatory reporting: www.scouting.org/training/youth-protection/ • The Guide to Safe Scouting: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss • The Sweet Sixteen of BSA Safety: www.scouting.org/health-and-safety/gss/sweet16

4. When transporting youth, I will obey all laws, comply with Youth Protection guidelines, and follow safe driving practices.

5. I will respect and abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America, BSA policies, and BSA-provided training, including but not limited to those relating to: • Unauthorized fundraising activities • Advocacy on social and political issues, including prohibited use of the BSA uniform and brand • Bullying, hazing, harassment, and unlawful discrimination of any kind

6. I will not discuss or engage in any form of sexual conduct while engaged in Scouting activities. I will refer youth with questions regarding these topics to talk to their parents or spiritual advisor.

7. I confirm that I have fully disclosed and will disclose in the future any of the following: • Any criminal suspicion, charges, or convictions of a crime or offense involving abuse, violence, sexual misconduct, or any misconduct involving minors or juveniles • Any investigation or court order involving domestic violence, child abuse, or similar matter • Any criminal charges or convictions for offenses involving controlled substances, driving while intoxicated, firearms, or dangerous weapons

8. I will not possess, distribute, transport, consume, or use any of the following items prohibited by law or in violation of any Scouting rules, regulations, and policies: • Alcoholic beverages or controlled substances, including marijuana • Concealed or unconcealed firearms, fireworks, or explosives • Pornography or materials containing words or images inconsistent with Scouting values

9. If I am taking prescription medications with the potential of impairing my functioning or judgment, I will not engage in activities that would put youth at risk, including driving or operating equipment.

10. I will take steps to prevent or report any violation of this code of conduct by others in connection with Scouting activities
SCOUT AND OTHER YOUTH CODE OF CONDUCT DURING DISTRICT AND COUNCIL EVENTS OF THE GREATER TAMPA BAY AREA COUNCIL

In order to provide a positive, safe, and enriching environment or all scouts; while offering opportunities for wonderful adventures; the following rules have been established:

As a participant in a Greater Tampa Bay Area Council event, I promise:

1. I will follow the Scout Law, Scout Oath, Motto, and Outdoor Code. I will remember that these are the basis for all the following rules and should be the basis for all of my actions.
2. I am expected to follow the posted or verbal schedule of activities and assignments specified by my unit or event leadership.
3. I will do my best to be on time and wearing the appropriate uniform for all activities.
4. I may not use or possess any alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or illegal drugs. If found or detected, my parent or guardian (and/or the police, if necessary) will be notified immediately.
5. I will be quiet, and I will be in bed by the posted or announced Lights Out time for the event.
6. No visitors will be allowed in other people’s tents from Lights Out until 8:00 A.M.
7. Sounds that can be heard outside my tent after lights out are disrespectful and disturbing to others. Lack of compliance will be dealt with by unit leaders.
8. I will take responsibility for any property owned by a camp, my unit, or another individual or unit that I damage.
9. The use of profanity or abusive language will not be permitted.
10. I will use matches and lighters only when appropriate and safe, and only if I have my Firem’n Chit.
11. I will follow Totin’ Chip rules and regulations when using knives, saws, and axes.
12. I will use the buddy system at all times during events and activities.

The pack, troop, crew, ship or post is primarily responsible for the behavior, safety, and welfare of all members on all camping events. At District or Council events, as well as at BSA camps, all District/Council/camp leaders have the right and responsibility of helping and correcting any problem they encounter. The Scouts are expected to follow the directions of those leaders as if they were their own unit’s leaders.