

Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding – 2009 - 2010

- 1) I understand that the Troop's leaders, Adult and Youth, are responsible for the safety and security of each member of the Troop. I will follow their guidance and direction. I will not leave the location of the Troop meeting without permission of the Scoutmaster, until my parents/guardian pick me up.
- 2) The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide in all interactions with Troop members and others.
- 3) I will set a good example by keeping myself appropriately dressed, neat, tucked in and clean at all times. I will wear the Official Scout Uniform: Scout Shirt, with proper insignia and neckerchief at Troop meetings, Courts of Honor and at other times as instructed by the Troop Leaders. While traveling to Troop activities, trips and other designated events I will wear my Troop T-shirt.
- 4) I will work cooperatively as a member of my Troop and Patrol, sharing in all work, communicating my ideas, listening to the ideas of others and supporting the Troop leaders.
- 5) I promise to respect the Troop leaders during meetings and activities. Remaining in control, listening to others, setting a good example for my fellow Scouts, I will try to be part of the solution rather than part of the problem. I will be quiet and respectful and pay attention during the times of the meeting when I am supposed to be listening.
- 6) I promise to assist the Troop leaders during instructional sessions, assisting if I already know the skill and not being disruptive or disrespectful.
- 7) I will be responsible in caring for Troop Equipment. I assume full responsibility for my personal gear and will keep it labeled, neat and clean. I understand that any loss, breakage or theft of my personal items is not the responsibility of the Troop. I will demonstrate respect for others' property and will be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, damage, or vandalism of Troop, Church or personal property of others as a result of my actions. I will take responsibility for my actions and talk to the Scoutmaster or one of the other Troop leaders.
- 8) I will actively support Scouting's Low Impact / Leave No Trace camping policies. I will do my best to protect and maintain the natural environment wherever I go.
- 9) I understand and promise not to be involved in any way in the following prohibitions:
 - The purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco;
 - Gambling in any form for money or possessions;
 - Possession or detonation of any type of fireworks;
 - No cell phones are to be brought to Troop meetings or on Trips – if a Scout needs to call home he needs to talk to one of the leaders;
 - Fighting;
 - Bringing disruptive materials to any meeting, activity or trip.
 - Such items will be taken and returned to the Scouts parents.
- 10) I will respect the property of St. John's, our Chartered Organization, and will not touch anything without permission, nor will I enter rooms or areas not approved by the Troop Leaders.
- 11) I understand that serious and/or repeated behavioral violations (including those listed in #7) or failure to follow safety procedures or instructions may result in expulsion from Troop activities or result in serious disciplinary action and loss of Scouting privileges.
- 12) I understand that Scouting is a *SAFE HAVEN*. I will not tolerate hazing of any kind, put-downs of others, aggressive or disrespectful behavior. I will try to communicate with and show acceptance of all members of my Troop and the Troop leaders. I will work to build a safe environment of learning and enjoyment for everyone.

I certify that I have read and understand this *CODE OF CONDUCT AND STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING* and agree to follow and abide by the 12 points listed above as a member of Troop 185 and the Boy Scouts of America.

Name of Scout
Date

Signature of Scout

Name of Parent

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Date