

2005 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Scouts and leaders) are selected to represent their local councils based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation. It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the jamboree or during the jamboree tour. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the jamboree.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The unit's adult leaders (Scoutmaster and assistants) are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the jamboree Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the jamboree.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform and jamboree identifying items are the only acceptable apparel.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leaders.
5. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, unless otherwise directed by the jamboree program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all jamboree recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the jamboree grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth member is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all participants-both youth and unit leaders.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the jamboree or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The jamboree director *must be contacted* for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. *There are no exceptions.*
9. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for unit and jamboree property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
12. Neither the unit leader nor the Jamboree Division, BSA, will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in the action centers, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
15. Scoutmasters and assistants will be guided by the Scout Oath and Scout Law and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
16. Scoutmasters and assistants must receive Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein prior to pre-jamboree training.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the troop with hazing.
18. Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth member in Scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from the jamboree at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.