



# Troop 241 Code of Conduct

In order to provide a safe haven for all Scouts in Troop 241, all Scouts are expected to follow the rules outlined below. The Scout Oath and Law are the principles by which behavior will be judged.

The guiding principles of Troop 241 are contained in the Scout Oath and Law. It is expected that all

- Scouts will strive to follow these guidelines at all times.
- Registered members of Troop 241 will comply with all Boy Scouts of America rules and regulations (Guide to Safe Scouting, Boy Scout Handbook, Scoutmaster Handbook, etc.)
- Registered members of Troop 241 will follow all rules and regulations of any host facility when on an outing.
- Most of all, Scouts and adult leaders are expected to exercise good judgment and common sense.
- Each Scout is expected to behave in a manner such that he will help advance the programs of Troop 241, and the principles of scouting. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated.
- All members of Troop 241 are expected to assist in enforcement of this policy. At the discretion of the adult leader in charge, each infraction will be handled in an appropriate manner consistent with all Boy Scouts of America policies. The following general guidelines will apply:

**MINOR INFRACTIONS** - are defined as inappropriate or disruptive behavior. **Examples of minor infractions include, but are not limited to: disrupting a troop or patrol meeting; making fun of a scout in front of others; use of electronic devices (other than a GPS or other leader approved device) on outings or at summer camp such as iPods, handheld gaming systems, etc.**

If a minor infraction occurs, the following steps will be taken:

1. For the first offense, the Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and his patrol leader will speak to the Scout and explain proper behavior.
2. For the second offense, the Senior Patrol Leader and the Scoutmaster will speak with the Scout and explain proper behavior.
3. For the third offense, the Scoutmaster will speak to the Scout's parents or guardians about the behavior.
4. If the above fail to modify the Scout's behavior, the Scout will be suspended from the Troop for a period of 1 - 3 months.
5. If all else fails, the Scoutmaster may request of the Troop Committee that the Scout be removed from the troop.

**MAJOR INFRACTIONS** - are defined as more serious behavior incidents. **Examples of major infractions include, but are not limited to: use of profanity; verbally harassing another scout; threatening physical harm; causing physical harm; fighting; blatantly disobeying an adult leader; destroying property; stealing; vandalizing; trespassing; breaking any camp, park or state law; or failure to follow proper safety/scouting guidelines when using woods tools, cook kit utensils, personal knives, or fire.**

If a major infraction occurs, the following steps will be taken:

The Scoutmaster may do any or all of the following, depending on his interpretation of the severity of the situation:

- a) Call the Scout's parents immediately.
- b) Call the proper authorities (ANY VIOLATION OF ANY LAW SHALL RESULT IN THE POLICE BEING CONTACTED, NO EXCEPTIONS.)
- c) Dismiss the Scout from the activity
- d) Suspend the Scout from the Troop
- e) Request of the Troop Committee that the Scout be removed from the Troop.

In the case where the Scoutmaster is not the leader in charge and an Assistant Scoutmaster is in charge, the Assistant Scoutmaster has the authority to handle the situation in the Scoutmaster's absence. In the case of a major infraction, the Scoutmaster needs to be notified as soon as possible.

In the event that the Troop leadership needs to reprimand a Scout as outlined above, the Scout will not be eligible for any rank advancement until such time that he can once again "demonstrate Scout Spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and Scout Law in his everyday life". In the event of a suspension from the troop, at the end of the suspension, the scout and the scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) shall meet with the Scoutmaster, Committee Chair, and other leadership as appropriate to request reinstatement into the Troop. The decision shall be at the discretion of the Troop leadership at that time whether to reinstate, or continue the suspension, or remove the scout from the Troop charter.

The Troop Committee and the leadership of Allegheny Lutheran Church will enforce the general rules for the conduct of the adult leaders. At their discretion, each infraction will be handled in an appropriate manner.

By signing this document, I (we) have read and understand the Code of Conduct for Troop 241, and will take an active role in making sure my son acts appropriately at all Troop functions.

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*Parent/Guardian*

*Date Signed*

As a member of Troop 241, I have read and understand the Code of Conduct of Troop 241, and will conduct myself properly at all Troop functions.

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*Scout Signature*

*Date Signed*