

Boy Scouts of America
Troop 78
United States AFA, Colorado

Troop Guidebook

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THE PURPOSE OF THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

It is the purpose of the Boy Scouts of America to provide for boys an effective program designed to build desirable qualities of character, to train in the responsibilities of participating citizenship, and to develop in them personal fitness, thus to help in the development of American citizens who:

- Are physically, mentally, and emotionally fit.
- Have a high degree of self-reliance as evidenced in such qualities as initiative, courage, and resourcefulness.
- Have personal and stable values firmly based on religious concepts.
- Have a desire and the skills to help others.
- Understand the principles of the American social, economic, and governmental system.
- Are knowledgeable about and take pride in their American heritage and understand America's role in the world.
- Have a keen respect for the basic rights of all people.
- Are prepared to fulfill the varied responsibilities of participating in and giving leadership to American society and in the forums of the world.

The Boy Scouts of America accomplishes this purpose by making its program available in partnership with existing groups having compatible goals, including religious, educational, civic, fraternal, business, labor, and governmental bodies.

THE AIMS AND METHODS OF THE BOY SCOUT PROGRAM

AIMS

The Boys Scout program works toward three aims. One is the growth in moral strength and character. We may define this as what the boy is himself, his personal qualities, his values, and his outlook.

A second aim is participating in citizenship. Used broadly, citizenship means the boy's relationship to others. He comes to learn of his obligations to other people, to the society he lives in, to the government that presides over that society.

A third aim of the Boy Scout program is development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. Fitness includes the body (well tuned and healthy), the mind (able to think and solve problems), and the emotions (self-control, courage, and self-respect).

The methods are designed to accomplish these aims. Thus it is important that you know and use the methods of the Boy Scout program. Other methods are good, but they may bring different results -- results quite different than we are seeking.

METHODS

Ideals

The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the Scout Oath, Law, motto, and slogan. The Scout measures himself against these ideals and continually tries to improve. The goals are high, and as he reaches for them he has some control over what he becomes.

Patrols

The patrol method gives Scouts an experience in-group living and participating in citizenship. It places a certain amount of responsibility on young shoulders and teaches boys how to accept it. The patrol method allows Scouts to act in small groups where they can easily relate to each other. These small groups determine troop activities through their elected representatives.

Outdoors

The Boy Scout program is designed to take place outdoors. It is in the outdoors that Scouts share responsibilities and learn to live with each other. It is here that the skills and activities practiced at troop meetings come alive with purpose. Being close to nature helps Scouts gain an appreciation for God's handiwork and mankind's place in it. The outdoors is the laboratory for Scouts to learn ecology and practice conservation of nature's resources.

Advancement

Scouting provides a series of surmountable challenges and steps to overcome them through the advancement method. The Scout plans his advancement and progresses at his own pace as he overcomes each challenge. The Scout is rewarded for each achievement, which helps him gain self-confidence. The steps in the advancement system help a boy grow in self-reliance and the ability to help others.

Adult Association

Boys learn from the example set by their adult leaders. Providing association with adults of high character who can act as examples is a method of Scouting and highly beneficial to young men at this stage of their development.

Personal Growth

As Scouts plan their activities and progress toward their goals, they experience personal growth. The Good Turn concept is a major part of the personal growth method of Scouting. Boys grow as they participate in community service projects and do Good Turns for others. The religious emblems program is also a large part of the personal growth method. Frequent individual conferences with his Scoutmaster help each Scout to determine his growth toward Scouting's aims.

Leadership Development

Boy Scouting encourages boys to learn and practice leadership skills. Every Scout has the opportunity to participate in both shared leadership and total leadership situations. Understanding the concepts of leadership helps a boy accept the leadership roles of others and guides him toward the citizenship aim of Scouting.

Uniform

The uniform makes the Scout troop visible as a force for good and creates a positive youth image in the community. Wearing the uniform is an action that shows each Scout's commitment to the aims and purposes of Scouting. The uniform gives the Scout identity in a world brotherhood of youth that believe in the same ideals.

SECTION 1: WELCOME TO SCOUTING AND TROOP 78

(For the Scout and his parents to read carefully! If there are any discrepancies between Troop 78 policy and BSA policy, BSA policy shall take precedence.)

1. "USE YOUR RESOURCES" is the important phrase that all Scouts in Troop 78 should know. It means: STOP, THINK: What is around me that can help me answer this question or help me solve this problem? ... Can I solve it myself? ... Can I find a person or thing that will help me accomplish this?

2. Whenever you are out in public as a Scout or at a Scout function, you will wear your uniform, except when otherwise directed (e.g. fundraisers) by the Scoutmaster* or Acting Scoutmaster*. You do this to show your pride as a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

* "Acting Scoutmaster" is defined as the leader, usually an Assistant Scoutmaster, designated by the Troop Committee to perform the duties of Scoutmaster during an extended absence of the Scoutmaster, such as extended TDY or disability or as the leader designated by the Scoutmaster for an outing, activity, or meeting which the Scoutmaster is unable to attend. The term Scoutmaster is used interchangeably with Assistant Scoutmaster.

3. As a member of the Troop you will go on many events, in many different towns, states and Scout councils. At those times, remember that you represent (a) all the members of the Troop; (b) the Air Force Academy; (c) Pikes Peak Council members; (e) Boy Scouts of America. All these at the same time! Make them proud of you.

4. As a member of the Troop, you are a member of a Patrol. You receive your information about events through your Patrol. You camp and prepare for camping with your Patrol. You can go on your own Patrol activities. Do your best to make your Patrol a spirited, well-informed, and active Patrol.

SECTION 2: GENERAL GUIDELINES

1. THE SCOUT OATH AND LAW ARE THE LAW OF THE TROOP. All Scouts will be required to sign and return a copy of the "Boy Scout Troop 78 Code of Conduct". Two copies are attached. Please sign and return one, the other is for your records.
2. The Scout uniform will be worn to all Troop meetings, when traveling to and from camping trips, at summer camp, and on special occasions as specified by the Scoutmaster. As a guide, when the Troop is out among the public, the uniform is worn unless otherwise specified. New Scouts should acquire a uniform as soon as possible.
3. Your Scout Handbook must be brought to all Troop functions unless otherwise specified. A Scout's advancement will be tracked in his Handbook. Equipment lists and other information can be found in the Handbook. It is well worth reading by both the Scout and his parent(s).
4. Unless otherwise directed the following are required at Troop meetings:
 - a. Boy Scout Handbook
 - b. Pen and paper
 - c. Uniform shirt with badges (including current Rank) and insignia worn correctly
 - d. Uniform belt (optional)
 - e. Troop neckerchief with approved slide
 - f. A solid colored neat and clean pair of pants. Blue jeans may be worn as long pants, but not as cut-offs.
 - g. Merit badge or OA sash at Courts of Honor or when directed by Scoutmaster.
 - h. Close toed shoes.
5. Each new Scout entering the Troop will be given an application, a health form, this guidebook, and other important forms. Parents need to make sure that all forms are completed and returned "As Soon As Possible".
6. A new Scout may obtain the uniform at the Hibbard Scout Shop.
Pikes Peak Office and Official Scout Shop:
525 E. Unitah St
Colorado Springs, CO 80903
719-634-1584
Fax:719 634-1436
7. Badges of Rank will be presented to the Scout shortly after the award is earned. Merit Badges will be presented at Courts of Honor usually held four times per year. Recognition will also be made at each Court of Honor for Rank Advancement attained since the previous Court of Honor. Other awards may also be presented at this time. Parents are encouraged to attend Courts of Honor as a way of supporting their son's advancement.
8. Troop meetings are on Tuesday evenings from 7-8:30 PM. The Opening Ceremony will start promptly at 7 PM. The Closing Ceremony will end promptly at 8:30 PM.
9. The Patrol Leader's Council (PLC) will meet on the first Tuesday of each month or needed at the direction of the Scoutmaster.
10. Scouts must be aware at all times that the Scout Hut is a Historic building. We will treat it with respect. Failure to care for the Scout Hut may result in our not having a place to meet.
11. No fire or open flame are allowed at the Scout Hut by AFA Base Regulation.
12. The "Signs Up" signal means that Scouts and leaders MUST stop what they are doing and keep quiet to hear an announcement. This is common respect for the person making the announcement.
13. Profanity, back talk, and rudeness are unacceptable behavior.
14. No unauthorized items (e.g. tape players, games, toys, and rubber balls) will be allowed in Troop meetings. The adult leaders reserve the right to take such items from the Scout and return them to his parents after the meeting.
15. Boy Scout Troop 78 (and BSA) policy requires supervision by a minimum of two (2) adult leaders and/or parents on all

activities and that transportation must be available for the boys and adults to and from the destination.

16. A well functioning Troop must be backed by a strong, well functioning Troop Committee which must have a Chairperson, a Secretary, Treasurer and individuals to work on Advancement, Membership, Publicity, Fund Raising, Service Projects, Transportation & Outings, and Troop equipment. Since "many hands make light work", all families are expected to become Committee members and contribute to the Committee's work in some way.

SECTION 3: HEALTH AND SAFETY

1. Each Scout's guardian/parent must fill out a medical form for their son. This is for leaders emergency use. In addition adult leaders need to fill out a medical form. These are an absolute requirement for Boy Scout Summer Camp for both Scouts and leaders.
2. All injuries, including burns, cuts and scrapes--no matter how small--must be reported to an adult leader.
3. Knives, other than cooking knives, with blade length beyond three (3) inches are not allowed anywhere, anytime. Fixed blade knives, other than cooking knives, are not allowed anywhere, anytime, regardless of blade length.
4. Only Scouts with the "Tote'n Chip" card in their possession may use a knife, axe, saw, or hatchet, at any time, including during campouts. Scouts who violate the safety rules of this card will have a comer clipped off (lose 4 comers and the card is revoked) or even have the card revoked by a leader.
5. Matches will not be played with. Patrols may bring them for the purpose of cooking and campfires or skill training; however, they must be stored (safely).
6. Only Scouts with the "Fireman's Chit" card in their possession may carry matches or light fires, at any time, including during campouts. Scouts who violate the safety rules of this card will have a comer clipped off or even have the card revoked.
7. No candles, stoves, or open flames are allowed in or near the tents. Scouts may use lanterns at the leader's discretion, but Scouts may not use lanterns or candles in tents.
8. Alcohol, tobacco, or other controlled substances (e.g. illegal drugs) are of course, strictly prohibited. BSA policy prohibits the consumption of alcohol by adult members while they have the responsibility for youth members or while they are in uniform. BSA policy requires that adult members do not smoke in the presence of youth members.
9. All Scouts MUST obey the Boy Scouts of America Safety Afloat and Safe Swim Defense Rules.
10. At all troop functions the Buddy System shall be used.
12. Troop 78 subscribes to the BSA Youth Protection Policy. **NO YOUTH MEMBER SHALL BE ALONE WITH ANY ADULT OTHER THAN HIS PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN AT ANY TIME.** This is for the protection of the adult as well as for the protection of the youth membership.

SECTION 4: CAMPING AND OTHER TROOP ACTIVITIES

1. Troop 78 subscribes to and follows the Outdoor Code as printed in the Boy Scout Handbook.
2. Attending a campout or other Troop activity is a privilege that is earned by conducting one's self according to the Scout Oath and Scout Law.
3. No electronic equipment, is allowed at campouts or other Troop activities unless approved by the Scoutmaster. Such items, if brought, may be confiscated by the Scoutmaster or Acting Scoutmaster and returned to the parents on arrival home.
4. Patrols have separate camping areas on campouts. Scouts must stay out of other patrols' areas unless they are granted permission to enter by a patrol member.
5. Likewise, the adult leaders' area on campouts is off limits to a Scout without permission from an adult leader.
6. At the final meeting before an outing each Patrol Leader will submit: 1) a roster of those Scouts attending from that patrol, 2) an approved menu for all meals, and 3) a duty roster, to the Senior Patrol Leader, who will then submit them to the

Scoutmaster, or his designee for approval. Permission slips must be turned in by the due date listed on the slip or the scout may not be allowed to attend the function.

7. If a Scout is signed up for an outing and does not go he is still responsible for all costs and fees as if he did go.
8. Scouts should not bring snacks on campouts. All snacks should be planned with the menus by the patrol and paid for as part of the patrol shopping. Evening "Crackerbarrels" are encouraged.
9. For most activities, a certain amount of money will be requested in advance. This money will be used to purchase food for a campout or to cover the cost of the activity.
10. Where possible, the Troop will go on one major activity each month. In order to attend an outing a Scout must attend the Troop meeting the week prior to the outing, unless otherwise approved by the Scoutmaster.
11. No later than the final meeting prior to an outing the Senior Patrol Leader will submit an agenda for the outing, developed by the Patrol Leaders' Council, to the Scoutmaster. This agenda will include: 1) advancement goals, 2) scheduled events, and 3) Patrol responsibilities for each event.
12. For special events (such as canoe trips, winter campout, or a high adventure trip) special requirements may be set by the Scoutmaster for the fun, health, and safety of all. Requirements may include necessary equipment, attendance at preparatory events, age, rank achieved, Scout Spirit, and necessary merit badges earned, to help assure each Scout is capable of making such a trip without mishap.
13. On the day of a Troop Service project, all Scouts who are not excused by a leader, for good cause, are expected to be present and help.

SECTION 5: DUES, PAYMENTS, AND FUNDING

1. See the attached sheet for the cost of dues.
2. Dues are collected once a year in the Fall at the start of the school year.
3. Scouts are reminded of the ninth point of the Scout Law: A Scout is Thrifty. Prior to a Scoutmaster's Conference for advancement it is expected that all dues, and fees, owed by a Scout will be paid in full.
4. In order for a Scout to reregister with the Troop when it recharter in December, all dues, and fees, owed by a Scout must be paid in full.
5. Fundraisers are for the benefit of the Troop as a whole, therefore all members are expected to participate. Failure to help only hurts the member by decreasing the financial resources of the Troop necessary for a full and active Troop program.
6. At the discretion of the Troop Committee a certain portion of the proceeds from a Troop fundraiser may be set aside for the individual boys who participated, based on their participation, to be kept in the Troop account. The Scout may designate these funds to be used for Scouting related costs (e.g. summer camp), per guidelines on using the scout account.
7. **IMPORTANT:** If parents feel that the cost of uniforms or participation in the Troop or any Troop activity is beyond the family's ability to pay, they should call the Scoutmaster, who will make confidential arrangements for funding or for a loan, as appropriate. **NO BOY SHALL BE EXCLUDED FROM SCOUTING FOR FINANCIAL REASONS. NO SCOUT SHALL MISS AN ACTIVITY FOR FINANCIAL REASONS.**

SECTION 6: PERSONAL EQUIPMENT

1. Besides the equipment that is required at each meeting, Scouts should have the following personal equipment:
 - a. backpack with frame
 - b. compass
 - c. flashlight
 - d. dinnerware (knife, fork, spoon)
 - e. plate, cup, and bowl (or messkit)
 - f. poncho/raincoat
 - g. extra pair of old sneakers
 - h. wallet for pocket money, Tote 'n Chip & Fireman's Chit
 - i. toilet kit including toilet paper
 - j. jackknife/pocket knife (see knife rules)
 - k. sleeping bag (avoid down sleeping bags)
 - l. sleeping pad
 - m. plastic ground cloth
 - n. plastic bags for trash
 - o. comfortable boots
 - p. long underwear and stocking cap
 - q. canteen/water bottle
 - r. rope
 - s. sunblock
 - t. Personnel First Aid kit (see Scout Handbook or First Aid MB pamphlet)
2. In addition to the Boy Scout store much, if not all of this equipment can be found through local stores, family members, friends, yard sales, thrift stores, and "stuff lying around".

SECTION 7: TROOP EQUIPMENT

1. The Troop equipment is for the use of all members of the Troop for Troop functions. Willful or careless destruction or loss of Troop gear will result in the Scout replacing it at his own cost.
2. Each Scout and Patrol is responsible for cleaning, drying, and general care of all Troop equipment used by them. You dirty it--you clean it; you get it wet--you dry it.
3. **EQUIPMENT IS DUE BACK IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ACTIVITY** to the Troop Adult Quartermaster. If special circumstances exist (e.g. weather didn't allow drying), the Scout must inform the Quartermaster and bring the equipment to the next possible meeting.
4. Scouts and Leaders may obtain Troop equipment only by signing it out with the Quartermaster or Acting Quartermaster.

SECTION 8: ADVANCEMENT

1. In Boy Scouts, new Scouts first earn the rank of Scout then earn each rank in order: Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, Life, and Eagle. Some ranks have a time minimum. There is no age limit on a particular rank or merit badge except for your eighteenth birthday.
2. The Troop's advancement philosophy is that a Scout should be encouraged to advance at his own pace. It is the goal of Troop 78 that a Scout will earn First Class by the end of his first year in Scouts. It is not the Troop's goal to produce Eagle Scouts. We encourage all boys to reach First Class which is not only the basic skills of Scouting, but also of skills needed in adult living, responsible citizenship, enjoyment of the outdoors, and development of moral and ethical standards. The Troop and its leadership will support and encourage advancement in the higher ranks, and encourage parents to do the same; however, the decision must be that of the individual Scout, because the work must be his.
3. Advancement does not end with the Eagle Scout award. Scouts may continue to work on merit badges, participate in the Troop activities and leadership and earn Eagle Palms. Eagle Scouts are expected by the Troop Leadership and Committee to remain active in Troop 78 after the awarding of the Eagle badge. Service to one's Troop is part of the responsibility of being all Eagle Scout.

4. The Troop has an Advancement Chairperson who keeps all advancement records and advises the leadership on Scouts' progress. The Troop will keep a record of month, day, and year of all requirements passed for ranks, merit badges, and religious awards. The Troop will keep a record of all activities and the Scouts who participated in them. The Troop will keep records of leadership positions held, leadership training taken, or if you become part of a training team. We maintain records on Order of the Arrow membership. Scouts transferring in should provide this information from their old troops. Scouts transferring to another troop should request that this information be sent to their new troop. (Don't forget to give the Advancement Chairperson an address.)

5. Scouts should also keep a record (in their handbook) of month, day, and year of requirements signed. They should also record activities participated in and service projects (along with hours) in their handbook. Scouts should also keep their section of "blue cards" from merit badges and the cards awarded with both merit badges and ranks. Scouts should keep a record of leadership positions held, leadership training taken, and any training teams that they serve on. They should keep a record of Order of the Arrow membership where appropriate. In addition, it is recommended that each Scout keep a record of each summer camp or any special activities attended and the address of the Council, which sponsors them.

6. Detailed record keeping on the part of the Scout and the Troop is essential to the Eagle application process.

7. Scouts should read their Scout Handbook and the current Boy Scout Requirements book concerning advancement requirements for each rank, merit badges required for the upper ranks, and merit badge requirements.

8. Service Hours for Star (6 hours while a First Class Scout), and Life (6 hours while a Star Scout) may be done as one project or a combination of projects. The more that Scouting can do for the community, the more goodwill and support for Scouting it creates. Very often opportunities for service projects will occur when another boy is doing his Eagle Service Project. If you help with other boy's projects, other boys will help with yours. The final authority as to what is acceptable is the Scoutmaster, check in advance for approval.

9. Eagle Service Projects

a) **THE SCOUTMASTER, TROOP COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON, AND DISTRICT ADVANCEMENT CHAIRPERSON MUST APPROVE ALL EAGLE PROJECTS BEFORE ANY WORK IS STARTED.** Approval of the Troop Committee Chairperson is obtained by the Scout presenting his project to the Troop Committee and obtaining their feedback.

b) The project should be submitted using the Life to Eagle Packet, which should be given to you with your Life Badge. If you do not receive one with your Life Badge, ask the Troop Advancement Chairperson to get one for you.

c) All work must be done while a Life Scout and before you're 18th birthday. (Scouts with severe Physical or educational disabilities should see the Advancement Chairperson for exceptions.)

d) While parents may be involved and supportive, other Scouts/adults must do the work as lead by the Eagle candidate. Excessive participation by the parent(s) is grounds for rejection.

e) The project must be done for the benefit of your school, religious institution, or community. Work involving council property or other BSA activities is not acceptable. The service may not be performed for a business, be of a commercial nature, or is a fundraiser. Fundraising is permitted only to raise funds to secure materials or supplies needed to carry out the project.

f) Routine labor, a job or service normally rendered, is not appropriate for an Eagle Project.

h) The project must have lasting value.

i) It is an individual project. Two Eagle candidates may not get credit for the same project.

10. Scouts in need of a Scoutmaster's Conference or a Board of Review for purpose of rank advancement must be in uniform and have their handbook with them.

11. A Scoutmaster's Conference is a meeting between a Scout and the Scoutmaster to discuss the Scout's experience in Scouting, both positive and negative. All Scoutmasters' Conferences are held in accordance with BSA Youth Protection Guidelines. They are required for all rank advancement. They may also be held to discuss a Scout's attitude or behavior, or if the Scout is experiencing a problem. Either the Scout or the Scoutmaster may request one; however, if a Scout needs a Conference for rank advancement, he should approach the Scoutmaster and request one.

12. Three to six members of the Troop Committee conduct boards of Review for all ranks (excluding Scout, for whom there is no Board of Review requirement). After Scouts have had their Scoutmaster's Conference arrangements will be made for a Board of Review.

13. Scouts should prepare for a Board of Review by reviewing their Scout Handbook. The focus of a Board of Review is not to retest the Scout, but rather to find out what the Scout has learned about himself, the Troop, and Scouting and its principles (the Oath, Law, motto, and slogan). In other words, a Board of Review is to determine a Scout's attitude and acceptance of Scouting ideals.

14. Scouts who are not advancing may also be asked to appear before a Board of Review to make sure that the Scout is on the right track and to offer the Scout the support and encouragement of the Committee.

SECTION 9: TROOP STRUCTURE

1. The Troop will be composed of Patrols. Each Patrol shall consist of no more than 8 Scouts.

2. All Troop and Patrol offices shall be elected for 6 month terms .

3. The offices of Senior Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, Troop Guide, Instructor, Librarian, Scribe, Historian, Bugler, Quartermaster (and other Troop posts as may be created) should be filled by Troop members First Class and above when possible. The Scoutmaster may also disqualify certain Scouts who might otherwise be candidates for these positions on the basis of demonstrated lack of Scout Spirit.

4. Patrol Leaders should be at least First Class rank where possible, but again, each Scout should consider the Scout Spirit of the candidates when nominating and voting.

5. All Patrol Leaders and the Senior Patrol Leader serve on the Patrol Leaders Council (PLC), with other Troop Officers attending as requested by the membership of the PLC. The Scribe and Troop Guide are ex officio members of the PLC. The PLC is responsible for developing meeting and activity plans. Assistant Patrol Leaders and the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader serve as alternates for the corresponding position.

6. If elected to a position of leadership responsibility, a Scout will undertake said position with enthusiasm, remembering the Oath and Law, to the fullest extent of his abilities. What counts most is not success in the job, but willingness to try.

7. Troop 78 will pay if financial resources allow when approved by the Troop Committee for Scout leadership training courses as shown below:

- Council Junior Leader Training	50%
- Scout Leader Basic Training (adult)	100%
- Woodbadge Training	50%

SECTION 10: Troop 78 Code of Conduct

1. Troop 78's Code of Conduct is the Scout Oath and Law.

2. Intimidation: The use by a Scout of his size, age, strength, weight, appearance, or any other factor to frighten or force another Scout into taking or being subjected to any action(s) that would otherwise be against his will is strictly prohibited.

Boy Scout Troop 78 Code of Conduct

Instructions: Put your initials next to each item after you have read it. Sign your name below and return to the Scoutmaster.

ON MY HONOR: By giving your word, you are promising to make every effort to live by the high ideas of the Scout Oath. Your success is a measure of your honor. As a Scout you must hold your honor sacred.

I WILL DO MY BEST: You have many talents, skills, and interests. Do your best with them, and use them for good purposes. Don't be satisfied with less than your best effort even when less is required of you. Measure your achievements against your own high standards, not against the performance of others. As a Scout and throughout your life, you will have opportunities to learn and to help many people. You will also be faced with challenges that may severely test you. Use your abilities to do your very best. That is what Scouting requires.

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD: Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and love God and the ways in which God can be served. As a Scout, you do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings in your daily life, and by respecting the rights of others to have their own religious beliefs.

AND MY COUNTRY: As you study our country's history, you learn about the men and women who toiled to make America great. Most contributed in quiet ways. Others sacrificed their lives for our country. All of them did their part to build the nation we have today. Help keep the United States strong by obeying its laws. Learn about our system of government and your role as a citizen and future voter. Do all you can to help your family and neighbors live happy, productive lives. The land itself is an important part of our national heritage. Work for the conservation of our natural resources. Teach others respect for the land. Your efforts really will make a difference.

AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW: The twelve points of the Scout Law are the rules of Scouting. They are also rules you can apply to your whole life. The Scout Law sets forth ideals to live up to. By using the Scout Law as a guide, you will know you are always doing your best. Others will respect you for the way you live. Most importantly you will respect yourself.

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES: There are many people who need you. Your young shoulders can help them carry their burdens. A cheerful smile and a helpful hand will make life easier for many that need assistance. By helping whenever aid is needed and by doing a Good Turn daily, you prove yourself a Scout. You are doing your part to make this a better world.

TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG: Take care of your body. Protect it and develop it so that it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. That means eating nutritious foods and being active to build strength and endurance. It also means avoiding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and any other practices that can destroy your health.

MENTALLY AWAKE: Develop your mind. Strive to increase your knowledge and make the greatest use of your abilities. Be curious about the world around you. Learn all you can both in class and beyond school. With an open attitude and the willingness to ask questions, you will get the most out of your life.

AND MORALLY STRAIGHT: To be a person of strong character, guide your life with honesty, purity, and justice. Respect and defend the rights of all people. Your relationships with others should be honest and open. Be clean in your speech and actions, and faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you follow as a Scout will help you become virtuous and self-reliant.

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL: A Scout is true to his family, fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, friends, community, school, and nation.

HELPFUL: A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along.

KIND: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others, as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL: A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY: A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others laugh at or threaten him.

CLEAN: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT: A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

I will abide by the Boy Scouts Troop 78 Code of Conduct.

Date Signed

Signature of Scout

Printed name of Scout

Signature of Parent

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I WILL DO MY BEST: You have many talents, skills, and interests. Do your best with them, and use them for good purposes. Don't be satisfied with less than your best effort even when less is required of you. Measure your achievements against your own high standards, not against the performance of others. As a Scout and throughout your life, you will have opportunities to learn and to help many people. You will also be faced with challenges that may severely test you. Use your abilities to do your very best. That is what Scouting requires.

TO DO MY DUTY TO GOD: Your family and religious leaders teach you to know and love God and the ways in which God can be served. As a Scout, you do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings in your daily life, and by respecting the rights of others to have their own religious beliefs.

AND MY COUNTRY: As you study our country's history, you learn about the men and women who toiled to make America great. Most contributed in quiet ways. Others sacrificed their lives for our country. All of them did their part to build the nation we have today. Help keep the United States strong by obeying its laws. Learn about our system of government and your role as a citizen and future voter. Do all you can to help your family and neighbors live happy, productive lives. The land itself is an important part of our national heritage. Work for the conservation of our natural resources. Teach others respect for the land. Your efforts really will make a difference.

AND TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW: The twelve points of the Scout Law are the rules of Scouting. They are also rules you can apply to your whole life. The Scout Law sets forth ideals to live up to. By using the Scout Law as a guide, you will know you are always doing your best. Others will respect you for the way you live. Most importantly you will respect yourself.

TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES: There are many people who need you. Your young shoulders can help them carry their burdens. A cheerful smile and a helpful hand will make life easier for many that need assistance. By helping whenever aid is needed and by doing a Good Turn daily, you prove yourself a Scout. You are doing your part to make this a better world.

TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG: Take care of your body. Protect it and develop it so that it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. That means eating nutritious foods and being active to build strength and endurance. It also means avoiding drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and any other practices that can destroy your health.

MENTALLY AWAKE: Develop your mind. Strive to increase your knowledge and make the greatest use of your abilities. Be curious about the world around you. Learn all you can both in class and beyond school. With an open attitude and the willingness to ask questions, you will get the most out of your life.

AND MORALLY STRAIGHT: To be a person of strong character, guide your life with honesty, purity, and justice. Respect and defend the rights of all people. Your relationships with others should be honest and open. Be clean in your speech and actions, and faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you follow as a Scout will help you become virtuous and self-reliant.

A Scout is:

TRUSTWORTHY: A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

LOYAL: A Scout is true to his family, fellow Scouts, Scout leaders, friends, community, school, and nation.

HELPFUL: A Scout is concerned about other people. He does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

FRIENDLY: A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

COURTEOUS: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along.

KIND: A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others, as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

OBEDIENT: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

CHEERFUL: A Scout looks for the bright side of things. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

THRIFTY: A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

BRAVE: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right, even if others laugh at or threaten him.

CLEAN: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

REVERENT: A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

I will abide by the Boy Scouts Troop 78 Code of Conduct.

Date Signed

Signature of Scout

Printed name of Scout

Signature of Parent