

## **BSA TROOP #850 PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT**

### **Preamble:**

Boy Scouting works toward three aims, 1) growth in moral strength and character; 2) participating citizenship; and 3) development of physical, mental, and emotional fitness. The principles of the Boy Scouts of America are found in the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Scout Motto, and Scout Slogan. The boys are expected to live by these standards and use them to guide them in life. Troop #850 is dedicated and committed to these principles and seeks scouts and scouting families who share our same commitment.

**Boy Scout Oath:** On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
And to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
Mentally, awake, and morally straight.

**Scout Law:** A scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent.

**Scout Motto:** Be Prepared.

**Scout Slogan:** Do a Good Turn Daily.

### **PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT:**

1. I will not force my son to participate in scouting.
2. I will remember that boys participate to have fun and learn camping skills and that the scouting program is for youth, not adults.
3. I will inform the troop leaders of any physical or learning disability that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
4. I will learn the troop policies and bylaws and sign the liability release and the scout behavior contracts and reinforce them with my son.
5. I will be a positive role model for my son by trying to live by the Scout law and oath and encourage my child to do the same, by demonstrating positive support for all scouts, troop leaders, committee members and chartered organization members.
6. I will not encourage any behaviors or practices that would endanger the health and well being of the Boy Scouts.
7. I will teach my son to live by the Scout oath and law and to resolve conflicts without resorting to hostility or violence.
8. I will demand that my son treat other scouts, leaders and parents with respect regardless of race, creed, color, sex or ability.
9. I will emphasize skill development and safety and how they benefit my child over rapid rank advancement or troop leadership positions.
10. I will promote the emotional and physical well-being of the scouts ahead of my personal desire I may have for my son to hold a specific leadership position or advance in rank.

11. I will respect the troop leaders and their authority during meetings and outings and never question, discuss, or confront the leaders in front of any scout. I will take time to speak with the leaders at an agreed upon time and place.
12. Should I have an issue with the troop, I will speak directly with a troop committee member, Scoutmaster, or Assistant Scoutmaster at an appropriate time. I will not approach any member of the Chartered Organization either verbally or in writing without the explicit approval of the Unit Committee Chairman.
13. I will demand a scouting environment for my son that is free from drugs, tobacco, and alcohol, and I will refrain from their use at all scouting events.

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Scout's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT #1 (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT #2 (Please Print):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_