



BSA SAFETY MOMENT

SCOUTER CODE OF CONDUCT

SUMMARY

Did you know that the Rules and Regulations of the Boy Scouts of America support the establishment of codes of conduct? Some examples include the Scout Executive's Code and camp staff codes of conduct. One of the latest is the Scouter Code of Conduct, which was published in October 2015. This is similar to the 2013 National Scout Jamboree requirement for adults and staff of that event.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Please know that the Boy Scouts of America expects Scouters to follow the Scout Oath and Scout Law as well as other laws and regulations from local, state, and federal governments.

The Scouter Code of Conduct should be reviewed and signed by all adult leaders, unit committee members, and parents. This code of conduct

- Provides a checklist of expectations for all adults involved in Scouting.
- Emphasizes the need for all adults to follow the BSA's Youth Protection policies and guidelines.
- Highlights the need for adult leaders to be familiar with the *Guide to Safe Scouting* and the Sweet Sixteen of Scouting Safety.
- States that drivers will obey all laws and follow safe driving practices when transporting Scouts.
- Sets expectations regarding the BSA Rules and Regulations, policies, and BSA-provided training.
- Helps adults to model behaviors for all youth involved in BSA activities.
- Emphasizes a leader's responsibility to notify the appropriate person(s) if a violation occurs.

RESOURCES

- The Scouter Code of Conduct can be downloaded from this link: http://www.scouting.org/filestore/HealthSafety/pdf/Scouter_Code_of_Conduct.pdf
- See also the BSA Rules and Regulations, Section II, Policies: www.scouting.org/filestore/membership/pdf/BSA_Rules_and_Regulations.pdf