

# Troop 161 Behavioral Contract

## May 2014

Adventure, learning, challenge, and responsibility- the promise of scouting is all of this and more. To ensure that all Scouts have an opportunity to get the most out of their scouting experience and have fun, each Scout and adult is expected to behave like a Scout and abide by the Troop rules at all troop meetings and activities. If this is done, everyone will have a good time and the attached consequences for rule infractions will not be an issue.

All troop 161 members (Scouts *and* adults) are required to sign the attached Behavior Contract stating that they understand and agree to abide by the rules of Troop 161. For Scouts, this contract is to be witnessed by a parent or guardian.

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### TROOP 161 RULES

Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout oath (promise) and Scout law at all troop meetings and activities.

Show respect to your fellow Scouts, adult leaders, and other adults at all times. Don't participate in activities that could hurt someone's feeling or name calling.

Pay attention and participate during all meetings and activities. Talking during announcements is not acceptable.

Excluding your fellow scouts from activities is not allowed

Taking or damaging property that does not belong to you is not allowed.

Swearing or lying is not allowed

Carrying a knife without a Totin' chip card is not allowed

Carrying a weapon or object that could be used as a weapon is not allowed.

Hitting or fighting is not allowed

Possession, distribution and/or creation of inappropriate materials (including but not limited to smoking of any kind, cigarettes, e-cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, alcohol, drugs, pornography, explosives and the taking of inappropriate photos or videos) are not allowed.

Electronics prohibited unless being used specifically for scouting activity or communicating with parent or guardian. May be used during scout "free" time with headphones at the discretion of adult leadership approval.

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### Consequences for Troop 161 Rule Infractions

Scout spirit: This is a requirement for all ranks in scouting. If you do not demonstrate Scout spirit you will not be able to advance in rank.

#### Disrespecting other Scouts, adult leaders or other adults:

1. First offense: Asked to leave activity
2. Second offense: Suspension from troop activities up to one month
3. Can depend on how serious the offense

#### Not paying attention or participating:

1. First offense: Asked to go out in hall or leave activity.
2. Second offense: Suspension from troop activities up to one month.

#### Excluding Scouts from activities:

1. First offense: The offending Scout will be excluded from next activity.  
Second offense: Suspension from troop activities up to one month.

#### Swearing or Lying:

1. First offense: Cannot attend the next campout.
2. Second offense: Suspension from troop activities up to one month.

#### Taking or damaging other Scouts property:

1. First offense: Apologize to Scout personally and replace or repair damaged property.
2. Second offense: Asked to leave Troop.

#### Carrying a knife without a Totin chip:

1. First offense: Turn in to adult leader (Scout knife)
2. Second offense: Ask to leave activity

#### Weapons Charge:

1. Expulsion from the Troop

#### Hitting or fighting:

1. First offense: One month suspension
2. Second offense: Asked to leave Troop

#### Possession/distribution of illegal or inappropriate materials:

1. Confiscation of material(s), sent home from activity and one month suspension from the troop.  
Depending on nature and severity of offense, possible criminal investigation, and suspension or expulsion from the troop

#### Electronics Policy Violation:

1. First offense: Warning
2. Second offense: Confiscation
3. Can depend on frequency of abuse at discretion of leadership.

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Agreement to Troop 161 Behaviors and Disciplines

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Scout/adult name) have read and understand all the rules and consequences of misbehavior associated with Troop 161.

I agree to abide by all the rules of Troop 161 and understand that the stated rule infractions will immediately take effect with any stated offense.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witness (Parent or guardian): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_