



Boy Scout Troop 276

Lansing, Illinois

General Rules of Conduct

(revised 4/26/12)

The guiding principles found in the Rules of Conduct for Boy Scout Troop 276 are contained in the Scout Oath and Law. It is expected that every Scout will strive to follow these guidelines at all times.

All Scouts and adults will comply with the Boy Scouts of America rules and regulations as set forth in the "**Guide to Safe Scouting**" as well as in other publications. Most of all, all Scouts are expected to exercise good judgment and common sense.

Each Scout is expected to behave in a manner such that will advance the programs of Troop 276. Disruptive behavior will not be tolerated. Scouts are entitled to a program which is free from such behavior.

The Patrol Leaders and the Scoutmasters will enforce the general rules of conduct. At their discretion, each infraction will be handled in an appropriate manner, which may include sending the Scout home from any scouting activity, including camp-outs. The scout's parents will be responsible for picking the scout up at the activity.

Following are the expected behaviors which are in keeping with the Scout Law:

1. A Scout is expected to be truthful in all dealings with others. He is expected to keep promises and be honest and dependable.
-A Scout is Truthworthy.
2. A Scout is expected to be true to his family. Scout leaders, patrol and community. He is to carry out requests of his leaders, help his patrol and make a strong attempt to attend 70% of the Troop functions.
-A Scout is Loyal.
3. A Scout is expected to be concerned about others. He will willingly volunteer to help others without expecting payment or reward. Even when he is responsible for a mistake or problem he is always willing to correct things.
-A Scout is Helpful.

4. A Scout is expected to be a friend to all. He is a brother to other scouts. He seeks to understand others and respect those with ideas and customs that are different from his own. He doesn't punch, slap, kick, bump or otherwise harm anyone. He respects his adult leaders, his patrol leaders and all others.
-A Scout is Friendly.
5. A Scout is expected to be polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along together. He doesn't name call, use lewd gestures or make unkind remarks.
- A Scout is Kind.
6. A Scout is expected to understand there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason. He is respectful to his brother Scout and adult leaders.
- A Scout is Kind.
7. A Scout is expected to follow 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. He performs tasks requested by his troop and patrol leaders without a fuss.
- A Scout is Obedient.
8. A Scout is expected to look for a bright side of life. He doesn't pout when things don't go his way.
- A Scout is Cheerful.
9. A Scout is expected to work to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property. He is not wasteful with personal, patrol or troop finances. He takes every opportunity to purchase only the food necessary for an outing and uses all the he buys. He doesn't waste resources or materials.
- A Scout is Thrifty.
10. 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 him or threaten him.
- A Scout is Brave.
11. A Scout is expected to keep his body and mind fit and clean. He helps to keep his home, community and environment clean. He washes before every meal and after using the rest room. He doesn't use fowl language, cuss words or make lewd implications.
- A Scout is Clean.
12. A Scout is faithful to his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others. He participates in troop Sunday services, uses his voice to praise God and listens attentively to scripture.
- A Scout is Reverent.



Boy Scout Troop 276 **Lansing, Illinois** **General Camping Policy** **(revised 4/26/12)**

Troop 276 will go on a camping trip once a month if possible. The Troop will camp under its own registered leadership, always using the "**two deep**" adult leadership policy of the Boy Scouts of America.

Troop 276 will always use tents designed for three boys, however when possible only two boys will be assigned to a single tent.

Scouts will cook by patrol on all camping trips unless given instructions by a Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster. Cooking by patrol helps strengthen the patrol and teaches teamwork. All meals are to be cooked, as opposed to heated or eaten cold, with the exception of lunches when not practical.

Scouts carry their packs and equipment to the campsite when necessary instead of riding because physical fitness and self-reliance are two of our objectives.

Use of gas stoves and lanterns are restricted to adults and scouts who have individually demonstrated their ability to use them.

NO FLAMES IN TENTS! No flames of any kind are allowed in tents for reasons of safety. Book matches and, preferably, stick matches will be used for the purpose of lighting cooking and warming fires.

We will leave nothing behind anywhere. We will bury no garbage or trash. Combustible non-toxic material may be burned if local regulations permit, otherwise, carry it back home along with can, bottles and foil, or deposit in trash receptacles if available.

Our Scout Class "A" uniform will always be worn both to and from the campsite. Let everyone know we are a scout troop. Class "A" uniforms are also required for "public appearances" such as parades and Calumet Council functions.

While on camping trips Scouts are strongly discouraged from bringing personal audio equipment. If brought, the two following criteria must be understood and adhered to:

1. Scouts, and not the Troop, are responsible for any devices that are lost, stolen or broken.
2. Personal audio equipment may only be used in vehicles or tents and must be kept in vehicles or tents when not in use. However all scouts are expected to participate in scouting activities and if such devices interfere with these activities they will be confiscated by adult leaders and not returned until the end of the outing. Volume levels of any personal audio equipment must be kept at a level as not to disturb others or they will be confiscated.

Electronic devices are not allowed at camping trips. These items include Game Boys, laser pointers, TV's, etc.

Scouts are not permitted to buy, sell or trade personal belongings. Patch trading is permissible.

Scouts are thrifty and are expected to budget their money. Scouts are not allowed to lend or borrow money or personal items from other Scouts. If a Scout needs additional funds, he should see the Scoutmaster.

Parents are welcome and highly encouraged to attend Troop 276 camping trips as long as they agree to abide by the same rules as the boys, and have first consulted with the Scoutmaster. Adults are not permitted to smoke or use tobacco products or alcoholic beverages around scouts. Troop 276 invites the parents to eat with the patrols. Troop 276 will provide tents if available.

Misconduct on a Troop camping trip will not be tolerated and may result in cancellation of the rest of the trip. This applies to **ALL** that are participating on a Troop camping trip. The **Scoutmaster and/or designated Campmaster** have final say in all matters concerning Troop camping policy while on a camping trip.

Each Scout, in order to participate in a specific trip **MUST** have a completed permission slip for that activity signed by a parent or designated guardian and turned in **two meetings proceeding that activity**. Due to the timing and logistics of planning a campout, a \$5.00 late fee will be added to the cost of a campout if turned in after the two meeting deadline. It is the responsibility of each Scout who has signed up for a specific trip to notify the Scoutmaster prior to the trip if they cannot attend due to sickness or any other reason.

On camping trips, the troop furnishes three man tents. Patrol boxes containing cooking gear are also provided. Each scout will accept the responsibility for care of troop equipment and is expected to repair or replace damaged or lost troop equipment.

The Troop 276 Camping expectations are as follows:

Always use the patrol method.

Always mark your personal gear so it is easily identifiable.

Always assume that the camping trip will take place as scheduled, even in inclement weather.

Always follow the designated Scout or Scout leader directions when loading the Troop trailer. He is responsible for loading the trailer and assuring the proper troop gear is brought on the camp out.

Always wash personal gear first and save troop gear for last. Scouts wash their own personal gear. Put away your gear after every meal. Always scrub out wash tubs after each use.

Always pack meat that will bleed and any fresh food (fruit and vegetables) in a clean plastic bag.

Always have patrol duty rosters and tent assignments completed before leaving on a camping trip. One copy should be given to the Scoutmaster. The Patrol Leader should post his copy near the patrol box.

Always have patrol menus approved by the Senior Patrol Leader and designated Scoutmaster assigned to your patrol. Menus should be posted near the patrol box.

Food should not be more than \$7 per scout on each campout. Do not overspend.

Always check the contents of the troop pantry before shopping.

Always buy mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise and other condiments in plastic containers.

Always make sure that patrol has scouring pads, paper towels, aluminum foil, salt and pepper in their patrol box.

Only the Quartermaster, Senior Patrol Leader or Assistant Patrol Leader are allowed in the Troop Trailer. Others need approval of the Senior Patrol Leader or Scoutmaster.

Always leave the camping area with a buddy and stay together at all times.

Never bring the following:

Sheath knife (not allowed by Boy Scout regulations and not needed)

Fuel (or any flammable liquid)

Sling shots, bows, arrows, firearms (including BB or pellet guns), fireworks or ammunition

Alcohol, tobacco or non-prescribed drugs

Never do the following:

Never use an ax, saw or knife without your Totin' Chip in your pocket.

Never use matches without your Fireman Chip in your pocket.

Never have any flame-producing items (matches, etc.) in your tent.

Never have any food (including candy, empty wrappers, etc.) in your tent.

Never fold up a tent until an appropriate Scout or adult leader has inspected it.

Never ask the Scoutmaster first, ask your Patrol Leader or Senior Patrol Leader.



I have read and fully understand the Troop 276 General Rules of Conduct and Troop 276 Camping {policy and have reviewed them with my parents.

I agree to conduct myself in accordance to these rules and polices and understand that failure to do so may result in the appropriate disciplinary action, including suspension from the Troop if misconduct is habitual.

It is furhter understood that failure to follow these policies may result in not earning the “Scout Spirit” requirement for advancements.

Scout’s signature

Date

Parent’s signature

Date