

Troop 156 Behavior and Discipline Policy

This outlines in general terms the Troop 156 Behavior and Discipline Policy. The purpose of this policy is to insure that Troop 156 continues to provide a safe and meaningful program for all of our Boy Scouts.

Every rank advancement in Boy Scouts requires a Scout to “Demonstrate Scout spirit by living the Scout Oath (Promise) and the Scout Law in (his) everyday life.”

To insure that all members of Troop 156 have the best possible experience in Boy Scouts, it's very important that these promises become more than just words. Our Scouts are expected to behave according to the values they express at the beginning of every meeting. This includes the following important behaviors:

- A Scout respects the property of others, including the property of the church where we meet and the personal property of fellow Scouts.
- All Scouts are expected to avoid the use of profanity.
- Boy Scouts are not bullies... physically, verbally or on-line. This includes provoking confrontation or participating in any form of un-wanted physical contact (pushing, hitting, slapping, clinging, wrestling) or using demeaning insults like calling someone “stupid,” “an idiot,” “a cheater,” “ignorant or any other insulting term.
- “A Scout is obedient.” This means he follows directions. Those who refuse to listen or pay attention, or refuse to participate with the group when requested can place themselves and others at risk.
- Finally, “a Scout is kind”... meaning he does not threaten to do physical harm to someone (punch, stab, “mess up,” kill, etc.) for *any* reason... or threaten to harm himself to gain attention. This includes harassing others by intimidation or excessive teasing.

Parents of Troop 156 Boy Scouts are expected to support the importance of these behaviors, even when a boy is not attending a Troop function.

As stated in the Boy Scout Handbook, and at the discretion of the Scoutmaster, the consequences for violation of these principles may include delay of rank advancement, suspension of the right to attend campouts or other activities, and/or candidacy for Order of The Arrow.