

# Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding

Statement of Understanding: The Great Smokey Mountain Council (Tennessee) Camps are operated for the training and enjoyment of youth and adult leaders. Therefore, all youth participants and the parents or guardians are asked to sign the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding. Understand that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Great Smokey Mountain Council Camps. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from camp.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the code of conduct as follows:

1. The troop adult camp leadership (Scoutmaster and Assistants) is responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the camp code of conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be the guide throughout the week of camp.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. I will proudly wear the official Scout uniform to appropriate activities.
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other troop members and leadership.
5. In consideration of other Troop participants, I agree to follow bedtime and sleep schedule of the Troop, unless otherwise directed by the camp program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear clean and neat. I will adhere to all Camp recycle policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the camp.
7. It is clearly understood that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by a Scout or Leader is prohibited. Smoking, possession or the use of tobacco at camp is prohibited.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting and cursing will result in expulsion from camp or serious disciplinary actions and loss of privileges.
9. I agree that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. Possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for Troop, Camp property and/or the property of others and be personally responsible for cleanliness and any loss, breakage or vandalism or property. I will not enter another Troop's site without permission.
12. Neither the Troop Leader, nor the Great Smokey Mountain Council, BSA will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all of my personal items and check items of value at the direction of Troop Leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion from the camp program.
13. While participating in the Camp Program center's aquatics and other activities, all Scouts and leaders will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. Adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
15. Adult Leaders should receive Youth Protection Training and follow the guidelines therein.
16. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor does running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar punishment. Leaders and older Scouts must prevent all Scouts from being "initiated" by the Troop with a hazing activity.
17. Adult Leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with youth members in Scouting.

I certify I have read the Statement of Understanding and agree to abide by the conditions in the Code of Conduct as a participant at a Great Smokey Mountain Council Camp.

Signature of Participant: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

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