



Traditional Boy Scouting in Willistown, Pennsylvania Since 1930

**WILLISTOWN TROOP 78
KANDERSTEG INTERNATIONAL SCOUT CENTRE (KISC) 2016
TRIP CODE OF CONDUCT**

Scouts and Scouters:

As participants in the Willistown Troop 78 Kandersteg International Scout Centre (KISC) 2016 Trip (the “Trip”), we are all required to adhere to this Code of Conduct. Remember that we represent this Troop, the Boy Scouts of America, and the United States of America. We are ambassadors of goodwill. Our behavior reflects on each of us, our families, this Troop, all of Scouting, and our country.

This Code of Conduct is being provided as a reminder that we are obligated at all times to behave responsibly, rationally and in compliance with the rules and guidelines of this Code. This Code is not intended to be an exhaustive list of behavior that is acceptable or unacceptable – instead, it sets out behavior that is *required* at all times, and points out behavior that is *prohibited* at all times.

This Code is and will be in force at all times and for all aspects of the Trip – in our preparation; in our travel to and from points of departure; and throughout our stay in Europe. The Trip Leader and his designees have the right to enforce violations of the Code, but you, as a participant, are obligated to enforce the Code as well – both with regard to yourself and your fellow Scouts and Scouters. Violations should be reported to the Trip Leader as soon as possible, and in all cases, without delay. Any questions regarding this Code should be addressed with the Trip Leader.

The Scout Law; Adherence to Applicable Law

We will follow the Scout Law at all times. The requirements of the Scout Law will be in place in addition to, and not in place of, all other applicable laws and regulations of the country or authority having jurisdiction over the Troop and the participants at any time during the Trip. We will adhere to all such applicable laws and regulations during the Trip, keeping in mind that behaviors and actions that may be lawful in one jurisdiction may be prohibited in another jurisdiction.

Common Courtesy and Respect For Others

We will be guests in the countries we visit, and throughout the Trip, we will meet people from all over the globe. Some will speak English, and others will not. We are going on the Trip in part to observe the cultures of others – their mannerisms, their way of doing things – and we will be respectful of the differences between us, and work to find our similarities. We will be polite. We will address people in positions of authority by their appropriate titles. We will shake hands, and we will look people in the eye when we

address them. In short, we will be courteous and respectful to everyone we meet. We will also respect one another – including each other’s property. We will keep our hands to ourselves. Fighting – both verbal and physical – will not be tolerated. Those instigating altercations will be held accountable and responsible for their actions.

We will be “eco-friendly” and properly dispose of our trash and our recyclables. We will adhere to the “Leave No Trace” principles when we are enjoying nature – leaving only footprints and taking only photographs.

Prohibited Substances

We will at all times refrain from the use of alcohol and all substances that are illegal in the US. Whether we are of legal drinking age in the US or in any country that we visit is irrelevant. To be clear, no person – including no adult, regardless of age - will consume any alcohol whatsoever, whether on the flights to and from Trip destinations, or while in-country during the Trip. No Scouts will use any tobacco products at all. The use of tobacco products by adults (those over 18) must be in strict accordance with BSA guidelines.

Adherence to Rules and Guidelines Established by The Trip Leader

The Trip Leader is in charge of the Troop, and at all times we will adhere to rules and guidelines established by the Trip Leader. The Trip Leader has the authority to ban any person – adult or child – from further participation in the Trip because of behavior that, in the sole discretion of the Trip Leader, is inappropriate, dangerous, or otherwise reflects negatively on the Troop or on the Scouting movement itself. The Trip Leader has the right to require that a parent or guardian come to any location – whether in the US or in Europe – to escort a Scout home if the Trip Leader bars the Scout from further participation in the Trip. The costs for housing and transporting the banned individual home, and in bringing the escorting parent or guardian to or from the location from which the Scout is to be escorted, will be borne solely by the banned participant or, if the banned participant is a Scout, the Scout’s parent or guardian.

I, _____, acknowledge that I understand and agree to uphold and adhere to the Willistown Troop 78 KISC Trip Code of Conduct at all times while on said trip.

Signature _____ Date _____