

◆ CODE OF CONDUCT

A code of conduct is a list of behavioral expectations and consequences if the code is broken. Scouts, with the den leader's guidance, usually create it themselves.

- Three or four points will be sufficient, and they should be positive; the words no or don't have no place in a code of conduct. Include a final rule such as "Have fun!"
- Also consider including the 3 R's: Respect for others, Responsibility for yourself and your things, and Reasonable behavior.
- Scouts should sign the code of conduct, and it should be displayed at every den meeting.
- Using the 12 points of the Scout Law can serve as a strong foundation for a code of conduct, and also reinforce the values of Scouting.

IDEAS you might use for a Den "Code of Conduct" (How we'll treat each other in our Den)

*Don't hand these Ideas out – but use them as a discussion guide to help the scouts come up with their rules. Rules work better if the **Scouts** agree and believe **they** had the idea!*

Respect others in the Den — fellow Scouts, Leaders, Parents and Guests.

- Help others, be helpful, friendly, courteous and kind!

Stay in Control of Yourself:

- Use good, appropriate, and positive manners.
- Listen when someone else is speaking. Do not interrupt.
- Raise your hand when you want to say something. Wait to be recognized before you speak.
- Respect the space of others. That includes no touching or bothering!

The Cub Scout sign means: *Everyone be quiet now.*

- When you see the sign go up, just be quiet and put the Cub Scout sign up.

Stay in the meeting space, unless you have permission from the Den leader to go elsewhere.

- Walk –don't run – in the building (unless we are doing an activity letting you run).

Keep the Meeting Space Clean!

- Keep the room clean during the meeting and after the meeting.
- Everyone helps leave the meeting room better than we found it.

Everyone Has Fun! Parents and Family Too!

The Code of Conduct may be written on a poster to display where you meet.

But: do not post your consequences, because posting the penalties puts a focus on bad behavior (you might announce consequences as First Time: Verbal Warning; Second Time: 5 Minutes "Time Out" from Meeting Activity; Third Time: Parents Notified and may need to leave the meeting too).