NATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP TRAINING

CODE OF CONDUCT

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Youth and Leaders) are selected based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents, or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation. It is with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the course. 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 the course.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The course adult leaders (Course Director and assistants) are responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath, Scout Law, Venture Oath, and Sea Scout Oath will be my guide throughout the course.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The official Scout uniform is the only acceptable apparel.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other course members and leaders.
5. In consideration of other course participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the course, unless otherwise directed by the course program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all course recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the course grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth member is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all participants – both youth and course leaders.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth, including use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing, may result in expulsion from the course or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The course director *must be contacted* for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. *There are no exceptions.*
9. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for unit and course property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as result on my actions.

12. Neither the course leaders nor Greater Yosemite Council, BSA, will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items, and check items of value at the direction of course leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in the course, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. In accordance with U.S., local, and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession.
15. The Course Director and Assistant Course Directors will be guided by the Scout Oath, Scout Law, Venture Oath, and Sea Scout Oath and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws.
16. Course Directors and assistants must receive Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein prior to any course training.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Nor do running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the course with hazing.
18. Adult leaders should have good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with children or youth members in Scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. The Course group must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violation of this code may result in expulsion from the course at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

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Participant's name

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Participant's Signature

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Parent's Approval & Signature (If participant is under 18)

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Date