

# Troop 295

## Cypress, California

### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Our Code of Conduct helps provide a fun and safe Scouting environment for the benefit of all Scouts and adult leaders. The following rules apply at all Scout meetings, outings, camps and other functions. Accordingly, each Scout is expected to:

1. Know and abide by the Scout Motto, Law and Oath.
2. Comply with the guidelines set forth in the Boy Scouts of America's Youth Protection policy.
3. Attend all Troop meetings and be active in attending and supporting Troop functions. Boys with a poor attendance record may not be permitted to participate in camp-outs or outings at the discretion of the Scoutmaster (or his designee). Additionally, pursuant to BSA requirements for active membership, an inactive boy will not be allowed to advance in rank.
  - A. Scouts are expected to arrive on time.
  - B. If a Scout has conflicting schedules or some other valid reason, an exception should be negotiated with the Senior Patrol Leader (SPL), Patrol Leader (PL) or Scoutmaster (or his designee) as soon as possible.
4. Wear the appropriate Scout uniform for all official Troop meetings, outings, camps and other scouting functions. There are some exceptions, but only as directed by the Scoutmaster (or his designee).
5. Participate in scouting activities with appropriate Scout spirit, and show respect for those in charge.
6. The SPL is responsible for the Troop and is to follow the direction of the Scoutmaster (or his designee); the PL is responsible for the members of his Patrol and is to take direction from the SPL; Assistant Patrol Leaders take direction from their PLs and, like all other boys in the troop, the SPL. Exceptions to this may occur

when, in the opinion of the Scout taking direction, Youth Protection or the Scout Motto, Law and/or Oath may be compromised.

7. Strive to contribute to Scouting activities, to put the Troop and Patrol interests before their own, relative to the Scouting activities, and honor all commitments made to the Troop or individual Scouts.
8. Keep current in paying dues and fees.
9. Not use cell phones or other electronic devices (use being defined as even having such items turned on) during Troop meetings or on hikes, camps or other outings.
  - A. Cell phones brought on outings may not be in use during moments of instruction by any Scout or adult leader.
  - B. During troop meetings, parents or other individuals are to contact any adult leader if phone contact is necessary.
  - C. Violation of the policy on use of cell phones and electronic devices will be ground for an outright prohibition against the offending Scout even possessing such items at or on further meetings, outings, camps and other functions, in the discretion of the Scoutmaster (or his designee).
10. Demonstrate progress through rank advancement and/or personal achievement and growth. Scouts are expected to follow the protocol for rank advancement as set forth in the Boy Scout Handbook, and guidelines of the Troop's Advancement Chairman.
11. Preserve and maintain Troop equipment, and respect the rights and belongings of others.
12. Conduct one's self well at all times. Disruptive behavior, abusive language, profanity and fighting are not part of Scouting, and will not be tolerated. Refer to the Discipline Policy to determine how violations will be handled.

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

Signatures:

Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Scout \_\_\_\_\_