**VISION: Troop and patrol meetings and activities will be positive, useful, and fun for all participants. Individual behavior will reflect the Scout Law, especially being helpful, friendly, courteous, and kind.**

**OBJECTIVES:**

* **Help the Leadership Corps, Patrol Leaders, and other scout leaders learn effective skills in leading meetings and activities in such a way as to maintain focus on meeting objectives. Show them how to "Be Prepared" and to "take charge."**
* **Help each Scout understand how their good behavior contributes to the success of the meeting or activity.**
* **Help the scout leaders develop skills for dealing with disruptive behavior.**

**PROCESS:**

1. Adults, Leadership Corps, Patrol Leaders, and Assistant Patrol Leaders will think ahead and get ready for meetings – "Be Prepared."
2. Sr. Patrol Leader (SPL) and other Leadership Corps (LC) members will be positive role models for demonstrating "Being Prepared" and “Take Charge” skills during Troop Meetings, Patrol Leader Councils (PLC), and Patrol Meetings.
3. Patrol Leaders and their assistants will use their "Patrol Meeting Guidelines" to help them focus on meeting objectives. Patrol Advisors (LC and Adults) will make sure this tool is used.
4. Patrol Leaders will exercise their authority during Patrol Meetings to conduct business and quickly stop any disruptive or disrespectful behavior. They will be reinforced by the LC and Adults. Recommended steps:
* The PL and APL should focus the group on the objectives of the meeting or activity. Explain why everyone needs to contribute in a positive manner if the group is going to be able to make good decisions, develop paths forward, and get good results.
* Remind everyone of the qualities outlined in the Scout Law and their oath to uphold them.
* Invite disruptive scouts to help lead the meeting or assign them to other tasks.
* If disruptive behavior continues, a Leadership Corps Advisor or Adult Advisor may ask a scout to leave the meeting or activity. The Scoutmaster needs to be informed if a scout was asked to leave.
* If poor behavior continues or happens on a regular basis, a “counseling” session will be held with the scout, his PL, SPL, Adult Advisor, and Scoutmaster.
* Appropriate actions will be decided by this group after the counseling session. They may include contacting the parents or having a formal disciplinary hearing.
* PL or APL who detracts from good behavior will also be subject to counseling.
1. All Troop and Patrol Leaders and other scouts must follow the BSA rules on not using physical discipline such as hitting, grabbing, or shaking a scout. Also, verbal abuse is not to be used, and we all need to remember the advice to "praise in public, criticize in private." Adult leaders need to observe BSA's Youth Protection Program, including two-deep leadership requirements.
2. Scouts and Adult Leaders are fully expected to use courteous, polite, and socially acceptable language at all times. "A Scout is Clean."
3. Consequences of continuing behavior that does not meet these guidelines may include special work assignments, disciplinary probation, and dismissal from Troop 48.

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Scout’s and Parent/Guardian’s Statement:

I have read and understand the above guidelines. I know the importance of appropriate behavior by Scouts and will follow and support the above policy.

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