

TROOP 48, BSA POLICY ON ADDICTIVE AND ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES (Rev Dec-2023)

1. The Scout Law and Scout Oath include the general principles that a Scout is "clean" and that he will keep himself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight. Use or possession of any addictive or illegal substance is in opposition to these principles. **In the State of Tennessee, the purchase, use or possession of alcoholic beverages by a person under the age of 21 years is illegal. In Tennessee it is illegal to possess, use, sell, or distribute illicit drugs. It is also illegal to sell, give or otherwise provide alcohol or illicit drugs to anyone under 21. The State of Tennessee prohibits the sale or distribution of tobacco, vapor products, and hemp products to, or purchase of these products on behalf of, persons under twenty-one (21) years of age.**
2. To protect Scouts from the harmful effects of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, vapor products, and any other addictive and illegal substance, and to send a message to all concerned that Troop 48 does not tolerate the use or misuse of these substances, the following guidelines will be used for administering disciplinary action:
 - A. On the first, single offense, the scout will be required to:**
 - (1) Visit the Frontier Health, Holston Counselling Center to obtain information that he will use to write a report on the adverse effects of the misuse of harmful substances. The report will be not less than 1500 words long, and will be used as the basis for a talk to Troop 48 at a meeting, and
 - (2) Be placed on probation for a period of two to six months, during which time he may not earn any leadership or time requirements toward the next rank advancement and may not pass any board of review. Service/leadership time in grade previously earned will be lost, and
 - (3) Do 5 to 20 hours of work for a church or other community agency.
 - (4) Receive a strong warning that the second offense may result in dismissal from Troop 48.
 - B. On the second offense, the scout will be subject to a disciplinary review with the Scoutmaster and Charter Organization Rep. with serious consideration being given for detention or dismissal from Troop 48, and other rehabilitative recommendations.**
3. To facilitate the application of this policy, **and BSA Youth Protection Policy**, the following rules will be observed:
 - A. No prescription drugs are to be taken with Scouts to meetings or on trips unless**
 - (1) The Scout's parent is present to administer the drugs, or
 - (2) The Scout's parent arranges with a doctor who is present to administer the drugs, or
 - (3) The drug is listed on the scout's medical form and presented to the scoutmaster or assistant scoutmaster to keep in a secure medicine cabinet while at camp.
 - B. Scouts will be expected to stay in designated areas at all times**
 - (1) During Troop meetings and on camping trips and other activities.
 - (2) To leave a Troop meeting at any time other than the close of the meeting, the Scout must have permission from an adult leader.
 - (3) To leave a campsite for any reason, the Scout must have an adult leader's permission.
 - (4) Always, the buddy system will be employed with youth of the same gender and no more than 24 months apart in age.
 - (5) At least two adult leaders over 21 years old will be present on all outings, camping trips, Troop meetings, and Patrol meetings.
 - (6) One adult leader must be female if female scouts are present.
 - (7) No more than two Scouts within 24 months in age and the same gender will sleep in the same tent.
 - C. No guests will be allowed on Troop 48 Day trips unless they are**
 - (1) Parents or guardians of the Scouts, or
 - (2) are registered adult Scouters from other Scout units, or
 - (3) are family members of a registered Troop 48 leader who will accompany them, and
 - (4) their presence is approved by the Scoutmaster or other adult leader in charge of the trip in the absence of the Scoutmaster.
 - D. For Overnight Troop 48 trips, only Registered adult Scouters with current training can attend**

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Scout's and Parent/Guardian's Statement:

I have read and understand the above policy. I know the importance of not using addictive and illegal substances and will follow and support the above policy.

Scout's Name _____

Parent / Guardian's Name _____

Scout's Signature / Date

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