

TROOP 609 DISCIPLINE POLICY>>>December 1st 2015

To be amended as necessary

Actions that are “not becoming of a scout” are to be considered a violation of troop 609’s discipline policy.

Simply we will abide by the scout oath & law

Those that are “Leadership”, defined in 609 is anyone who is the rank of 1st class, Star, Life or Eagle, will be held to a higher standard.

For those who have been elected (by their peers), to the Order of the Arrow (OA) - the honored campers club of scouting - you have an added level of responsibilities as a scout.

They are an ambassador of their family, troop 609 and scouting in general. It is expected that they should make themselves proud, with the result that we will then be proud of them also.

The other scouts who are the rank of Scout, Tenderfoot, and 2nd class are still to be held accountable for their actions, and there will be extended “learning opportunities” for some transgressions.

There will be a Major Strike and a Minor Strike system

These items will have immediate Major Strike consequences

(a) Physical or verbal hazing or harassment of another person, including remarks on race, color, creed, mental or physical disability, gender or sexual orientation.

(b) Use or possession of any dangerous object or controlled substance, such as weapons, drugs, alcohol, or tobacco.

(c) A scout who intentionally withholds knowledge of a policy infraction.
(this may stop group bullying or ganging up scenario)

(d) Any type of property damage to nature or man-made areas

(e) Leaving designated areas or exploring physical hazards without Adult Leader’s permission and supervision
(e.g. lakes, creeks, cliffs, caves, boats, abandoned structures, vehicles & machinery)

If a 1st Major Strike is earned:

The parent or guardian will be required to attend the next Scout activity with their Scout, in order for the Scout to participate AND

At the Scoutmaster’s discretion, any Scout receiving discipline for a Major 1st Strike” may be given a probationary period, typically ranging in length of up to six months, depending upon the severity of the offense. While on probation, a scout will not accrue leadership time or be eligible for advancement.

On the 2nd major strike, you will be asked to leave Troop 609

Below can be in the “learning opportunity” category & will be considered a minor strike.

(a) Certain “accidents” of profanity>>>> though there are particular words of profanity that will be NOT be accepted as “accidents” and will be considered a major strike immediately

(b) Not correcting your behavior after being asked

(c) Non-participation of an activity or job while at a scout function

(d) Failure to follow any Adult Leader's direction

(e) Unsafe actions, as determined by the Scoutmaster or other Adult Leader

(f) Directly “lying” to any adult leader or parent

An accumulation of any 3 of the above violations will result in being given a “Minor Strike” and will incur the actions listed below:

The parent or guardian will be required to attend the next Scout activity with their Scout, in order for the Scout to participate.

At the Scoutmaster’s discretion, any Scout receiving discipline for a “first minor strike” may be given a probationary period, typically ranging in length up to three months depending upon the severity of the offense.

Two Minor Strikes will equal a “Major Strike” and will incur the actions listed under Major Strike.