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Youth Member Behavior Guidelines

The Boy Scouts of America is a values based youth development organization that helps young people learn positive attributes of character, citizenship, and personal fitness. The BSA has the expectation that all participants in the Scouting program will relate to each other in accordance with the principles embodied in the Scout Oath and Law.

One of the developmental tasks of childhood is to learn appropriate behavior. Children are not born with an innate sense of propriety and they need guidance and direction. The example set by strong adult role models is a powerful tool for shaping behavior and a tool that is stressed in Scouting.

Member Responsibilities

All youth and adult members of the Boy Scouts of America are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the principles set forth in the Oath and Law. Physical violence, bullying, verbal abuse and drugs or alcohol have no place in the Scouting program.

If confronted by threats of violence or other forms of bullying from other members, they should seek help from their unit leaders, committee chairman or from their parents.

Unit Responsibilities

Adult leaders of Scouting units are responsible for monitoring the behavior of the youth members and intervening when necessary. Parents of youth members who misbehave should be informed of the problem and asked for assistance in dealing with it.

The BSA does not permit the use of corporal punishment by unit leaders when disciplining youth members.

The unit committee should review repetitive or serious incidents of misbehavior in consultation with the parents of the child to determine a course of corrective action including possible revocation of the youth's membership in the unit. When problem behavior persists, units may revoke the Scout's membership in that unit with the Chartering Organization's approval.

The unit should inform the Scout Executive in cases in which allegations of sexual victimization by another Scout or physical injury occurred.

