

2010 BSA National Jamboree, July 26th to August 4, 2010



Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct, BSA National

Statement of Understanding: All youth and adult participants are selected to represent their local council based on their qualifications in character, camping skill, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to sign the Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct as a condition of participation, with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of the established rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participants expense, from the jamboree or during the jamboree tour. Ultimately we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the jamboree.

All youth and adult participants are expected to abide by the Code of Conduct as follows:

1. The unit's adult leadership (Scoutmaster and assistants) is responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline and security, and the participant Code of Conduct.
2. The Scout Oath and Law will be my guide throughout the jamboree.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. (The Official Scout uniform and jamboree identifying items are the only acceptable apparel at appropriate, specified times.
4. I will attend all scheduled programs, and will participate as required in cooperation with other unit members and leadership.
5. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and other schedules of the unit, or as otherwise directed by the jamboree program.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all jamboree recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the jamboree grounds.
7. I understand that the purchase, possession, and consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any youth and adult members is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all who attend the jamboree.
8. Serious and/or repetitive violations by youth and adults including use of tobacco, alcohol, and drugs, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting, and cursing may result in expulsion from the jamboree or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. The jamboree director **must be contacted** for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. **There are no exceptions.**
9. I understand that gambling in any form is prohibited.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type, and possession and detonation of fireworks are prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for the U.S. Army, unit, and jamboree property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
12. Neither the unit leader, nor the Jamboree Division, BSA, will be responsible for the loss, breakage, or theft of my personal items. I will label all of personal items and check items of value at the direction of unit leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in the action center, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
14. Adult leaders and youth participants are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in accordance with federal, state, and local laws.
15. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters will be guided by the Scout Oath and Law and will obey all federal, state, and local laws.
16. Scoutmasters and assistant Scoutmasters must receive Youth Protection training prior to pre-jamboree training and must follow the guidelines therein.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting; nor does running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth must prevent all youth from being "initiated" into the troop with a hazing activity.
18. Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth members in Scouting. Youth members may trade with other youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
19. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrations, hecklers, and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately.
20. Serious violation of this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the jamboree at the participant's own expense. All decisions will be final.

Military police and public safety officers have the authority and powers of a U.S. Marshal; their orders and instructions are to be obeyed. Your complaints and concerns should be taken to your troop leadership, and they should take them to the sub-camp staff, as soon as possible after the incident.

I certify I have read the **Statement of Understanding** and agree to abide by the conditions in the **Code of Conduct** as a participant in the contingent troop attending the 2010 National Scout Jamboree.

Signature of participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the parent or guardian: _____ Date: _____
(if participant is younger than 21)

Signature of the Home Troop Scoutmaster: _____ Date: _____

Signature of the Jamboree Troop Scoutmaster: _____ Date: _____

