

Troop 21 Behavior Contract

(Adopted 28 May 1996)

Background

The following contract was designed by the Troop 21 Patrol Leaders Council at the Troop 21 Junior Leaders Training session held 11 May 1996. It is intended as a set of guidelines to help the Troop maintain behavior standards which uphold the Scout Oath and Law. All Scouts in Troop 21 and their parents are asked to read and sign this document, and the return it to the Scoutmaster or Troop Committee Chairperson for inclusion in the Troop records. This document will be reviewed annually and updated as necessary.

Section I

As a member of Troop 21, it is important that we respect the property of the First United Methodist Church of Bend, which has acted as our Chartering Organization and sponsor for approximately 50 years. We have no business roaming freely about the Church. Scouts must remain only in those areas authorized for Troop use. Unless otherwise instructed, Scouts should confine themselves to the uncarpeted area of the basement meeting area. Going to and from the restroom facility and drinking fountain will be allowed when done responsibly. Going to and from the equipment storage area will be allowed when in done in accordance with a Troop activity requiring such preparation. Please do not loiter outside the meeting area.

When the Troop, or Patrol(s) have authorized business in another area of the Church (such as the Sanctuary, gymnasium, meeting rooms, or storage area), movement between that area and the meeting area will be done quietly and in an orderly fashion.

Section II

Malicious damage to Church or Scout property will not be tolerated, nor will physical or verbal abuse toward others. Such behavior will result in the Scout being called before the Patrol Leader's Council for immediate sanctions. The Scout's parent(s) will be called immediately to pick their son up from the meeting. Permanent suspension from Troop 21 may result in the event of serious or recurring infractions.

Section III

Common courtesy dictates the following meeting behavior guidelines:

1. Absolutely no sitting on the tables.
2. No unauthorized playing of the piano.
3. Protect the floors. Do not drag tables, chairs, or other objects which may damage the floor. Pick these objects up and carry them when they need to be moved. If you accidentally spill something, clean it up immediately.
4. Please remove **all** headgear when in the Church.
5. If you accidentally damage something, you must report it to an adult in charge immediately. All Scouts are expected to be financially responsible for their actions whether such actions are accidental or intentional. Accidents do happen, but we must be accountable for our actions.
6. **All behavior and conduct will, at all times, be in accordance with the ideals expressed in the Scout Oath and the Scout Law.**

Section IV

In the event of an infraction of the conduct guidelines established above, the following will occur:

1. The Scout who has violated the rules will immediately be called before the Patrol Leaders Council of the Troop. He will be asked to state the facts of the case and to suggest an appropriate action for the Troop to take.
2. The PLC will then deliberate and make recommendations to the Scoutmaster and/or the Troop Committee Chairman (or, in their absence, the trained adult leader in charge).
3. The adult leader in charge will call the Scout's parent(s) and arrange for the Scout to be immediately picked up from the meeting.
4. The adult leader will discuss the sanction in private with the Scout in the presence of his parent(s) prior to the Scout's departure from the meeting.
5. Sanctions may include, but are not limited to : a written and/or verbal apology to the Troop or the harmed party, a suspension from a stated number of meetings and/or outings, or a permanent suspension from Troop 21.

Acknowledgement

We have read and understand the preceding information and agree to the terms of this contract.

Name of Scout (please print) : _____

Scout Signature : _____

Date of Signature : _____

Parent(s) (please print) : _____

Parent Signature : _____

Date of Signature : _____