



PACK 897 CODE OF CONDUCT

Please review the Code of Conduct with your scout.

Pack 897 operates under a Code of Conduct designed to provide Scouts, Parents, and Adult Leaders a framework of behavioral expectations for participation in the Pack. Our Code of Conduct provides a common language and understanding for these expectations thereby enabling all families to enjoy an atmosphere conducive to fun, safety, and the core values of Scouting. All Cub Scouts, Parents, and Adult Leaders in Pack 897 are asked to read and acknowledge our Code of Conduct.

1. Expectations Pack 897 has for Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs...

- Always be on time. Notify your Den Leader if you will be unable to attend a Den or Pack activity.
- Wear a proper uniform with PRIDE - clean, neat, and complete - to all Scouting events.
- Listen and pay attention. In response to the "wolf ears" signal, silently return the sign; always follow Akela.
- Respect one another and your leader; keep hands and feet to yourselves; don't take anything from anyone else without first asking permission.
- Show respect for your surroundings, indoors and out – remember “Leave No Trace”

2. Expectations Pack 897 has for Parents...

- Please help your son in learning the Pack 897 Code of Conduct. Act as role models by demonstrating proper behaviors, language, etc.
- Work with the Adult Leaders to ensure all boys follow the Code of Conduct. Parents may be asked to remove disruptive children from these events. Parents should remember that they are also responsible for the conduct of their non-scout children during scouting activities.
- During scouting events, please make an effort to participate in the program, and in response to the "wolf ears" signal, silently return the sign.
- Cub Scouting is a program based on parent (or guardian) and son participation. It is the policy of Pack 897 that a parent (or guardian) accompanies the Scout on all Pack activities, including Pack Meetings. Parents will also be asked to participate in Den level activities from time to time. Parents will be asked to contribute equally towards the costs incurred by their den.
- The use of alcohol, tobacco products, or illegal drugs is forbidden at BSA functions.

3. Expectations Pack 897 has for its Adult Leaders

- Treat all Cub Scouts and Tiger Cubs as individuals, respecting their unique needs and capabilities.
- Act as a role model, demonstrating proper behaviors, language, etc. Wear your uniform at all scouting events.
- Assume responsibility for the safety, well-being, and behavior of your charges at all times.
- As both a Leader and Parent, please remember to be impartial with respect to the participation and behavior of all the boys in your charge, showing no favoritism to your own child.

- Follow BSA rules regarding discipline and other matters.

4. What Your Cub Scout Should Understand About Respect...

Respect is a key Scouting value and Pack 897 has the following expectations of its participants:

- Members of Pack 897 are expected to respect each other. Any behavior that injures, demeans, or offends other members of the Pack is not acceptable and will not be tolerated.
- All Adult Leaders should be given proper respect, and scouts are expected to obey the directions of their Adult Leaders.

Disrespect and/or willful disobedience may result in parental notification and possible dismissal from a given Scouting function. While we want all boys to participate in all activities, we also want our Cub Scouts to understand there are consequences for bad behavior.

5. What Your Cub Scout Should Understand About Self-Discipline...

We recognize that for boys to grow to be responsible men, they need to be held accountable for their actions. Therefore, any Scout who intentionally participates in activity that has the potential to harm himself or other participants, or behaves in a manner that reflects negatively upon Pack 897 or the Boy Scouts of America, will be subject to discipline as is outlined in the BSA Discipline Policy Procedure. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Not following the Cubmaster's or Leader's directions; leaving designated areas without the Cubmaster's or Leader's permission; committing significantly unsafe actions which may endanger himself or others; exploring physical hazards (lakes, creeks, etc.) without permission and supervision.
- Use of cursing or foul language; excessively rowdy, unruly, loud, disrespectful, disobedient, or disruptive behavior; physical or verbal hazing or harassment of others.
- Use of any controlled or illegal substance during any Scouting function.

Discipline at Den meetings is to be handled at the discretion of the Den Leader(s) in accordance with the following guidelines:

- Failure to obey a rule will result in a warning, followed by time out or removal from the activity. In cases of harmful or repetitive misbehavior, the parent may be asked to remove their Scout.
- Den Leaders have the right to exclude a Scout from their Den for reasons of misconduct. Such instances are subject to review by the Pack Committee and the National Capital Area Council. Pack 897 reserves the right to exclude a Scout from the Pack for reasons of repeated misconduct.
- Den Meetings are intended for Scouts, their Parents, and Adult Leaders, and attendance by siblings is an exception left to the discretion of the Den Leaders. While at scouting events however, siblings are expected to behave to the same standards as our scouts.

Our intent is for each boy to learn to be responsible for their own behavior, and only when necessary will a procedure be invoked to send a Scout home from their Den or Pack meeting or activity.

By signing, you acknowledge that adherence to this Code of Conduct is a condition for participation.