

## **TROOP 246 CODE OF CONDUCT AND STATEMENT OF UNDERSTANDING**

**Statement of Understanding**: All youth participants and the parents or guardians are asked to sign the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition for participation in Troop 246 activities. This document is signed with the understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in the expulsion from Troop 246 meetings, and/or activities, and/or the Troop itself. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to expel a participant.

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

1. The Troop adult leadership (Scoutmaster and Assistants) is responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the Troop 246 Code of Conduct.
2. I will use the Scout Oath and Law as my guide throughout all Troop 246 activities (both youth and adult).
3. I will show pride in my troop and set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable in the appropriate Class A or B uniform.
4. I will attend scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other troop members and leadership.
5. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth or adult leaders including the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco, cheating, dishonesty, swearing/cursing, fighting, and disruptiveness may result in serious disciplinary actions, and/or loss privileges, and/or expulsion from the troop.
6. The purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any Scout participant, youth or adult, while participating in scout activities, is prohibited.
7. Gambling is prohibited.
8. Possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
9. Adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons while engaged in Troop 246 activities.
10. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
11. I will show respect for Troop and Charter organization property and be responsible for cleanliness and any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property.
12. While participating in Troop 246 functions such as campouts and/or aquatic or other activities, all Scouts and leaders will obey the safety rules and instructions of activity supervisor(s).

13. While participating in campouts, I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will not go into anyone else's tent unless invited. I will also perform my assigned duties and responsibilities in a prompt and cheerful manner. I will follow bedtime/sleep and activities schedules of the Troop.

14. The Scoutmaster will contact the Troop Committee Chairman for the expulsion procedures to be invoked.

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 BSA Troop 246, Toqua District, Great Smoky Mountain Council. My parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and I will sign this and give to the Scoutmaster. When all signatures are obtained the Scoutmaster will keep a copy and a copy will be returned to me for placing in my Troop 246 Information Packet.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Assistant Scoutmaster \_\_\_\_\_