

Merrimack Troop 424 Bylaws Signature Sheet
For the 20__ Scout Year – Signatures expire on December 31, 20__

Scout name: _____
Please Print

Troop 424 Bylaws

We have read the Bylaws of Troop 424 and agree to abide by them.

Scout: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Troop 424 Code of Conduct

We have read the Troop424 Code of Conduct for Scouts (located in the Troop Bylaws).

Scout: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Permission for Use of Photos

I give my permission for the use of photos, film, videos and other electronic or sound recordings of my son for use in publicity for the Scouting program. It is understood that his last name will not be used for publication outside of Troop 424's internal use, without specific permission being granted for this purpose.

Scout: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
Please Sign

Troop 424 Code of Conduct for Scouts

Introduction:

Many boys are committing their time and energy to Scouting in Troop 424 with great expectations of gaining Scouting Knowledge, Scouting Skills, and completing the path to becoming an Eagle Scout. Many adult volunteers are donating their precious time to help the Scouts of Troop 424 achieve their individual Scouting goals. Accomplishing these tasks will require an environment free of disruptive behavior. To this end, each Scout will follow the Troop 424 Code of Conduct.

What is the Troop Code of Conduct? The Troop Code of Conduct is a Scout- and leader-generated set of guidelines that help enforce the principals and values of Scouting. It is the responsibility of the Scout leaders and the adult leaders to ensure the Troop follows the principals and values of Scouting found in the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, and Slogan (shown below).

Everyone in Troop 424 will abide by the following Code of Conduct.

Boy Scout Oath:

On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law; to help other people at all times; to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

Scout Law:

A Scout is Trustworthy, Loyal, Helpful, Friendly, Courteous, Kind, Obedient, Cheerful, Thrifty, Brave, Clean, and Reverent.

Boy Scout Motto:

Be Prepared

Boy Scout Slogan:

Do a Good Turn Daily

Additionally:

- Each Scout will have due respect for one another as well as all others.
- Each Scout will do his best and be cooperative with Scout and adult leadership.
- Once a Scout reports to a Scouting event, he may not leave the event without informing, and receiving permission from, the adult leader in charge of the event.
- Items brought to a Scouting event that are clearly not part of the Scouting activity will be confiscated by an adult leader (to be returned to the Scout or parent at the end of the Scouting event).

Discipline:

If any Scout is disciplined at any of the Troop or patrol activities, the following progressive discipline procedure will go into effect. If a Scout needs to be disciplined,

there will be at least two adults present. At no time will a Scout be verbally or physically abused by anyone.

Any Scout found to be:

- disruptive to the group;
- insubordinate to Scout and/or adult leadership;
- using foul language;
- committing acts of physical violence, aggression, bullying, or excessive teasing;
- using unnecessary roughness during Scouting activities or games;
- willfully breaking the Scout Law; or
- leaving Scouting activity area without permission

will be reported to the adult leader in charge immediately (or as soon as practical) and may be removed from the Scouting activity. Also, at the discretion of the Scoutmaster and the Troop Committee, a Scout may be disallowed from attending Scouting events for a period of time commensurate with the severity of the infraction.

Additionally, a Scout will be immediately removed from a Scouting event and his parent(s) or guardian(s) called to pick him up, with no expectation of any monetary refund, if any one or more of the following infractions occur:

- deliberate destruction of, or damage to, Troop equipment or property belonging to someone else;
- smoking;
- striking, assaulting, or deliberate intimidation of another person;
- continued disrespect of Scout and/or adult leadership; or
- any illegal activity.

Progressive Discipline:

First Offense

The Scoutmaster, adult event leader (or another adult attending the event) and the Committee Chairman (or designee) will:

1. Meet with the Scout immediately (or as soon as practical), to discuss and verify the infraction.
2. Contact the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the Scout and verbally make them aware of the infraction.
3. Assign an appropriate consequence if one has not been assigned
4. Ensure that the Scout and parent(s) or guardian(s) understand that further misconduct will lead to further disciplinary action.

The Scoutmaster and/or the Committee Chairman will make an entry in the Scout's permanent records, detailing the infraction, pertinent dates, and a brief summary of the resolution.

Second Offense¹

The Scoutmaster and the Committee Chairman (or designee) will:

1. Meet with the Scout and at least one of the Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) immediately (or as soon as practical) to discuss and verify the infraction.
2. At this meeting the Scout and his parent(s) or guardian(s) are to be reminded of the expectations of the Boy Scouts of America, this Code of Conduct, and the Scout's desire to remain with Troop 424 is to be verified.
3. Reach an agreement with the Scout and his parent(s) or guardian(s), such that further misconduct on part of the Scout will lead to further disciplinary action, up to and including a request that the Scout leaves Troop 424.

The Scoutmaster and/or the Committee Chairman will make an entry in the Scout's permanent records, detailing the infraction, pertinent dates, a brief summary of the resolution, and the acknowledgement that further misconduct will lead to potential dismissal from Troop 424.

Acknowledgement of the meeting and its outcome will be documented in duplicate, signed and dated by all participants before adjourning. One copy will be kept with the Scout's permanent record and one copy will be given to the Scout.

Third Offense²

The Scoutmaster and the Committee Chairman (or designee) will:

1. Meet with the Scout and at least one of the Scout's parent(s) or guardian(s) immediately (or as soon as practical) to discuss and verify the infraction.
2. Upon determination and verification of actual misconduct, the Troop 424 Committee will formally decide if the Scout will be requested to leave Troop 424 and to return any Troop 424 materials in his possession.
3. The Scoutmaster and/or Committee Chairman may assist the Scout and his parent(s) or guardian(s) in locating another Troop.

The Scoutmaster and/or the Committee Chairman will make an entry in the Scout's permanent records, detailing the infraction, pertinent dates and a brief summary of the resolution.

Acknowledgement of the meeting and its outcome will be documented in duplicate, signed and dated by all participants before adjourning. One copy will be kept with the Scout's permanent record and one copy will be given to the Scout.

¹ If it has been more than **nine** (9) months from the First Offense, the infraction is then classified as a First Offense.

² If it has been more than **twelve** (12) months from the Second Offense, the infraction is then classified as a Second Offense. If it has been more than **eighteen** (18) months from the Second Offense, the infraction is then classified as a First Offense.