

## Instructor Corp. & Venture Crew 27 Code of Conduct Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding

Statement of Understanding: All youth and adult participants are registered for activities and events based on their qualifications in character, Scout/Venturing Skills, physical fitness, and leadership. Therefore, all participants (leaders and youth) are asked to sign this Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition for participation with the further understanding that serious misconduct or infraction of rules and regulations may result in expulsion, at the participants expense, from the activity or event. Ultimately we want each participant to be responsible for their own behavior and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to dismiss a participant home from the activity.

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

1. Adult and Youth leaders (Advisors and Associates/Assistants) are responsible for the supervision of their membership in respect in maintaining discipline, security following this Council code of conduct.
2. The Venturing outline, oath and code along with the Outdoor code will be my guide throughout the activity.
3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable (The official uniform or activity uniform when specified by the Council, Unit leaders or activity leadership.)
4. I will attend all scheduled programs and participate as required in cooperation with other participants and leadership.
5. In consideration of the other participants, I agree to follow bedtime and sleep schedule of the activity, unless otherwise directed by the Council or activity leadership.
6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent or quarters and personal gear labeled, clean, and neat. I will adhere to all Council and facility recycle policies and regulations, including the Outdoor Code. I will do my share to prevent littering of Council - BSA and other facilities.
7. It is clearly understood that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs by any Venturer is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all participants, both youth and adult.
8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by youth and adult participants including the use of tobacco, cheating, stealing, dishonesty, swearing, fighting and cursing may result in expulsion from the activity or serious disciplinary actions and loss of privileges.
9. I agree that gambling of any form is prohibited.
10. Possession or detonation of fireworks is prohibited.
11. I will demonstrate respect for unit and Council property and be personally responsible for cleanliness and any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property.
12. Neither the activity leadership, nor the Council or BSA, will be responsible for loss, breakage or theft of personal items. I will label all my personal items and check items of value at the direction of troop (or Crew) leaders. Theft will be grounds for expulsion.
13. While participating in Council activities, all Venturers, leaders and participants will obey the safety rules and instruction of all supervisor and staff members.
14. No public display of affection is allowed. Sleeping areas are off limits at all times to members of the opposite sex.
15. Adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession in accordance with Council or BSA regulations and local, and state (and federal) laws.
16. Adult leaders will be guided by the Guide to Safe Scouting, and obey all local, state and federal laws.
17. Adult leaders must receive Youth Protection Training and follow the guideline therein.
18. Hazing has no place in Venturing. Nor does running the gauntlet, beltlines, or other similar physical punishment. Leaders and older Venturers must prevent all Youth from being "initiated" into the group with any hazing activity.
19. Adult leaders should have the good judgement to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a child or youth members in Scouting. Youth members may trade with other youth members. Adult leaders must trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.
20. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth and leaders to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrations, or hecklers and assume a passive reaction to name calling from individuals of groups. Remove the Venturing Crew from the area of potential conflict immediately.
21. Serious violations of this code may result in expulsion at the participant's own expense from the Activity. All decisions of the Activity Leadership will be final.

I certify that I have read the Statement of Understanding and agree to abide by the conditions in the Code of Conduct as a participant in any Council activity.

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

Signature of Troop/Venturing Leader \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_