



- ▶ Be on your best behavior at all times. Act like an adult. Follow the Golden Rule.
- ▶ Be courteous. Good manners never go out of date. Good manners show that you care.
- ▶ Be punctual. Start meetings on time; the boys will be encouraged to arrive on time to not miss any of the fun.
- ▶ Be well-groomed. Appearance is important because the way we dress influences our feelings and actions. Smartly uniformed dens and packs have fewer behavior problems and operate more efficiently than dens and packs in which boys and leaders are dressed sloppily.
- ▶ Be dependable. Keep your word. Let the boys know that they can count on you to do what you say.
- ▶ Live by the Cub Scout Promise and Law of the Pack. Do your duty to God and country. Be faithful in your religious duties, obey the law, be appreciative, and—like a good Cub Scout—always do your best.

Solving Problems Among Leaders

Sometimes problems occur among adult leaders as they try to communicate and manage the program. If that happens, here are some tips to help unify the team.

- ▶ Remember that the boys are the most important part of the program.
- ▶ Care about the people involved and seek their best interests.
- ▶ Identify the problem. Make sure you have the facts.
- ▶ Face the problem. Don't ignore it in hopes that it will disappear.
- ▶ Recognize the real source of the problem.
- ▶ Be willing to listen to all sides and viewpoints.
- ▶ Be tolerant and forgiving. Seek to strengthen rather than to weaken relationships.
- ▶ Decide what can be done to solve the problem and act on the decision.
- ▶ Learn from the problem and see how that knowledge can help your program.



BSA POLICY: Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Use

The BSA prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the BSA.

The BSA prohibits the use of alcoholic beverages and controlled substances at any activity involving the participation of youth members.

As an adult leader, you should support the attitude that youth members are much better off without tobacco, and you may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.

All Scouting functions, meetings, and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas for adults located away from all participants.