

# **2010 National Jamboree Code of Conduct & Conditions of Participation**

**Statement of Understanding:** All participants (Scouts and leaders) are selected by their local council to represent their local councils based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and personal fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, **all adult and youth participants, and their parents or guardians, MUST read the Code of Conduct and agree to all its terms as a condition of participation in the 2010 National Jamboree.** It is further understood by all participants and parents / guardians that serious misconduct or infraction of this Code of Conduct or other rules and regulations at the National Jamboree site or during the pre or post-jamboree tour may result in expulsion at the participant's expense. Ultimately, we want each participant to be responsible for his or her own behavior, and only when necessary will the procedure be invoked to send a participant home from the jamboree.

## **Code of Conduct**

1. As a scout or scout leader, **I will live by the Scout Oath and Scout Law** and will obey all U.S., local, and state laws throughout the entire National Jamboree trip.
2. The units' adult leaders (Scoutmaster and assistants) are ultimately responsible for the supervision of its membership in respect to maintaining discipline, security, and the jamboree Code of Conduct. However, in accordance with the BSA "Patrol Method", youth leaders are the first line of leadership during the entire National Jamboree trip. As a troop member, **I agree to accept and support the leadership of both the youth and adult leaders.** If I am a leader, I will lead first by example.
3. I will attend all scheduled jamboree programs and tour activities. I will participate as required in cooperation with other unit scouts and leadership.
4. In consideration of other unit participants, I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the unit, as outlined at the National Jamboree and as determined by troop leadership during the pre and post-jamboree tours.
5. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly groomed and dressed according to BSA standards. The official Scout uniform (class A and B) and jamboree identifying items are the only acceptable apparel during the entire jamboree trip. I agree to neither bring nor wear any other apparel.
6. I will label all my personal items, and check items of value to safe keeping at the direction of unit leaders. Neither the unit leaders, the Jamboree Division, nor the BSA will be responsible for loss, breakage, or theft of personal items. **Theft will be grounds for expulsion.**
7. I will be responsible for keeping my tent and personal gear clean and neat. I will do my share to prevent littering of the jamboree grounds. I will adhere to all jamboree recycling policies and regulations.
8. I will demonstrate respect for unit and jamboree property and be personally responsible for any loss, breakage, or vandalism of property as a result of my actions.
9. I understand that in accordance with U.S., local and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms or weapons in their possession.
10. I understand that possession of lasers of any type; and the possession or detonation of fireworks or liquid fuels is prohibited.
11. I understand that gambling in any form is prohibited.
12. I understand that the purchase, possession, or consumption of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, inhalants or tobacco in any form by any participant is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all participants—both youth and adult leaders.
13. **I understand and accept that serious and/or repetitive behavior violations by scouts during any portion of the jamboree experience, including use of tobacco, alcohol, drugs, inhalants, stealing, dishonesty, cheating, fighting, swearing/profanity or any other prohibited behaviors or items may result in serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges, or expulsion from the jamboree experience.**
14. While participating in the action centers, aquatics, and other activities, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.
15. **I will not participate in any dangerous, immoral or unscoutlike conduct (including viewing R-rated and other inappropriate movies) and will immediately report any infractions I see or hear of to scout leaders.**
16. Scoutmasters and assistants must receive Youth Protection Training and follow the guidelines therein prior to and during the entire jamboree experience.
17. Hazing has no place in Scouting. Leaders and older youth must prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the troop with hazing. Running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment are equally unacceptable.
18. Adult leaders should have the good judgment to avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a youth member in scouting. Youth members may trade with youth members. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults (18 years of age or older).
19. Adult leaders and youth leaders must instruct youth to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators, or hecklers and must assume a passive reaction to name-calling from individuals or groups. Units or groups must be removed from the area of potential conflict immediately by their leaders.
20. Jamboree participants', leaders' and staff members' personal bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates will not be permitted at the jamboree. In addition, golf carts, all-terrain vehicles (ATVs), and scooters are prohibited.
21. **Serious violation of this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the jamboree at the participant's / parent's expense.** All decisions will be final. The jamboree headquarters must be contacted for the expulsion procedure to be invoked. There are no exceptions.
22. I further agree to abide by the conditions outlined in the Troop 605 Diversity Code (as detailed on the backside of this sheet).

***I understand that membership in this National Jamboree troop is a privilege, and as a National Jamboree participant, I commit and give my word of honor that I will comply with all the conditions stated in the above Code of Conduct...in all meetings and activities prior to the jamboree, during the National Jamboree and during the pre and post tour experiences. I promise to do my best to exemplify the principles of the BSA Scout Oath and Scout Law. I commit to follow the leadership and requests of my Scout Leaders: Patrol Leaders, Senior Patrol Leaders, Scoutmasters, and NJ Leaders.***

## Terms & Conditions Waiver

On behalf myself (if speaking as a scout) or my son (if speaking as a parent/guardian, I (we) hereby certify that I (my son) will meet the *Boy Scout Qualifications* for any attending the National Jamboree as listed on the National Jamboree website ([www.jamboree.org](http://www.jamboree.org))...to include being at least a First Class Scout, and being 12 years of age by July 1, 2010, but not 18 by Aug. 4, 2010.

I (we) certify that I (my son) can meet the health and physical fitness requirements of the jamboree. I further agree to have my son examined by a licensed health-care practitioner before going, and to submit evidence of fitness to make this trip on the official health form signed by a licensed health-care practitioner. I also agree to obtain the immunizations required. I (we) certify that I (we) have read, understand and agree to the *Medical Terms & Conditions, Medical Requirements, and Risk Factors for Your Participation* on the National Jamboree website at [www.jamboree.org](http://www.jamboree.org) under *Registration*. [See: *Registration* ⇒ *Boy Scout Qualifications* ⇒ *Mandatory Terms You Must Agree To* ⇒ *Code of Conduct* ⇒ *Terms & Conditions Waiver* ⇒ *Medical Terms & Conditions* ⇒ *Medical Requirements* ⇒ *Risk Factors for Your Participation*]

This application includes my request for personal accident insurance to be purchased on my (my son's) behalf. The cost of this insurance is included in the jamboree fee. It is understood that payment of claims by the insurance company is contingent upon prompt reporting of claims, if any, by the participant (or parent/guardian).

I understand that the jamboree will be covered by news media and moviemaking and broadcasting companies, and I hereby consent to the use of my (my son's) voice and/or photograph in the news coverage, moviemaking, NJ Troop 605 website, GSLC or NJ Troop 605 DVD, or similar projects approved by the Boy Scouts of America without compensation. I further agree to release and hold the Boy Scouts of America harmless for any and all claims and liability with regard to such use.

In consideration of the benefits to be derived from participation in the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, any and all claims against the Boy Scouts of America or its local council, the United States of America, or any of the officers, employees, agents, or other representatives of any of them, or any other persons working under their direction or engaged in the conduct of their affairs, arising out of any accident, illness, injury, damage or other loss or harm to or incurred or suffered by the applicant named above or to his property, in connection with or incidental to the 2010 National Scout Jamboree, including preliminary training and travel, are hereby expressly waived by the parents and the applicant.

## Troop 605 Diversity Code

**Introduction:** Diversity refers to the fact that we are all different. We should not judge anyone based on whether we like them, how they look, talk, act, or based on first impressions. Differences among us are good. They can promote a wide and varied group where we can share and learn from different opinions. We do not have to like everyone and the differences they bring with them. However, we should always respect those differences in people. We should treat people equally, and always with courtesy, respect, kindness and as we would like to be treated ourselves. We have all known people who have turned out to be way different than we first expected, so we must be patient and understanding of our differences.

### Our Troop Rules

1. **No Making Fun of Others:** There will be no making fun of others while at the troop meetings, troop outings, or the National Jamboree. A Scout who violates this rule will stop when asked and will apologize to show respect for his fellow Scout.
2. **One Group of Scouts:** We will always try to be one group of Scouts as a troop, and not a bunch of clichés (little groups). We will try to make everyone feel welcome, and not exclude anyone.
3. **Respect for All Religions:** We will always respect the religious preferences of others and not do anything to make someone feel bad or defensive about their religion. This means we must respect the fact that people are reverent and may pray in different ways. We must not make jokes or comments about those differences, and always respect the prayer giver and his prayer.
4. **No Racial Slurs at Anytime:** There will be no racial slurs or jokes at anytime. A racial slur or joke is a negative or nasty comment about a person's or group's race. If a Scout makes a racial slur or joke, he will be expected to admit it and stop doing it.
5. **Problem Reporting Procedure:** Problems with any Scouts not following the Diversity Code should be handled with courtesy and kindness. Scouts should first try to work out the problem themselves. If that does not work, then ask a Patrol Leader for help, then the Senior Patrol Leader or the Assistant Senior Patrol Leader. If none of this works, or if the problem is with a racial slur or joke, or lack of respect for religion, then go to a Scoutmaster for help.

**Promise to Follow Diversity Code:** I have read the Diversity Code and promise to follow it. A Scout who violates the Diversity Code may be required to have a conversation with a Scoutmaster, be given a special project to work on while he remembers to not violate the Diversity Code in the future, or, as with other unscoutlike conduct, may receive more serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges.

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Scout's Signature of Commitment to Abide by this Code of Conduct

Date

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Parent's / Guardian's Signature of Agreement with this Code of Conduct  
and of Having Read and Discussed It With Their Scout.

Date

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Signature of National Jamboree Scoutmaster

Date

**Note:** Scoutmaster, return a copy of this agreement to the parent's of the scout, once all above have signed it.

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