



Troops 899 & 1776 Digital Citizenship Contract



I have studied the rules about Internet Safety and Technology usage, and I know that following these rules will help to make the Internet a safer place for me. I know that using the electronic devices is a privilege and I must obey certain rules when I use the computer:

- I will not use an electronic device during Scouting events unless approved by an adult Scout leader.
- I will include my parents or at least two Scout leaders in all digital communications.
- I will not give out personal information such as my age, gender, address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number, or the name and location of my school without my parents' permission.
- I will choose safe screen names that can be for a boy or girl that will not reveal personal information about my family or me.
- I will tell my parents right away if I come across any information online that makes me feel uncomfortable or is inappropriate.
- I will never agree to get together with someone I "meet" online without first checking with my parents. If my parents agree to the meeting, I will be sure that it is in a public place and bring my mother or father along.
- I will never send a person a picture of me, my family, or anything else without first checking with my parents.
- I will treat others with respect when communicating online. I will use appropriate language and will not pick fights or use threatening or mean words.
- I will talk with my parents so that we can set up rules for going online. We will decide upon the time of day that I can be online, the length of time I can be online, and appropriate areas for me to visit. I will not access other areas or break these rules without their permission.
- I will not give out my password(s) to anyone (even my best friends) other than my parents.
- I will check with my parents before downloading or installing software or doing anything that could possibly hurt our computer or jeopardize my family's privacy.
- I will be respectful when using a cell phone and follow the proper etiquette when receiving calls or text messages.
- I will not play video games rated inappropriate for my age without my parent's permission.
- I will not unlawfully distribute copy-written digital material such as music, videos and software.

I agree to the above.

Scout's Name (printed)

Scout's Signature

Date

Parents:

I will help my child follow this agreement and will allow reasonable use of the Internet as long as these rules and other family rules are followed.

Parent Signature(s)

Date

The Scout Law and Cybersafety/Cyberbullying

Today we are online more than ever before. We use technology to save us time with research, connect with others, navigate, and have fun. Here are some ideas of how the digital world and the Scouting community can live side by side.

Trustworthy. Be truthful with others online, and be very careful of the information you share. Do the right thing when sharing other people's words or pictures. Make sure you have the owner's permission before using them.

Loyal. Share information about others only if you have their permission to share it. Uphold appropriate agreements you make with friends when you play games with them.

Helpful. Alert others to scams, cheats, and suspicious sites. Point them to reliable and accurate sources of information. Encourage people to report bad behavior online.

Friendly. Reach out to support others who are doing good things, like posting quality creative works. Support those who are bullied.

Courteous. Be polite and respectful. When you use other people's work, be sure to ask permission when necessary, follow fair use standards, and give credit to the people who created and own the work.

Kind. Treat people with respect when you are on social networks, playing games, talking or texting on a cellphone, or in other digital activities.

Obedient. When using digital devices, follow the rules set by your parents/guardians, teachers, and Scout leaders. Abide by the rules established by sites, services, devices, and games.

Cheerful. Use games, messaging tools, and social forums to build your relationships with others while having fun.

Thrifty. Be a smart consumer. Know your voice, text, and data plans and use them wisely. Be sure to study digital devices and services you want. Before buying them, make sure you're not overspending on functions and features you won't need. Be careful not to run up charges on apps and sites.

Brave. Stand up for what is right. Do not participate in mocking and bullying others, even if your friends are doing it. Report suspected abuse to a trusted adult, like your parent or leader; call 911 or call the Cyber Tip line at 1-800-843-5678. If the incident involves any part of the Scouting program, call your council Scout executive immediately or email youth.protection@scouting.org.

Clean. Use clean language and discuss only appropriate topics when using digital devices to communicate with others.

Reverent. Respect the feelings of other people. Do not use digital devices to spread irreverent ideas.

Remember that life is a balance. In Scouting, we focus on a balanced life through our aims: character, physical fitness, and citizenship. Technology is a tool to help us. It is not there to take the place of family, friends, the Scout Law, and staying physically fit. Stay ScoutSTRONG!



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Leader



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