



## Code of Conduct

### The Scout Law

- A Scout is to be trusted.
- A Scout is to be loyal.
- A Scout is helpful and considerate to all.
- A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
- A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
- A Scout has respect for self and others.
- A Scout respects nature and the environment.

### 1. Subscriptions & Registration

- 1.1 Subscriptions are to be paid on an annual basis, in September. Subscriptions will be €120.00 for the scout year commencing August 2007, until July 2008. The subscription fee covers forty weekly meetings and annual registration/insurance to Scouting Ireland.
- 1.2 Each member should complete the Annual Registration Form & Parental Consent Form and return it to the relevant section leader upon Annual Registration.
- 1.3 If a family has two or more children as members of the 45<sup>th</sup> Mount Argus Group, the fee shall be €200, this will cover all children involved.
- 1.4 People joining throughout the year will be charged on a pro-rata system, each person must pay €40 registration/insurance, and the remainder will be based on the amount of the meetings left in the year.
- 1.5 All payments are non-refundable.

### 2. Punctuality

- 2.1 The following are the meeting times for the three sections currently in operation:  
Cubs: Tuesday 7.00-8.30pm  
Scouts: Thursday 8.00-9.30pm  
Venture Scouts: Monday 8.00-9.30pm (May Vary)

*Venture meetings will restart on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2007*  
*Cub meetings will restart on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> August 2007*  
*Scout meetings will restart on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2007*

- 2.2 All members should ensure they are punctual for all meetings, arriving late for meetings disturbs the programme and leads to a delay in finishing time. Constant lateness will not be tolerated

### **3. Participation & Attendance**

- 3.1 The programme, working through the badge scheme & the development of the child means that participation in the programme outside the weekly meetings is very important. During the course of the year, various activities take place, some day activities & some weekend activities. Members are obliged to take part in at least 80% of the activities (including overnights). Members not participating to this extent risk losing their place in the group.
- 3.2 If a member is to miss a number of weekly meetings, a phone call should be made to the relevant section leader before the absence takes place. A member with unexcused absence for three or more meetings will be considered to have left the group and their place will be opened up to a new member.
- 3.3 Scouts & Cubs will be given an opportunity to take place in County & National Activities during the course of the year. These activities are a great opportunity to meet new people, enhance their scouting experience and should be accepted.

### **4. Uniform**

- 4.1 Each member is required to wear the official Scouting Ireland Uniform at weekly meeting & when specified by the section team.
- 4.2 The Uniform is available from the Outdoor Adventure Store, Liffey St, Dublin 1. Phone 01-872212. Please see attached uniform document.

### **5. Property (Troop & Personal)**

- 5.1 It is the responsibility of each member to ensure the property of the group is maintained & used as intended and as instructed by the leaders. Damage to equipment should be reported to the leaders immediately.
- 5.2 Each member is responsible for their own equipment and should ensure they have all their belongings at the end of the meeting/activity. The leaders will provide reasonable assistance with this regard but will not be responsible for the loss of personal effects.
- 5.3 Members of the group should not interfere/damage property belongings to other people.
- 5.4 Where Appropriate, names should be written on items that may get confused with somebody else's belongings (e.g. uniforms/neckos).
- 5.5 Some members cycle to the meeting, and while we encourage this, it should be noted that members cycling may only store their bikes inside the den when they have working front and rear lights on their bikes and wearing helmets. Other than this the bicycles must be locked outside.

### **6. General Behaviour**

- 6.1 Each member is expected to show proper respect to each other, whether child or adult.
- 6.2 Any form of bullying will not be tolerated and should be brought to the immediate attention of the leader in charge.
- 6.3 Smoking, Drinking or Substance Abuse is strictly forbidden while on any scouting activity.
- 6.4 Bad Language is forbidden. It is not scout-like and paints a very bad picture of our group.

6.5 Eating during the meeting is not permitted.

## **7. Mobile phones/Electronic Items**

- 7.1 Generally speaking mobile phones are not allowed at meetings/activities. In certain instances Leaders will allow mobiles as the situation dictates (e.g. lone patrol weekends/hikes). Members found to have mobiles will have them confiscated until the end of the activity.
- 7.2 If a youth member needs to be contacted in an emergency the leader in charge should be called first.
- 7.3 We would discourage members bringing electronic items on activities. If they are brought they are the sole responsibility of the youth member. 45<sup>th</sup> Mount Argus will not take responsibility for loss or damage.