

**Pennacook Lodge, Order of the Arrow
Spirit of Adventure Council, BSA**

Policy Statement on Lodge Member Event Participation

Effective September 15, 2024

Pennacook Lodge, Spirit of Adventure Council BSA strives to host and support Scouting events and activities that are engaging, positive, fun and inspiring to all its members and attendees. Accordingly, the safety, well-being and appropriate engagement of all youth and adult scouts and scouters, volunteers, parents and everyone involved is a value we all share.

Furthermore, the success of Pennacook Lodge depends, in large part, on the conduct of each individual member and in upholding our often-stated value of “how we treat each other”.

Pennacook Lodge provides this Member Event Participant Policy based on the notion that an event will be successful if Lodge leadership adheres to the principles and practices of the Guide to Safe Scouting and its supplemental guidelines, and that all participants are properly informed and prepared for the event. This policy also includes a Participant Expectation Agreement that outlines expected conduct of all participants and that fosters a positive role-modeling environment fully vested in the Scout Motto of “Be Prepared”, the Scout Oath and Law and the Obligation and Admonition of the Order of the Arrow.

As we seek to support, advise and reinforce appropriate behaviors and expectations, Lodge and Council leadership certainly understand that mishaps and conflicts can occur. Such mishaps, including outright violations of this Agreement, will first be addressed by the Lodge Adviser or designee. If corrective action is warranted, up to and including dismissal from the activity, any such decision(s) of the Lodge Adviser is final. It can, however, be appealed but only to the Scout Executive and only after the activity has concluded. Any decision made by the Spirit of Adventure Council BSA is final.

Participant Expectation Agreement for OA Activities

To be read and acknowledged by all youth scouts and their parents, and all adult OA members

On behalf of myself and/or my daughter or son, in registering for an event, I acknowledge that we have been provided direct access to a copy of the Pennacook Lodge, Order of the Arrow’s Participant Expectation Agreement for lodge activities (this document). Further, we have read the Agreement and its ten points, and appreciate its consistency with the Scout Oath and Law, the OA Obligation and the OA Admonition and we agree to follow the standards of behavior and participant expectations.

As a Scout and an Arrowmember, I understand and will observe all rules and regulations of the Spirit of Adventure Council, Pennacook Lodge, the Order of the Arrow, the Boy Scouts of America, and will observe the reasonable expectations made of me.

As a Member of the Order of the Arrow, I will

1. Observe the Scout Law, Scout Oath, and the Obligation of the Order of the Arrow at all times, and abide by the BSA Guide to Safe Scouting.
2. Come properly prepared to the event, aware of event activities, including likely weather conditions, and being ready and able to support and follow the Participant Expectation Agreement.
3. I will remember to adhere to the BSA's "buddy system" when/if venturing away from the larger group during any event activity which includes both informing an adult leader and staying with my "buddy".
4. I will not leave camp or the event location premises without permission of the Lodge Adviser or designee.
5. Be mindful and attentive to the practices and guidelines of the BSA's Youth Protection Training (YPT) policies regarding appropriate conduct among age and gender groups.
6. Use social media, and any electronic devices, including cell phones and cameras appropriately and in accordance with the Scout Oath and Law, and the BSA Personal Safety Awareness training applicable to my age/grade level.
7. Treat my fellow Lodge Members and all event attendees with respect and kindness recognizing and observing the principles of Dignity, Honor, and the Importance of the Individual.
8. Respect, recognize and support the role and authority of the youth and adult leadership of Pennacook Lodge and acknowledge that the decisions of the Lodge Chief and Lodge Adviser are appropriate and necessary to the fair, safe and spirited operation of Lodge events and are final.
9. Follow appropriate attire expectations by wearing shirts, pants and shoes at all times in accordance with BSA policy, direction by event leadership, and common sense.
10. Not use, possess or be in the presence of alcohol or illegal drugs at any time. I will observe the BSA tobacco use policy.

And, most importantly, I will remember that I am a representative of my family, my Troop or Crew, my Lodge, my Council, my community, Scouting America, and myself. I will act accordingly with honor and respect at all times.