



Boy Scouts of America

# JPL Troop 509

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La Cañada Flintridge, CA

[jpltroop509.org](http://jpltroop509.org)



## Code of Conduct

Our troop enjoys many privileges such as using JPL facilities, attending wonderful scout camps, and hiking in state and national parks and forests. To ensure that we, and future generations of scouts, continue to have these privileges we must conduct ourselves in a scout-like manner. The ideals of Scouting are spelled out in the scout oath, law, motto, and slogan. The code of conduct embodied in the oath and law are the standards of behavior expected of all Boy Scouts.

Additionally, our troop has some specific rules and guidelines:

1. The troop gets permission weekly to use the JPL meeting room. We are not authorized to be anywhere else other than walking between it and the front gate. Never go anywhere else.
2. A uniform (BSA shirt, pants, belt, and socks) is required at all troop meetings. The minimum is a tucked-in BSA scout shirt.
3. No electronic games, card games, homework, books not related to scouting, or unauthorized side meetings, will be permitted during the troop meeting. Scouts who violate this rule will be expelled from the meeting, have to sign out at the guard gate, and have a parent pick them up immediately. To be readmitted to meetings again, the scout will have to bring a parent and a letter explaining why the scout wants to be in the troop.
4. Scouts must earn the right to use or possess cutting tools such as knives, hatchet, axe and saw. Only after a scout has demonstrated that he knows how to safely handle sharp tools will he be granted a "Totin' Chip" card and be allowed to possess a knife. Switchblades and sheath knives are always forbidden.
5. Scout must also earn the right to start fires or possess fire-starting materials such as matches, lighter and fuel. A scout can earn a "Firem'n Chit" card by demonstrating a clear understanding of the safety rules and procedures for building, maintaining and putting out camping and cooking fires. Scouts who do not follow safety rules will lose their privileges. Unauthorized fires can result in a serious fine, and/or permanent loss of privileges.
6. Always respect JPL security rules and never bring anything to a meeting that could be used as a weapon (knives, hatchet / axe, etc.) or cause a fire (matches, lighter, stove fuel, etc.) unless you have specific permission and authorization.
7. Always obey any request from a JPL guard.