

## Visitor Guidelines For Troop 23 Meetings

The purpose of Scouting is to encourage the physical, mental and social development of young people. This is achieved in Troop 23 by the example and guidance of dedicated men and women who help Scouts in the fulfillment of the Scout Oath and Law, so they become constructive and responsible citizens. These guidelines are to help our visitors and parents meet these goals and it is expected that all adults, Leaders, Committee Members and parents and/or legal guardians will follow these guidelines when visiting Troop 23.

### When visiting Troop 23 you will lead by example by:

- Participating in Opening and Closing Ceremonies. Please stand and participate by either saying the Pledge of Allegiance along with the Scouts or standing respectfully with your hand over your heart during the pledge. When the Scouts repeat the Scout Oath and/or Law please stand quietly. It IS appropriate for visitors to participate in the Oath and Law particularly if you have ever been a Scout. If you do not wish to participate in the Opening and Closing Ceremonies you may wait in another room like the Sewing Room (the room next to the kitchen).
- Being quiet during the meeting. Please, excessive talking is distracting to both the Scouts and the adult leaders. If you want to talk during the meeting, please do so in an adjoining room!
- Observing and upholding the traditions of Scouting and Troop 23. One of the most common of these traditions is the “signs up” tradition. This silent signal is a time honored tradition in Scouting and is a way for a leader, youth or adult, to get the attention of everyone. The signal is the raising of the Scout Sign and waiting for everyone to acknowledge the signal by also raising their hand with the Scout Sign (occasionally someone will actually say “signs up”). You are expected to stop what you are doing (conversation, reading, etc.) and raise your hand giving the Scout Sign and becoming quiet.

Please follow these simple guidelines while in the room where the Scout meeting is taking place. If you do not wish to participate in the opening or closing, please go into an adjoining room or outside.

Bottom line is that while the leadership of the Troop welcomes parents to meetings, the expectation is that they will not be disruptive. If you wish to carry on a conversation with another person, please go into an adjoining room or outside. If you are being disruptive, expect one of the leaders to ask you to move to leave the meeting room.