

# **BSA POLICY ON DRUGS, ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO USE**

The dangers of tobacco, alcohol and drug use are well known. In making Scouting a suitable environment for young people, adults and adult leaders have the duty to keep these substances out of their troops. Adults can be especially effective as role models by setting healthy examples in their attitudes toward tobacco, alcohol and controlled substances.

**The Boy Scouts of America prohibits the use of alcohol beverages and controlled substances at encampments or activities on property owned and/or operated by the Boy Scouts of America, or at any activity involving participation of youth members.**

**Adult leaders should support the attitude that young adults are better off without tobacco and *may not allow the use of tobacco products at any BSA activity involving youth participants.***

**All Scouting functions, meetings and activities should be conducted on a smoke-free basis, with smoking areas located away from all participants.**

## **POSSESSION OF OR USE OF TOBACCO, ALCOHOL OR ILLEGAL DRUGS IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL FROM TROOP 20.**

### **SCOUTS WITH PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS**

Prescription medication is the responsibility of the Scout taking the medication and/or his parent or guardian. A Scout leader, after obtaining all the necessary information, can agree to accept the responsibility of making sure a Scout takes the necessary medication at the appropriate time, but BSA policy does not mandate nor necessarily encourage the Scout leader to do so.

Also, if state laws are more limiting, they must be followed.