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## Sample Section Code of Conducts (Beavers, Cubs & Scouts) and Code of Conduct Creative Activity Ideas

### Section Code of Conducts

A Code of Conduct creates a set of rules, expectations and rights that all youth will have, as well as what steps will be taken in the case of a Code of Conduct violation. Having the youth establish a Code of Conduct is important because it lays out ground rules that they have all agreed upon together, which will make them more likely to be followed. The Code of Conduct also helps protect the safety and well-being (emotional and physical) of everyone. With a Code of Conduct, there will also be a predetermined consequence to negative behaviours that is known of and agreed upon by the youth.

- Set out rules, expectations, and rights for all youth in the Section
- Develop along with the youth so that everyone agrees to the established rules
- Keep to positive statements – “I will” – instead of negative – “I won’t.”
- Protect the safety and well-being (physical and emotional) of everyone
- Needs to be age-appropriate
- Make the Section Code of Conduct visibly accessible so that it can be easily referred to
- Reviewed regularly and updated as needed
- **\*\*Email the Code of Conduct to each youth's family and ask them to return a signed copy. This is a further opportunity to engage with parents and ensure alignment and that all expected behaviours are understood and shared.**

With the youth, develop a Code of Conduct for your Section. Creating Section Code of Conducts can be done as a conversation or through a creative engaging big group activity such as the ones suggested below. The youth can also be broken up into Patrols (mixing ages and skills) where they are asked to brainstorm and create a Code of Conduct using poster paper and markers. The Code of Conducts can then be reviewed and turned into one overall Section Code of Conduct.

### Example of a Beaver Age-Appropriate Section Youth Code of Conduct

AT BEAVERS, WE:

1. Will have fun!
2. Will keep our hands and feet to ourselves
3. Will speak one at a time and listen when others are speaking
4. Will do our Best
5. Are friendly and kind to each other
6. Will play fair
7. Will have good manners.

### Colony Code of Conduct Creation Activity Idea

Developing a Beaver Section Code of Conduct should be playful, visual, and collaborative—while still teaching values like kindness, safety, sharing, and listening.



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## Beaver Lodge Builders – Building Our Code Together

**Objective:** Beavers work together to “build” their own lodge using behavior bricks (representing code of conduct values) they agree on.

**Time:** 20–30 minutes

### Materials:

- Cardboard “bricks” or paper rectangles
- Markers/crayons
- A large poster or wall space with a drawing of a **beaver dam/lodge outline**
- Picture prompts (optional – to guide values, e.g., a handshake for respect, ear for listening)

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### How It Works:

#### 1. Gather in a Circle:

- Briefly explain: “Beavers live in lodges, and they all help each other. We’re going to build our own lodge made from the good ways we act together!”

#### 2. Brainstorm as a Team:

- Ask questions like:
  - “What helps everyone feel happy and safe?”
  - “What do we do when someone is sad?”
  - “How can we be good listeners?”

Encourage short, positive answers in the Beavers’ own words, like:

- “We share”
- “We say sorry”
- “We use kind words”

#### 3. Write or Draw Values:

- For each idea, have each youth write/draw it on a cardboard brick.
- Let Beavers decorate their bricks.

#### 4. Build the Lodge:

- One by one, Beavers come up and stick their brick onto the lodge outline.
- Celebrate each contribution: “That’s a great one, thanks [name]!”

#### 5. Wrap Up:

- Once complete, read the “lodge” aloud together.
- Say: “This is how our Beaver Colony takes care of each other. This is our Code!”

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### Bonus Tips:

- Keep the lodge on the wall as a visual reminder.
- Revisit it regularly and add more bricks if new ideas come up.
- Keep the tone positive: focus on “what we do” rather than rules or “don’ts”.



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### **Example of a Cub Age-Appropriate Section Youth Code of Conduct**

1. I will respect my Scouters and the other Cubs.
2. I will listen to others talking and raise my hand to speak.
3. I will not interrupt anyone or argue with them.
4. I will not swear or say anything mean about other people.
5. I will not threaten, hit, kick, punch or push anyone.
6. I will not be a bully or make fun of anyone.
7. I will always stay with the group.
8. I will not break anything that doesn't belong to me.
9. If anyone isn't following these rules, I will ask a Scouter for help.
10. If I don't follow these rules, I will miss out on activities. If my behaviour stays this way, I will miss 3 meetings and won't be allowed to go to special activities or camp coming up.
11. If I bully, hit, kick, say mean things or don't stay with my group, my parents will be told to come pick me up.

Printed Name Youth Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Youth Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Pack Code of Conduct Creation Activity Idea**

Developing a Cub Section Code of Conduct should be thoughtful, empowering, and communal — while still teaching values like leadership, respect, trustworthiness, and doing our best.

#### **Cub Campfire Council**

**Objective:** Cubs work together to form their own campfire using values “firewood” they agree on.

**Time Needed:** 30–45 minutes

**Materials:**

- A fake “campfire” (paper flames, string lights, or battery candle in the center)
- Large poster paper or whiteboard
- Markers or sticky notes
- Pre-cut “firewood” paper strips (optional)
- Cub Promise & Law printout for reference

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**How It Works:**

**1. Set the Scene (5 min)**

Arrange the Cubs in a circle around your pretend campfire. Explain:

“Today we’re the Campfire Council of Cubs — the leaders of our pack. Just like forest animals live by rules to keep their community safe and happy, we’ll create a Code of Conduct to help our Cub Pack do the same.”



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## **2. Spark the Conversation (5–10 min)**

Start a discussion with age-appropriate questions:

- "What makes a Cub Pack fun and safe for everyone?"
- "What do we do when someone needs help?"
- "How should we treat each other during games or activities?"

Write their ideas on sticky notes or directly on the "firewood" strips.

## **3. Build the Fire of Respect (10–15 min)**

As each Cub shares a rule or value, they add their "firewood" to the campfire (e.g., placing their paper strip into the fire ring). Group similar ideas together to avoid repetition. Encourage phrasing rules positively (e.g., "Be kind" instead of "Don't be mean").

## **4. Create the "Cub Code" Poster (10 min)**

Read all contributions aloud. As a group, vote or agree on the top 5–7 values or rules that matter most. Write these onto a poster titled:

### **"Our Cub Code of Conduct"**

Decorate the poster with Cub-themed stickers or drawings if time allows.

## **5. Cub Commitment (5 min)**

Have each Cub "sign" the code — either with their name, thumbprint, or Cub nickname. Optional: Do a fun group cheer to seal the agreement, like:

"Cubs do their best — and so will we!"

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### **Optional Add-ons:**

- **Code of Conduct Badges:** Give a sticker or temporary tattoo as a symbol of being a Code Keeper.
- **Role Play:** Practice scenarios like "what to do if someone gets left out" or "how to ask for help nicely."
- **Reflect Later:** Revisit the Code in future meetings to reinforce values.



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### **Example of a Scout Age-Appropriate Section Youth Code of Conduct**

#### **SCOUTS' EXPECTATIONS:**

1. Scouts are expected to respect their Scouters, volunteers, parents and fellow Scouts.
2. Scouts are expected to not take part in any form of bullying, theft, rough play/violence, discrimination of any kind or foul language.
3. Scouts are expected to keep themselves safe and stay with their Troop.
4. Scouts are expected to listen and follow instructions from their Scouters.
5. Scouts are expected to be supportive and give everyone a chance.
6. Scouts are expected to be prepared for camps and activities by having everything they need.
7. Scouts are expected to participate in meetings and activities, including the Plan-Do-Review process.
8. Scouts are expected to follow the rules to all activities, games, camps and events.
9. Scouts are expected to arrive on time to meetings and events.
10. Scouts are expected to do their best and adhere to the Scout Promise and Law.

#### **SCOUTS' RIGHTS:**

1. Scouts have the right to feel safe.
2. Scouts have the right to be free from bullying, name-calling, threats and violence.
3. Scouts have the right to be heard.
4. Scouts have the right to be protected from abuse.
5. Scouts have the right to participate.
6. Scouts have the right to equal treatment.
7. Scouts have the right to be respected.
8. Scouts have the right to ask for help.
9. Scouts have the right to be believed.
10. Scouts have the right to be happy and have fun.

#### **IF A SCOUT IS IN VIOLATION OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT:**

If a Scout is found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct, they may have to sit out a game or activity, or be requested not to attend a meeting, camp or event. For repeated violations, the Scout's parents/guardians will be called and told about the behaviour and may be asked to come pick the Scout up from the meeting, camp or event. Serious or repeated violations may result in the Scout being suspended or expelled from the Troop.

Printed Name Youth Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Youth Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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### **Troop Code of Conduct Creation Activity Idea**

Developing a Troop Section Code of Conduct should be respectful, supportive and collaborative — while still teaching values like safety, protection, participation and respect.

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#### **Mission: Code of Honour**

**Objective:** Cubs work together to form their own campfire using values “firewood” they agree on.

**Time Needed:** 45–60 minutes

**Setting:** Indoors or outdoors

**Materials Needed:**

- Large sheets of paper or whiteboard
- Markers/pens
- Sticky notes
- Envelopes (one per small group)
- Printed scenario cards (optional, see below)

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#### **Activity Overview:**

Scouts participate in a themed mission-style challenge to collaboratively identify values and behaviours that matter in their Section. Using scenarios, reflection, and group work, they co-create a Code of Conduct they take pride in.

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#### **How It Works:**

##### **1. Mission Briefing (5 mins)**

Welcome the Scouts and present the challenge:

“Your Patrol has been selected to create the official *Code of Honour* for the Scout Section. This code will guide how we treat each other, how we act during activities, and how we show Scout spirit.” Explain that everyone’s voice matters and this code will shape their shared experiences.

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##### **2. Scenario Sparks (15 mins)**

##### **(Optional, but highly effective)**

Divide Scouts into patrols (3–5 per group). Give each group 2–3 realistic “Scout Life” scenario cards—both positive and challenging.

**Examples:**

- A Scout gets left out of a group game.
- Someone forgets gear and others laugh.
- A team supports a Scout who’s nervous on a hike.
- A conflict arises during tent setup.
- Everyone works together to clean up after a campfire.

**Prompt:**

“What behaviours are helpful or unhelpful here? What would make things better?”

Each group jots down key behaviours on sticky notes (e.g., *include others, help without teasing, share responsibility*).

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### **3. Code Building (15–20 mins)**

Groups take their sticky notes and start grouping similar ideas: *Respect, Kindness, Teamwork, Safety, Courage*, etc.

Each group drafts 5–7 “We will...” statements.

#### **Examples:**

- *We will listen when someone is speaking.*
- *We will respect people’s gear and space.*
- *We will help each other try new things—even when they’re hard.*

Encourage Scouting language: keep it honest, practical, and action-based.

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### **4. Code Merge & Debate (10–15 mins)**

Bring everyone together and combine group ideas into one shared code. Allow respectful discussion:

- Are there duplicates?
- Is anything missing?
- Do we all agree?
- Is it clear and fair?

Scouters help shape it into a concise, Scout-owned Code of Conduct (6–10 points max).

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### **5. Sign & Celebrate (5 mins)**

Have each Scout sign the final version as a team commitment. Optional: decorate and display it on your meeting room wall or create a “Scout Code” flag/banner.