2013 NATIONAL SCOUT JAMBOREE

Participant Statement of Understanding and Code of Conduct

Statement of Understanding: All participants (Scouts and Leaders) are selected to represent their local councils based on their qualifications in character, camping skills, physical and persona fitness, and leadership qualities. Therefore, all adult and youth participants and their parents or guardians are asked to read the Code of Conduct and Statement of Understanding as a condition of participation. By signing this form, each adult and youth participant understands that serious misconduct or infraction of the rules and regulations which govern this activity may result in expulsion, at the participant's expense, from the Jamboree or the pre-Jamboree tour. Each participant and adult shall be responsible for his own behavior, and when necessary, the procedure will be invoked to send a participant home from the Jamboree.

ALL YOUTH AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS SHALL ABIDE BY THE FOLLOWING CODE OF CONDUCT. ***PLEASE INITIAL NEXT TO EACH NUMBERED PARAGRAPH INDICATING THAT YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO EACH TERM OF THE CODE.***

1. The unit's adult leaders (Scoutmaster and assistants) are responsible for the supervision of the membership of their troop in respect to maintaining discipline, security and insuring that each participant follows the Jamboree Code of Conduct.

2. The Scout Oath and Scout Law will be my guide throughout the Jamboree and I will obey all U.S., local and state laws.

3. I will set a good example by keeping myself neatly dressed and presentable. The official Scout uniform and Jamboree identifying items are the only acceptable apparel. On the tour, Class A uniforms are required. However, at the Jamboree Class B uniforms are acceptable.

4. I will attend all scheduled pre-Jamboree training, activities and Jamboree programs, and participate, as required, with other Troop members and leaders. I understand that failure to participate in pre-Jamboree activities or Jamboree activities, can result in my being removed from the Troop.

5. I agree to be considerate of other Troop participants. I agree to follow the bedtime and sleep schedule of the Troop, unless otherwise modified by the Jamboree program. I shall not watch TV in the hotel rooms. No youth shall leave their hotel rooms after curfew unless given permission by the adult leaders and they are accompanied by their youth companion and two adult leaders.

6. I will be responsible for keeping my tent clean and neat. I will label all of my personal items and gear. I will adhere to all Jamboree recycling policies and regulations. I will do my share to prevent littering of the Jamboree grounds.

7. I understand that the purchase, possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages, use of tobacco, illegal drugs or accessing and viewing pornography is prohibited. I understand that gambling of any form is prohibited. This standard shall apply to all participants-both youth and adult Troop leaders. Violators will be subject to immediate expulsion from the Jamboree troop and sent home at the sole expense of the violator or his family.

8. Serious and/or repetitive behavior violation by any youth, including cheating, dishonesty, swearing, fighting or intentionally destroying the persona property of another may result in expulsion from the Jamboree or serious disciplinary action and loss of privileges. Theft of any property belonging to another shall be grounds for expulsion. While at the Jamboree, the Jamboree headquarters shall be contacted in order to implement the procedure for expulsion. However, while the Troop is on tour before the Jamboree, the Council committee shall make any expulsion decisions.

9. I understand that possession of lasers of any type and possession and detonation of fireworks is prohibited.

10. I will demonstrate respect for Troop and Jamboree property. I will be financially responsible for any damage, vandalism or breakage I cause to any property, including, but not limited to hotel rooms and tents.

11. Neither the unit leader, Jamboree Division nor BSA will be responsible for the loss, breakage or theft of personal items. Youth will leave at home any expensive audio and video electronic devices, computers, iPads, electronic games and the like. Youth are permitted to bring books or non-electronic games which have been approved by the Troop adult leaders. Any valuable personal items which belong to youth may be delivered to the Troop leaders for safe keeping.

12. While participating in the action centers, aquatics and other activities at the Jamboree, I will obey the safety rules and instructions of all supervisors and staff members.

13. In accordance with U.S., local and state laws, adult leaders and youth are prohibited from having firearms and weapons in their possession. Scouts shall not at any time possess knives of any kind. However, if a Scout purchase a souvenir knife during the tour or Jamboree, the Scout shall deliver the knife to the unit leader for keeping until the Scout returns home.

14. Scoutmasters and assistants shall timely complete the BSA Youth Protection training and follow the guidelines therein.

15. Hazing has no place in Scouting, as well as running the gauntlet, belt lines, or similar physical punishment. Leaders and older youth shall prevent any youth from being "initiated" into the Troop with hazing.

16. Adult leaders should exercise good judgment and avoid trading souvenirs or patches with a youth Scout. Youth Scouts may trade with other youth Scouts. Adult leaders may trade only with other adults 18 years of age or older.

17. Adult and youth leaders must instruct youth in their troop to avoid confrontation with groups, demonstrators or hecklers and shall only respond passively to name-calling from such individuals or groups. Troops must be immediately removed from the area of potential conflict.

18. The personal bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller skates, and in-line skates of the Scouts and adult leaders will not be permitted at the Jamboree. In addition, golf carts and ATVs are prohibited.

19. Youth shall not bring cell phones. The adult leaders will have cell phones which will be available for use by youth at the adults' discretion.

20. While on the tour you will stay in a group of four. While at the Jamboree, you will stay in a group of two. If you become separated from the group on the tour, you will follow Scout procedures.

21. Each participant must depart for the Jamboree with his Jamboree troop and remain with his Jamboree troop the entire duration of the tour and return home with his troop. Families should only visit boys at the Jamboree site, not during the tour.

22. **Violation of any one of the rules in this Code of Conduct may result in expulsion from the Jamboree at the participant's own expense.**

Scout's Name (printed):_____

Scout's Signature: _____

Parent or Guardian Signature: _____

Date signed: _____