

## Rules/ Behavior Expectations for Volunteering

### Be a Role Model

- Younger kids and the community look up to you.
- Anytime you are wearing your scout uniform, people expect you to behave according to the scout law. If you don't it's not just you they think badly of but scouts as a whole.
- **There is a time and place for you to play-when you are volunteering this is not it.** When you agree to volunteer you are agreeing to work/help someone else. You are there **only** to help the other person accomplish their task/have fun. You are doing a job. The needs of the person you are helping are more important for that little bit of time than your needs.
- Disruptive horse play or shouting make you look bad, and disturb others around you.

### Show RESPECT to the adults and youth you are working with

- Listen and follow directions from the adults in charge of the event
- Listen to and help the youth accomplish the task/complete the project/or have fun playing the game. The youth see you as a leader – they want to be your friend. Help make the youth feel important/special.
- Be patient. Give them time to learn and practice new skills. Praise the kids for their efforts. **NEVER say negative things about the youth's skills or intelligence.**
- If an adult or youth does not behave appropriately, first gently explain the rules. If the adults still act inappropriately, ask an adult in charge to intervene. If a youth continues to behave inappropriately, nicely/politely/gently ask them to take a time out and explain why.

### Work your shift/follow through on your commitments

- Be ready to start your assigned duties on schedule
- Stay in your assigned area at all times, except for quick breaks to use the bathroom or get a drink. If you must leave your area, arrange for another scout to cover for you.
- If you are not happy with an assignment: 1) See if another scout or adult will trade with you 2) Get approval from the adults in charge before trading
- If you can not trade, and you are still unhappy. Work your shift anyway with a pleasant attitude. Don't let the people you are trying to help see that you are unhappy. (Pretend you're wearing a mask, think about something positive) You can choose later not to do this project/activity ever again. **NEVER take it out/complain to the people you are supposed to be helping.**