

## Behavioral Expectations:

The safety and enjoyment of all youth and leaders in our programs is very important to us.

We understand that youth with unique needs may find it difficult to demonstrate safe and respectful behavior in all situations, and we will be tolerant and supportive if your child requires additional time and encouragement to respond respectfully and cooperate. At the same time, it is important for you to know that if there is an incident where your child injures another youth or adult, or uses exceedingly aggressive or vulgar language, he or she will be asked to leave the activity early, and may be asked not to participate in a subsequent event.

When such an incident occurs, we will work with you to plan for adjustments to the structure and supervision for the next meeting or activity.

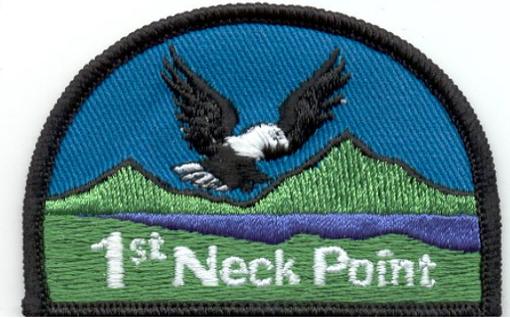
In the unfortunate circumstances where significant violent event occurs, or we have repeated situations where we are unable to ensure the safety of your child, or others, your youth may be asked to leave the program.



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## Additional Notes from Your Child's Section Leaders:



## First Neck Point Scouts

### Information for Families of Youth with Unique Needs



## First Neck Point Scouts

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## First Neck Point Scouts

The First Neck Point Scout Group believes that it is our mission to provide all youth and volunteers an opportunity to challenge themselves to develop new skills through a quality, fun program.

### Our goals are:

- ⇒ *To encourage personal development and leadership*
- ⇒ *To provide fulfilling and challenging programs for all*
- ⇒ *To strive for achievement*
- ⇒ *To be accessible to all*
- ⇒ *To embrace the outdoors as a classroom*
- ⇒ *To create positive, life-long memories*
- ⇒ *To HAVE FUN!*



## Scouts Canada

### Policy for Youth with Disabilities

To the extent that their disability will allow, youth should be encouraged to participate in the program and complete as many as possible of the requirements outlined in the appropriate handbooks.

Adaptation of the program to specifically allow such a youth fuller participation is encouraged and left up to the discretion of the Scouter, as long as such adaptations are in keeping with Scouts Canada's Policies and Procedures.

## Our Promise to You:

We will do our best to involve your youth in all of our events and outings.

Knowing that your child has unique needs which the adults and children in our program may need to be aware of, we encourage on-going, open communication with you.

If your child has special requirements in terms of diet, behavior or a physical challenge, we will brainstorm with you about the best way to address those concerns.

We will work with you to determine what information needs to be shared with the other adults and children in the group in terms of how others can help support your child.

If these needs cannot be safely accommodated by the leaders on their own, we will ask you to participate in the outing or activity alongside your child.

In the event that the leaders do not feel confident that they are able to include your child safely in an activity, we may request that your child attend for either only a portion of it, or respectfully withdraw from it. This decision will always be made in consultation with you, after considering all possible options for inclusion.



## How You Can Help:

Open, honest communication is the best way to ensure your child participates safely and successfully in program activities.

The more information you can provide in terms of ways we can support your child, and the specific challenges/triggers which will be difficult for him/her to navigate, the more we can plan for things in advance, and be prepared for situations that may occur.

If your child takes medication, please provide information with respect to dosage, frequency, and side-effects. We will supervise the administration of medication at camp, as long as we know how/when to do so.

Where we have agreed that you should attend an event to support your child, please put yourself into the role of a childcare support person or EA. We ask that you remain in proximity to your child as much as possible, and that you intervene if he/she begins to escalate or become distressed. Please facilitate your child taking a break from the activity if he or she needs one.

As the leaders are providing overall supervision and direction for the group, it is not always possible for them to be alongside your child during the activity. The scouters are all volunteers who are doing our best. We will help as much as we can, but we are not specifically trained in working with children with special needs.