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I first became aware of this difference some years ago while on a Scouting trip to Costa Rica. It was over the new-year's holiday. One of the local Scout leaders was hosting a new-year's party at his house. We were out getting food and other supplies for the event when he asked me "How much beer should we buy for your Scouts?" I told him that he didn't need to buy any and explained to him the police we had on drinking in Scouting in the U.S. He bought more soda instead. He also told me that there was not such a restriction in Costa Rica, that they did not have the same drinking laws as we do, and that many of the Costa Rican Scouts would probably be drinking beer at the party. Which it turns out, they were.

I attended the Pan American Jamboree, which was held in Bolivia this last December / January. It again was over the new-year's holiday. The policy there for drinking at new-year's parties was that it was officially sanctioned as long as it was confined to your campsite. Needless to say, the U.S. group had no trouble abiding by the rules. We had not brought anything with us anyway. Groups from many other countries did, and celebrated the New Year as they would do in their homeland. Wine was also served at several official functions during the Jamboree.

When I was in England in April I visited Gilwell Park. Steve, the warden, showed me around. One of the things he pointed out was the bar. I have heard from many people that have attended World Jamborees that there is always a "pub tent" for leaders. I have also seen Scouts from other countries being served beer and wine with meals at a Scout camp.

The question I have is:

"What should be the rules regarding drinking for U.S. Scouts and Scouters while on Scouting trips in other countries where the rules and customs are different?"

The reason I ask this question is that we have an active international program in my council and this question has come up several times. In the past, we have left it in the hands of the leadership for each trip to decide what rules they wish to enforce.

The range of possible rules is quite large and ranges from "Zero tolerance" to "When in Rome do as the Romans do."

I would like your opinion and insight, especially from people that have lead trips to other countries. Please indicate this in your message if you have.

Before dashing off a reply to this message, however, I would like you to consider the following real situations, all occurring in other countries that I and/or other Scout leaders here have had to consider.

Situation 1:

You and everyone else in this situation are out of uniform; you are in a restaurant for dinner; one of your Scouts is at another table with a group of local scouts; the youth is of legal drinking age in this country; one or more of the other youth at his table have ordered wine or beer with their dinner; the Scout would like to have a beer with his dinner; his mother (who is not a leader on the trip, but having a parallel trip with her daughter) is sitting at a separate table and says that it is ok for her son to have a beer. Should he be allowed to have a drink?

Situation 2:

You are in uniform at an adult Scouting ceremony; no youth are present; wine is being served; one of the local leaders brings over a glass of wine; you shared lunch and wine with this Scout leader earlier at his home; he hands you the wine and offers a toast to "Scouting friendship around the world." Should you be allowed to drink?

Situation 3:

It is New Year's Eve; a Scout is with his host family; he is of legal drinking age in the country; it is just about midnight; he is offered a glass of Champaign to toast the new year; If he wants to, should he be allowed to accept it and drink a toast to the new year?

Situation 4:

You are in uniform on a plane over Europe, returning from an international Scouting conference; no Scouting youth are around you; you are offered complimentary wine with dinner; If you want to, should you be allowed to drink?

There are other situations I could describe, but I think you see the point. Things are not always black and white and simple rules may not always work.

Please note that my question only relates to drinking rules for U.S. Scouts and Scouters on trips outside the U.S. It is not meant to open the subject of drinking at Scouting events held in the U.S.

I should also add that never have I seen Scouts or Scout leaders from another country behave in an un-Scout-like manner when they were drinking at a Scout related event.

International Scouters: I am also interested in knowing what rules exist in other parts of the world regarding drinking on Scout related events.

Yours in Scouting

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{\f20 From: pfarnham@ASBMB.FASEB.ORG\par

Date: Tue, 19 Sep 95 12:52:59 EST\par

To: mfbowman@capaccess.org\par

Subject: Your recent private comments \par

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Mike,\par

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Thanks for your recent note on the alcohol issue. I believe the unit \par involved has resolved the problem. I understand the CM sent a note to \par all registered leaders forcefully reminding them of the BSA policy \par that there be no alcohol at scout functions on scout property or where \par youth are present (1994 GSS, p.15), and insisting that this policy be \par adhered to in the future. \par

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I also understand the matter was discussed with a senior member of the \par chartered organization's staff, who supported the CM's approach and \par said she would step in forcefully if it became necessary in the \par future.\par

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The CM involved--who was by no means amused, I can assure you--tells \par me that heads will roll if it happens again. Again, while not \par intending to defend the indefensible, it's my understanding that we're \par not talking about a bunch of drunks here; rather, some good but \par untrained parents (and, unfortunately, a registered leader or two who \par should have known better) who need to be told (reminded) that scout \par outings are not the same thing as Fourth of July family barbecues.\par

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In any case, your thoughts on this matter were appreciated, and I am \par confident that the matter has been taken care of--with little if any \par harm done, thank God. \par

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YiS,\par

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Subject: Re: Your recent private comments \par

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Pete,\par

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Glad things are being worked out. Sounds like the right actions are taking place. Now that there is a commitment to make sure the same thing is not repeated, I think that it may be as well to let the business slide into dim memory. BTW I liked your advice to Ms. Bope. Good posting!

Speaking only for myself in the Scouting Spirit, Michael F. Bowman
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Date: Tue, 6 Feb 1996 09:21:54 -0600

From: Bob Evans <evans@THEBORG.WES.ARMY.MIL>

Subject: Re: drugs & alcohol

Martijn,

(I'm replying via the SCOUTS-L discussion group because I have received a number of messages that claim that marijuana is not all that bad.)

It is true that abuse of alcohol is as bad as abuse of marijuana. However, the only reason to use marijuana is to get intoxicated. Most people who have an alcoholic drink are not trying to get intoxicated. Unfortunately, many do (I have a number of alcoholics in my family).

The physical addictiveness of marijuana is unknown; the psychological addictiveness is high. Here is some additional information from the Drug Enforcement Agency:

Marijuana also affects:

The immune system by impairing the ability of T-cells to fight off infections;

The reproductive system by delaying the onset of puberty in young men and women; and

Babies who are born to women who used marijuana during pregnancy; these babies are smaller and more likely to develop other health problems.

In July 1995, the Department of Health and Human Service held its first research conference on marijuana. At the conference, new information about the long-term dangers of marijuana use was released. Some of the major findings included the following:

Peter Fried, Ph.D., from the Carleton University in Ottawa, found that marijuana use during pregnancy has harmful effects on children's intellectual abilities a decade or more after they are born.

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Through the use of an animal model, Billy Martin, Ph.D. of the Virginia
Commonwealth University, showed that compulsive marijuana use may lead to an
addiction similar to that produced by other illicit drugs.\par

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Roger Roffman, Ph.D. and Robert Stephens, Ph.D., both from the University of
Washington, showed that marijuana can put a serious chokehold on long-term users
who try to quit.\par

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The American Medical Association policy statement on marijuana says, in part,
"The AMA believes that cannabis (marijuana) is a dangerous drug and as such is
a public health concern." This is not a new position for the AMA; it was
adopted in 1969 and reaffirmed in 1994.\par

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As a summary, we in Scouting have a duty to inform scouts about the effects of
all drugs. And, if we find that some of our scouts are using drugs (alcohol
included) at non-scout activities, we should do our best to get the scouts to
stop the destructive behaviour. The scout oath and law do not apply only at
scout activities.\par

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Bob\par

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Date: Mon, 25 Mar 1996 11:18:01 GMT\par

From: David Wilson <Djh.Wilson@EE.QUB.AC.UK>\par

Subject: Re: Where there's smoke, there's ire!\par

To: Multiple recipients of list SCOUTS-L <SCOUTS-L@TCUBVM.IS.TCU.EDU>\par

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Regarding Jim Moriarty's post...\par

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I wouldn't normally respond to something like this, but I'm getting a bit
sick of such parades of self-righteousness, so here goes:\par

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> The "big picture" is hundreds of thousands of dead people\par

Great. I hope you now intend to launch a crusade against Scouters who own
cars, eat fatty food, don't take any regular exercise, etc, etc. Not
forgetting the obvious one of "Scouters who own firearms", of course.\par

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> obscene profits to tobacco companies\par

Didn't realise that this was a crime. Nevertheless, I look forward to your
tirade against Microsoft. Afterwards, you're cordially invited to come to
this side of the Atlantic and start a campaign against British Telecom.\par

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> manipulation of youth by slick advertising, dumping on new third\par

> world markets\par

Oh, this is a biggy! I think we can obtain convictions on A LOT of companies
for this! We'll start with Coca Cola, hit Nestle next week, get to work on
Pepsi the week after...\par

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> billions upon billions of dollars in medical costs\par

As opposed to the billions of dollars which would otherwise be spent on\par pension payments and treating the diseases which these fine smokers would\par otherwise die of in old age. Hell, I'd say they're probably saving us money.\par

Hooray for the smokers!\par

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> higher insurance rates\par

For them. I find that I get a reduction in insurance, because their risk\par factor is factored out of my payments. Hooray for the smokers! (Again)\par

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> a gateway to hard drug use\par

Anyone who could write such a patently absurd statement and post it to a\par public forum must have passed through this gateway some time ago.\par

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> litter\par

One of my pet hates. However, most of the litter I see comes from sweet\par papers and drinks cans. So it's a double whammy for Coca Cola.\par

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> forest fires\par

Let's ban all camping stoves!\par

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> house fires\par

As an electrical engineer, I propose that anyone who connects high power\par appliances into multi-way adaptor plugs should be hounded out of Scouting.\par

And I want prison sentences for anyone who wires up a plug incorrectly.\par

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> low birth weight babies\par

At least you won't strain yourself picking them up.\par

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> shoplifting, smuggling\par

Eh? People shoplift and smuggle all sorts of things. Are you suggesting\par that using cars is wrong because people can steal/smuggle them?\par

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> bazillions of dollars of tax revenue supporting\par

> otherwise useless tobacco farmers\par

Less of a problem over here. However, I think you'll find that smokers pay\par more than enough tax to cover this. Besides, if they didn't grow tobacco,\par

you'd have to pay for their unemployment benefit.\par

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> and last but not least the continued presence of Jesse Helms.\par

As long as he stays on your side of the pond, this doesn't bother me in\par the slightest.\par

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> Big enough for you?\par

My world is big enough to accomodate people who choose to behave\par differently from myself. Jim, I have a sneaking suspicion that _your_\par

world does not have this air of tolerance.\par

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Some of the best Scouters I have known have been smokers. Some of the worst
Scouters I have known have also been smokers. Truth is, I don't really
care. Wherever they went, though, there were always people who couldn't
wait to treat them as second class citizens. For some reason, the sight of
other people smoking turns some normally reasonable people into ranting
bigots. And I think that's sad.

Yours waiting for the anti-smoking Gestapo to prime their flamethrowers,

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(SL, 1st Saintfield Scout Troop, Co. Down, N. Ireland)

(NON-SMOKER who doesn't particularly care if other people want to)

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