

## HOBO CODE

- 1) Decide your own life, don't let another person run or rule you.
- 2) When in town, always respect the local law and officials, and try to be a gentleman at all times.
- 3) Don't take advantage of someone who is in a vulnerable situation, locals or other hobos.
- 4) Always try to find work, even if temporary, and always seek out jobs nobody wants. By doing so you not only help a business along, but insure employment should you return to that town again.
- 5) When no employment is available, make your own work by using your added talents at crafts.
- 6) Do not allow yourself to become a stupid drunk and set a bad example for locals' treatment of other hobos.
- 7) When jungling in town, respect handouts, do not wear them out, another hobo will be coming along who will need them as bad, if not worse than you.
- 8) Always respect nature, do not leave garbage where you are jungling.
- 9) If in a community jungle, always pitch in and help.
- 10) Try to stay clean, and boil up whenever possible.
- 11) When traveling, ride your train respectfully, take no personal chances, cause no problems with the operating crew or host railroad, act like an extra crew member.
- 12) Do not cause problems in a train yard, another hobo will be coming along who will need passage through that yard.
- 13) Do not allow other hobos to molest children, expose to authorities all molesters, they are the worst garbage to infest any society.
- 14) Help all runaway children, and try to induce them to return home.
- 15) Help your fellow hobos whenever and wherever needed, you may need their help some day.
- 16) If present at a hobo court and you have testimony, give it, whether for or against the accused, your voice counts!

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