

Meditation and Sharing

(The leader may offer a meditation at this time, invite sharing from others present, or allow a few minutes for silent reflection.)

Closing Prayer - Lord Baden-Powell

Our Father, make us trustworthy, for there are those who trust us. Make us loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest ideals. Teach us to be helpful, for through helpfulness do we forget our selfishness. Make us friendly, for there are so many who need a friend.

Train us in courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet on life's floor. Make us kind, for kindness is the oil in the cogs of life's machinery. Make us cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass among the rocks in the path of life. Train us in thrift, for thrifty habits brighten our future.

Make us brave; brave in the dark and brave in the light, but save us from becoming fakers of bravery. Help us to be clean; clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed. And may we remember that our bodies are Thy holy temples, and that any abuse thereof is to tamper with Thy Great Plans.

Above all, O God, help us to be reverent toward all things which Thou hast made for our enjoyment when we are in Thy great out-of-doors, among the trees, along the streams, and on the hillsides. May we know it was Thee who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure all ages. In all these things we ask that Thou wilt help us.

And may we never forget the Scout Oath to which we all have pledged ourselves, so that through Thy help we may live these points of our Scout Law. Amen.

The Scoutmaster's Benediction

All: May the great Scoutmaster of all true Scouts be with us until we meet again. Amen.



A SCOUT IS REVERENT



Living the Scout Law

Opening Prayer

Mighty God, thank you for the opportunity to be here in the midst of the beauty and majesty of your creation. Give us the strength to endure the challenges of this day, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before. Bless each Scout and each leader and help us each to grow into the people you call us to be. Amen.

Responsive Reading - A Litany of the Scout Law

Leader: A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled.

Scouts: A Scout is trustworthy.

Leader: We owe much to many – to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

Scouts: A Scout is loyal.

Leader: The Good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a good turn.

Scouts: A Scout is helpful.

Leader: No one likes a grouchy self-centered person who only cares about themselves. We must be willing to share our time with others.

Scouts: A Scout is friendly.

Leader: Courtesy is the mark of all faiths. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

Scouts: A Scout is courteous.

Leader: Kindliness is the way people show respect for others.

Scouts: A Scout is kind.

Leader: Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like them or not. One of the marks of growing up is our readiness to accept responsibilities willingly.

Scouts: A Scout is obedient.

Leader: Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always brighter.

Scouts: A Scout is cheerful.

Leader: The world offers many gifts. A wise person uses them with care.

Scouts: A Scout is thrifty.

Leader: To each of us comes danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In the choice of courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

Scouts: A Scout is brave.

Leader: Cleanliness is said to be next to Godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement worthy of praise.

Scouts: A Scout is clean.

Leader: Most of our character is determined by the things we worship. Whatever we put first in our life will determine the course and content of our life.

When God is first, everything else falls into place.

Scouts: A Scout is reverent.

All: Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us to work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and help us to do your will in all areas of our life.