

EXHIBIT "1"

Understand and Agree to Live by the Scout Oath or Promise, Scout Law, Motto, and Slogan, and the Outdoor Code

Every Scout for a hundred years has pledged to guide his thoughts and actions according to the Scout Oath, Scout Law, motto, and slogan, and the Outdoor Code. Now it is your turn.

Scout Oath or Promise

*On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout Law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.*

What the Scout Oath or Promise Means

Before you agree to the Scout Oath or Promise, you must know what it means.

On my honor . . .

Honor is the core of who you are—your honesty, your integrity, your reputation, the ways you treat others, and how you act when you are on your own.

I will do my best . . .

Do all you can to live by the Scout Oath, even when you are faced with difficult challenges.

To do my duty . . .

Duty is what others expect of you, but more importantly it is what you expect of yourself.

to God . . .

Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You can do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings and by defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs.

and my country . . .

Help the United States continue to be a strong and fair nation by learning about our system of government and your responsibilities as a citizen. When you do all you can for your family and community, you are serving your country. Making the most of your opportunities will help shape our nation's future.



and to obey the Scout Law; . . .

In your thoughts, words, and deeds, the 12 points of the Scout Law will lead you toward doing the right thing throughout your life.

To help other people at all times; . . .

By helping out whenever you can, you are making the world better. "At all times" is a reminder to help even when it is difficult and even without waiting to be asked.

To keep myself physically strong; . . .

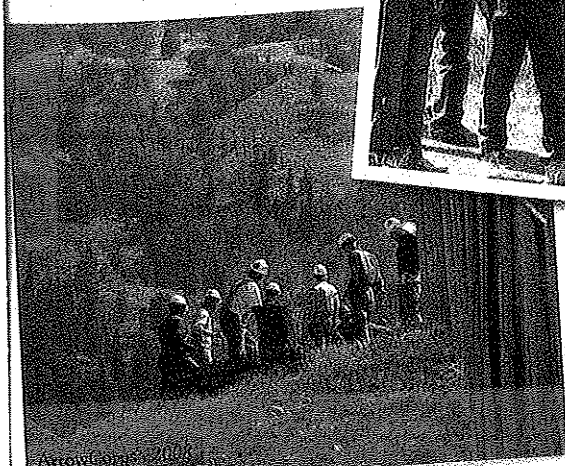
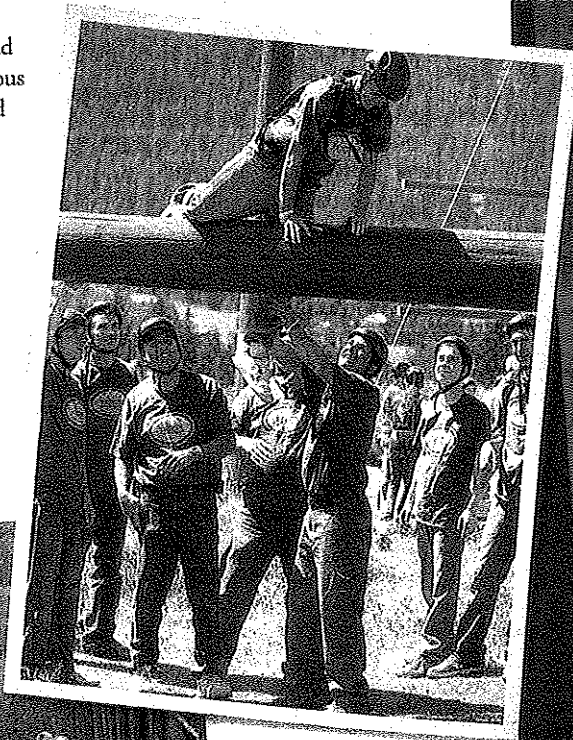
Taking care of your body prepares you for a lifetime of great adventures. You can build your body's strength and endurance by eating nutritious foods, getting enough sleep, and being active. You should also avoid tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, and anything else that might harm your health.

mentally awake; . . .

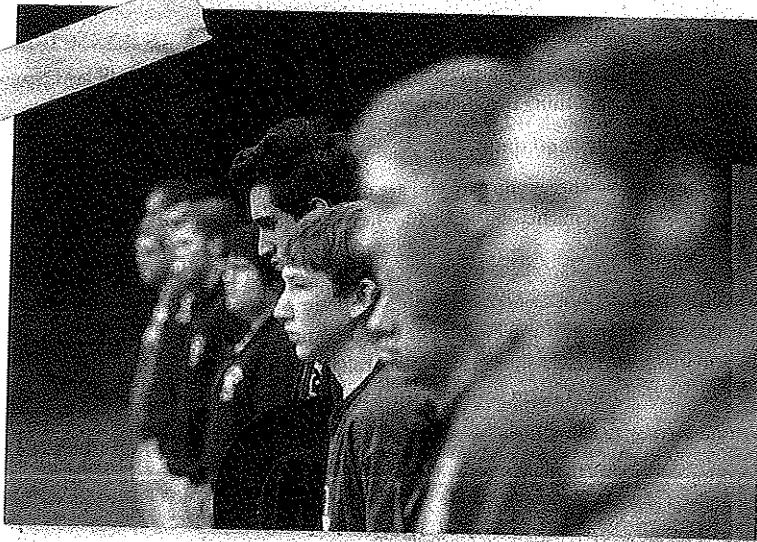
Develop your mind both in and outside of the classroom. Be curious about everything around you, and never stop learning.

and morally straight.

Your relationships with others should be honest and open. Respect and defend the rights of all people. Be clean in your speech and actions and faithful in your religious beliefs. Values you practice as a Scout will help you shape a life of virtue and self-reliance.



Scouting's adventures will help you fulfill the last part of the Oath—staying strong and fit.



Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

What the Scout Law Means

The Scout Law will show you how to live as a boy and as a man.

A Scout is trustworthy. A Scout tells the truth. He is honest, and he keeps his promises. People can depend on him.

A Scout is loyal. A Scout is loyal to those to whom loyalty is due.

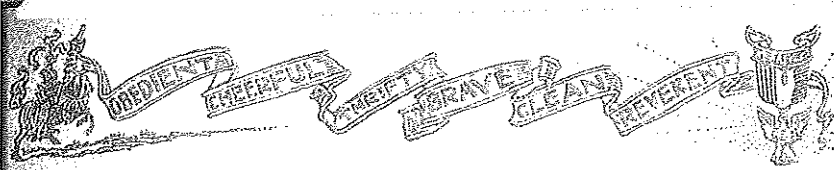
A Scout is helpful. A Scout cares about other people. He helps others without expecting payment or reward. He fulfills his duties to his family by helping at home.

A Scout is friendly. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He offers his friendship to people of all races, religions, and nations, and respects them even if their beliefs and customs are different from his own.

A Scout is courteous. A Scout is polite to people of all ages and positions. He understands that using good manners makes it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is kind. A Scout treats others as he wants to be treated. He knows there is strength in being gentle. He does not harm or kill any living thing without good reason.

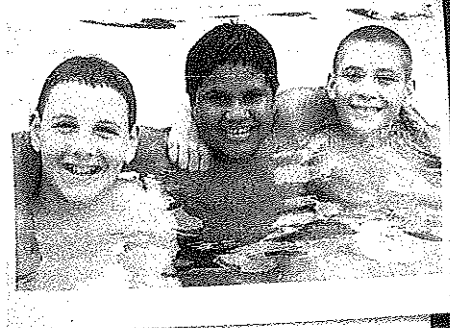




A Scout is obedient. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he seeks to have them changed in an orderly way.

A Scout is cheerful. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way and tries his best to make others happy, too.

A Scout is thrifty. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He is careful in his use of time and property.



A Scout is brave. A Scout faces danger even if he is afraid.

A Scout is clean. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit. He chooses friends who also live by high standards. He avoids profanity and pornography. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is reverent. A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

What the Scout Motto Means


Be Prepared. That's the Boy Scout motto.

"Be prepared for what?" someone once asked Robert Baden-Powell, the founder of Scouting.

"Why, for any old thing," he replied.

Training in Scoutcraft, woodcraft, and campcraft will help you live up to the Scout motto. You will be prepared if someone is hurt, because you know first aid. Because you will have practiced lifesaving skills, you might be able to save a nonswimmer struggling in deep water. Whenever leadership is needed, you will understand what to do.

Baden-Powell wasn't thinking only of being ready for emergencies. His idea was that Scouts should prepare themselves to become productive citizens and strong leaders and to bring joy to other people. He wanted each Scout to be ready in mind and body and to meet with a strong heart whatever challenges await him.

 Be prepared for life—to live happily and without regret, knowing that you have done your best. Being prepared financially is a particularly important skill you can practice by saving at least half of what you earn.

Scout Spirit

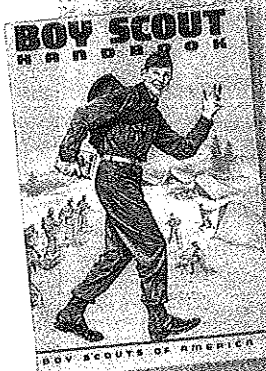


You show Scout spirit by making the Scout Oath, Scout Law, motto, and slogan part of your life. Many of the requirements for Scout ranks can be measured by other people. When you set out to swim 25 yards for the Second Class swimming requirement, anyone can see that you have covered the distance.

How well you live the Scout Oath and Scout Law can be judged by you and by others. You know when you are being kind and when you are helpful and a good friend. You know when you are trustworthy and reverent. You know how you act when no one is around to see what you do.

Do your best to live each day by the Scout Oath and Scout Law. You may look back on some of your decisions and wish you had acted differently, but you can learn from those moments and promise yourself to do better in the future.

As you use the Scout Oath and Scout Law for guidance, don't be surprised when others recognize those values in you and respect you for it. When a non-Scout tells you that you are behaving like a Boy Scout, that's a good sign that you have Scout spirit. Set high standards for yourself and strive to reach them. Ask nothing less of yourself, and no one can ask anything more of you.



"You prove that you have caught this spirit by the way you help in patrol, troop, home, school, church or synagogue, and community and your habits of caring for your own things and protecting the properties of others."

—*Boy Scout Handbook*, 6th ed., 1959

The Scout Oath and Scout Law are not meant just to be recited at troop meetings, and they are not to be obeyed just while you are wearing a Scout uniform. The spirit of Scouting is always important—at home, at school, and in your community.

The standards set by the Scout Oath and Scout Law are very high. Strive to reach them every day, and you will find that they become as natural for you to live by as they are for you to say.