

The Chaplain Aide’s Guidebook

Troop 313, Bel Air, MD

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# The Chaplain Aide

##### The reason a Troop has a Chaplain Aide is to:

* Make the 12th point of the Scout Law (reverent) more meaningful in life.
* Promote a greater understanding of and appreciation for all religions.
* Provide Boy Scouts with the opportunity to work with an ordained member of the clergy, thereby gaining insight into the religious professional life.

The responsibilities of a chaplain aide are to encourage spiritual awareness and growth in the lives of troop members and to assist the adult Troop Chaplain (if your troop has one). This guide will help you organize and carryout these activities for your troop.

Any mention of God in this text shall refer to any known divine presence which may also be known as Jevovah, Allah, Yahweh, Christ, Great Spirit, or other names. Likewise, the word “Worship place” will be used to denote all houses of worship such as a Church, Synagogue, Temple, Mosque, Congregation, Stake Center, or any other places of worship.

This manual includes portions from official Scout guides, prayer books and publications of Religious organizations and the BSA.

It is recommended that the Scout who is the Chaplain Aide, should have earned or should be in the process of completing his religious emblem’s study program. It is recommended that the Boy Scout be at least a First Class Scout.

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# Duties of the Chaplain Aide

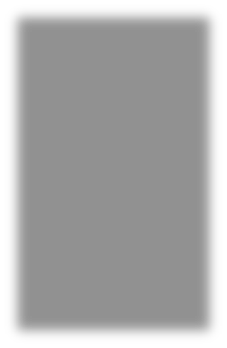
* Maintain the troop’s religious emblems award progress chart.
* Present a bi-annual review of the religious emblems programs to the troop, telling members to arrange and contact their own religious counselor to guide them in the study programs.
* Compile and keep an up-to-date list of local clergy who have agreed to be counselors for the religious emblems programs.
* Present a review of the religious emblems programs to Cub Scout dens and packs on request.
* Serve as the Scout coordinator for the observance of the annual Scout Sunday or Sabbath in February.
* Working with the troop chaplain, compose a religious service appropriate for all troop members during weekend campouts. Invite the troop chaplain to visit a campout, eat with the troop, and conduct a worship service.
* Prepare a prayer for a Scouting event *(before or after meals, evening programs, etc.)* When composing these prayers, be sensitive to the religious faiths represented in the troop. *(See Guidebook examples)*
* Assist the troop chaplain, or an adult, to plan and conduct a Religious Emblem Recognition Ceremony. *(Presentation of a religious emblem is the responsibility of the local religious institution in which it is earned, however it is good for the troop to recognize Scouts who have received religious emblems at Courts of Honor.)*
* Encourage troop members to strengthen their own relationship with God through personal prayer, devotions and participation in religious activities.
* Participate in patrol leader’s councils, ensuring that a spiritual emphasis is included, e.g., vespers, prayer before meals, religious observances, etc.

# A Chaplain Aide Assists the Chaplain



* The Troop Chaplain is usually a clergyman.
* Religious chartered units like Troop 313 usually have a Pastor, Priest, or Rabbi as the Executive Officer (EO). The EO can appoint another clergy or lay person to serve as the Chaplain; otherwise, they are considered to be the Chaplain.
* Just after a Scout is appointed as Chaplain Aide, he should set up a meeting with the Chaplain. However remember the “2-deep leadership” rule. (Have a minimum of two youth as well as two adults at the minimum present.) So set up a meeting when you can attend with another Scout, preferably the Senior Patrol Leader, as well as another adult, either the Scoutmaster, Assistant, or an active parent.
* Have your Troop’s calendar available, and note special Religious events or dates. You should be able to tell him about other duties, such as how many Scouts are working on Religious emblems.
* When the Chaplain attends a troop function, the Chaplain Aide should be his host, acting as the ambassador for the troop. Be sure to introduce the Chaplain to adult and youth Leaders, as well as the entire troop if he is there to speak or make a presentation.
* If he is there for a Religious service, help him prepare items for the ceremony and see that he has help during the service. He should always be asked if he would like something to drink. If food is served, asked if he would like to say Grace before meals, or help you. Be sure he is treated with respect. After the program, make sure he is assisted in carrying things out before he leaves.
* When planning Religious Events for the Troop, include the Chaplain’s input, especially if he is to attend. Also, plan to do service projects for a place of worship. Twice a year, you should ask the Chaplain what the Scouts can do to help them, while at the same time provide needed service projects for the Troop.

##### Religious Emblems



Religious Emblems are available from all the Faiths that sponsor Scouting as a chartered organization. Many troops include Scouts of various faiths; therefore, a knowledge of all emblems is helpful.

Since procedures vary among different faiths, you can call your local Boy Scout council religious relationships committee for help in identifying ways to promote the religious emblems program and emblem recipient recognition ceremonies.

Manuals for Religious Emblems are usually available at local Scout Shops or possibly from your Faith’s local scout committees. Otherwise, most are available from:

P.R.A.Y., 8520 Mackenzie Road, Suite 3, Saint Louis, MO 63123 (800-933-7729) or on the Internet at [www.praypub.org,](about:blank) or

BSA Religious Relationships, S-226, PO Box 152079, Irving, TX 75015 (972-580-2191),

Most programs require assistance by an adult “Advisor” as a Counselor, Mentor, or Moderator, with manuals also for the Advisors. Some Religions require that Advisors be certified in their own training programs. However, all Advisors must attend the BSA Youth Protection Program before they meet for sessions. (Note: This is available to them online.) When sessions are held, the two-deep rule still applies. The exception is if a single youth is working on an award, then he could be accompanied by one of the Scout’s parents.

###### Make a presentation to your Troop

You can tell scouts about Religious emblems when your Troop starts meeting again at the start of a new school year. The Chaplain Aide should plan to be scheduled as part of a meeting program, so that the Religious emblems can be explained to all the Scouts. You should not limit Religious emblems to only those of your sponsoring Faith, but you should find out what are the Religions of all the Unit members and advise them, giving them equal opportunity to work on their own Religious emblems, as well. Remember that BSA is *“absolutely nonsectarian”* and that you are to aid all Scouts within your unit in their **Duty to God**, according to their beliefs, *“even when they differ from your own.”*

**Unit Awards** are available from some Faiths, as a patch worn above or as a temporary patch on the right pocket of Scout uniform shirts.

###### As of this printing these include:

* **Catholic:** Pope Paul VI Unit Award,
* **Jewish:** Frank L. Well Memorial Unit Recognition,
* **Lutheran:** Recognition of Excellence,
* **Methodist:** Bishops Award of Excellence, and for
* **Presbyterian, Baptist and Disciples of Christ:** Unit Award of Excellence. Consult your Religion’s local or National committees on Scouting for details.

**Religious emblems sessions** should usually start by October or November in order to finish by springtime, when most are awarded. The Chaplain Aide should help coordinate the scheduling of sessions between adult Advisors and Scouts. Some sessions can be planned before, after or during scout meetings, as well as before or after religious services. If everyone cannot make the same session, you may divide them into two groups, if okay with the Advisor(s) and if the two deep rule is followed.

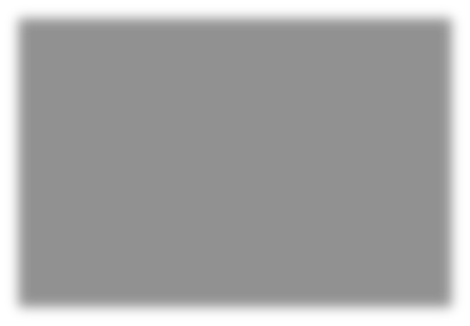
**Remember… The two deep rule** requires a minimum of two adults, and also a minimum of two youth Scouts, at all types of meetings or outings. This is mandatory to conform with the Youth Protection Program and BSA insurance, as well as the other benefits of the two deep leadership policy, where one leader helps the other. For Religious emblem sessions, they can be held as a private meeting or can be held as a break-out session in the same room at meetings with others in attendance, with at least two adults and two youth present at all time in the larger room. The only exception to this is when only one youth is working on an emblem, then at private meeting sessions he could have one of his parents in attendance along with the Advisor(s).

**When emblems are awarded** to the Scouts in your Troop, you should help coordinate their pinning ceremony with the Troop’s worship congregation, and for other Scouts at their own Faith’s worship place. You should also plan recognition for them at your Troop’s next Court of Honor, preferably with their Chaplain(s) attending, to at least present their uniform knot.

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| --- | --- | --- |
| Scout Level | Boy Scout | Boy Scout / Venturing |
| School Grade | 6 - 8 | 9 - 12 |
| Catholic | Ad Altare Dei | Pope Pius XII |
| Christian | God and Church | God and Life |
| Jewish | Ner Tamid | Etz Chaim |
| Mormon | On My Honor | Duty to God |
| Moslem | In the Name of God | In the Name of God |

Special recognition should be given for any scout who earns all the emblems available from his particular Faith.

##### Churches in the Bel Air Area Area



Baptist Church address Name, contact info, website Advisor:

Catholic –

Advisor:

Christ Our King Lexington Avenue, Bel Air, MD

Advisor: Pastor Jeff Young

Church of Jesus Christ of Later Day Saints

Advisor:

Evangelical

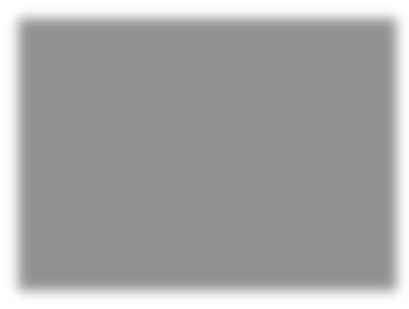
Advisor:

United Methodist Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

Family of Christ Lutheran Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

Baptist Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

First Church of Nazarene \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

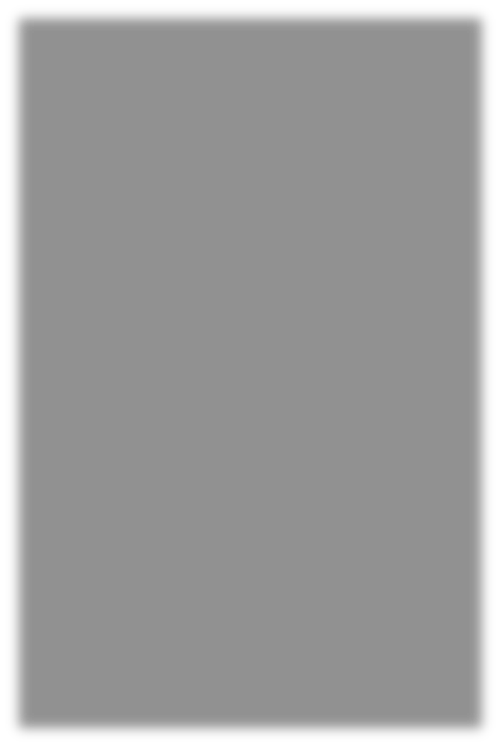


First Lutheran Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

Jehovah’s Witnesses \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

Orthodox Church \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Advisor:

Scout Sunday



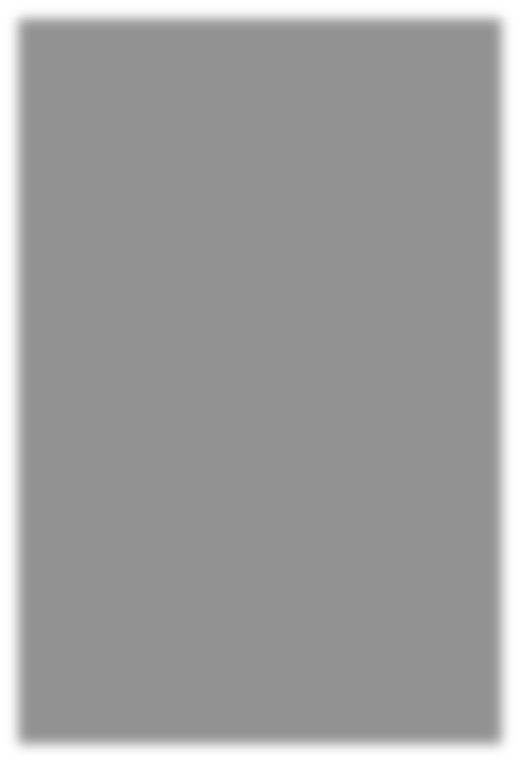
The first week of February is often referred to as Scouting Anniversary Week to commemorate the founding of the Boy Scouts of America and the issuing of our National Charter from Congress.

Thus the first Sunday in February is called Scout Sunday.

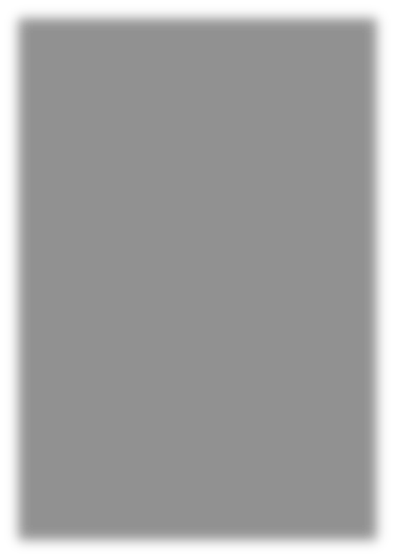
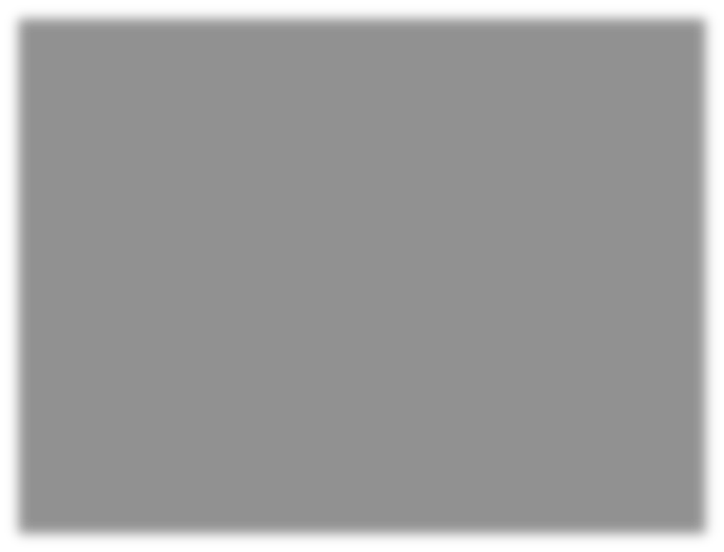
(Note: The United Methodist Church recognizes this day on the 2nd Sunday in February.)

Scout Sunday is celebrated by thousands of scouts each year at Churches & Synagogues across the United States. Here are ideas you can incorporate into activities this year:

* + - 1. Have your whole Troop attend your sponsoring Church’s service, arrive together and in Class “A” Uniforms. During the service sit together at the front of the pews. This will allow the whole congregation to see you and make your unit more visible to church members.
      2. If the church you attend does not have a Scouting program, come to Church in your Scout Uniform. Many pastors are aware of Scout Sunday and will discuss it at some point in the service. Often there will be quite a number of Scouts and Adults in uniform at this service. If possible, share your plans with your pastor, rabbi, or minister so they will be aware of Scout Sunday.
      3. Have your Scouts serve as Ushers during the service.
      4. Have Scouts serve as Altar Bearers during the processional. Depending on your church's beliefs & customs, it may be appropriate to bring in the colors during the service.
      5. Have scouts lead the congregation in the responsive readings or as lectors when bible verses are to be read. If appropriate, choose from among several that incorporate the Scout Oath or Law.
      6. Have a display in the hallway about scouting or present Scouting on a bulletin board. Try to sign up new members for your Troop.
      7. Have a Saturday Night lock-in at the church, perhaps arrange a model campsite. It will attract a lot of attention on Sunday morning and many church members will want to visit the campsite and ask questions about the troop.
      8. Have the scouts be in charge of the refreshments. Make it even more interesting by having the scouts cook some of their Dutch oven favorites
      9. Present a plaque of the Eagle Scouts from the Church Sponsored unit or try to schedule an Eagle Scout Ceremony either as a part of the church service or immediately after. These are impressive events and will draw the interest of your church members.
      10. Have members of the Congregation who were in Scouting or are Eagle Scouts Stand Up. You may also ask Girl Scout Members to also stand.
      11. Use Scout Sunday to award religious emblems that your scouts have earned. For more information on the specific awards for your religious faith visit [http://www.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/512-](about:blank) 879\_WB.pdf

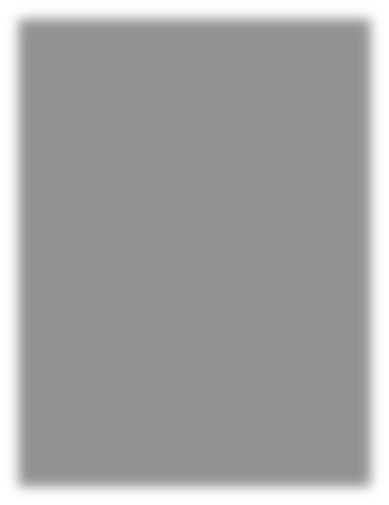


* + - 1. Present Adult Leader Religious Award recognitions. These awards are by nomination only. It is a great way to recognize members of the congregation who have been involved in Scouting over a number of years.
      2. If your troop has recently rechartered, consider having the Charter formerly presented by the Pastor or a Local Scouting official to the Church.
      3. Earn your Church's Religious Award for the Troop. Most church sponsored Troops can earn a special recognition for itself that is very similar to a BSA Quality Unit Award. Check with your church body's Scouting Committee to see what the requirements for the award are for your faith.
      4. If you have been a Scouter long enough, chances are you have a cabinet full of Coffee Mugs. Consider donating them to the church's pantry. During the refreshment break after church all of the parishioners will be drinking coffee, talking to each other, and will be looking directly at your Scouting Coffee mugs for years to come - it is a great way to remind all in the church that there is a Scout Troop there.
      5. Many Councils conduct a Scouting for Food drive as a part of Scout Week. Let the congregation know that your troop will be collecting canned goods and other non- perishable items before and after the service.
      6. Conduct a Service Project Work Day after the service. There are often many projects that need help at a church and a Sunday afternoon may be a great time to do some of these. A churched based Eagle Project is often a great event to schedule on a Scout Sunday.
      7. Let your more responsible Scouts offer to run the church's Nursery during the service so the regular members can worship with their families.
      8. Have your Troop Historian prepare a photo spread of your troop and have the pictures on display as members enter the church so they can see what scouts do.
      9. Does your church give scouts a separate building to hold meetings in? Try having an open house with the scouts demonstrating various skills. Have refreshments served there so everyone will stop by after the service to see what scouts can do.
      10. If appropriate, have one of your scouts deliver a message or sermon during the service.
      11. Some Troops have a program where scouts are recognized for wearing their uniforms to church on a regular basis.
      12. Construct and erect a sign on the church property noting that the church sponsors a Scout Troop, Pack, Girl Scouts, etc. with meeting times. Be sure to check for any city ordinances before doing this. The sign is a great way to build community awareness about Scouting.
      13. Consider using the BSA's Church Bulletin covers to print the Church Bulletin on. Example: [http://www.scoutstuff.org/bsa/special-collections/made-in-the-](about:blank) america/stationery/pc-scout-sunday2013-100pk.html.
      14. Have the Troop's Chaplain Aide offer one of the prayers during the service.



##### Outline for creating a Non-Denominational Outdoor Worship Service:

Here is a guide for creating a worship service for a campout. This can be used for troop campouts, camporees, Webelos Woods, and Multi- pack events. To keep your service “non-denominational (not one type of church – Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, etc.), you can use passages from the Old Testament. When selecting or writing your own prayers, use references to scouting activities to make it fit the scouting event better. These references could be about: the forest, river, outdoors, wildlife (eagles, deer, bear, trout, etc.), weather, camp, campfire, etc. In the guide below, add your choices in each section. Keep them in this order. You can find written examples from the appendix at the back of this guide, or you can find some at:

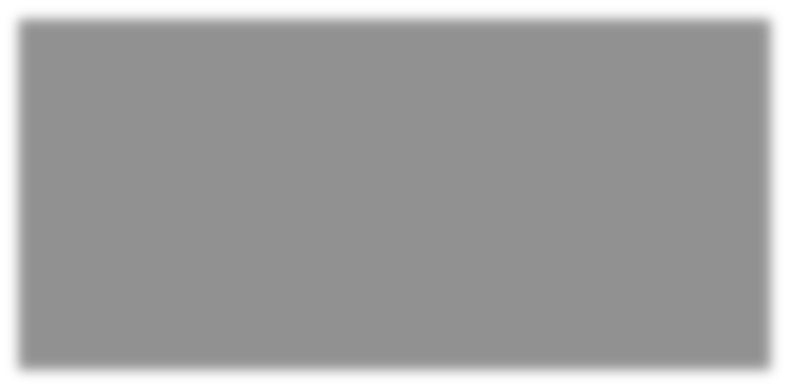


[http://usscouts.org/](about:blank) Or [http://www.macscouter.com/scoutsown/docs/BBRevrnt.pdf](about:blank)

Be sure to get permission from your parents before searching online. Here’s the outline:

* + CALL TO WORSHIP – (Old Testament Bible Passage)
  + OPENING HYMN - (Choose songs that may be familiar to scouts, this will improve participation.)
  + RESPONSIVE READING:
  + SILENT PRAYER
  + PRAYER
  + OFFERING - (select a charity to donate the money – A scouting project, issue, etc.)
  + CLOSING HYMN
  + BENEDICTION

#### Tips for Composing and Preparing troop prayers



###### Usual mistakes in writing prayers

* Don’t create a long prayer. Short punchy prayers help Scouts concentrate on the praying.
* Long sentences lose Scout’s attention quickly and discriminate against those that know fewer words. It takes longer to understand the information if the sentence is long.
* We write in a very different way compared to how we speak. This may mean that a good written prayer really doesn't come over well as a spoken prayer. Be sure to test your prayers by saying them out-loud, to see if they make sense.
* Prayers are supposed to be addressed to God. They are not meant to become lectures to the Scouts who are listening.

###### Top tips for good habits in writing prayers

* Your attitude should be one of service: you are writing/producing something to serve other people by helping them to pray together with you. This means you are not there to impress with your verbal skills.
* Don't try to use more than one image or metaphor in each prayer. Using more than one causes the idea to get lost and hard to follow.
* Try to include prayers that allow worshippers to participate.

###### Prayers during the Opening of Meetings

Prayers opening a meeting should be a routine practice, even when there may not be a flag ceremony. As stated earlier, while it is important to celebrate with flag ceremonies, it is just as important to join together in prayer at your meetings, thanking Ged in praise of all that we have to celebrate about. Closing prayers are optional, but may be as attentive as opening prayer that follows the reciting of the Scout Oath and Scout Law, which ends with *“A Scout is Reverent”.*

#### Content of prayers

The content of prayers should be considered when there are Scouts of several Faiths present. This would include scripture readings, as some have different versions or interpretations, and others are not considered valid by all Faiths.

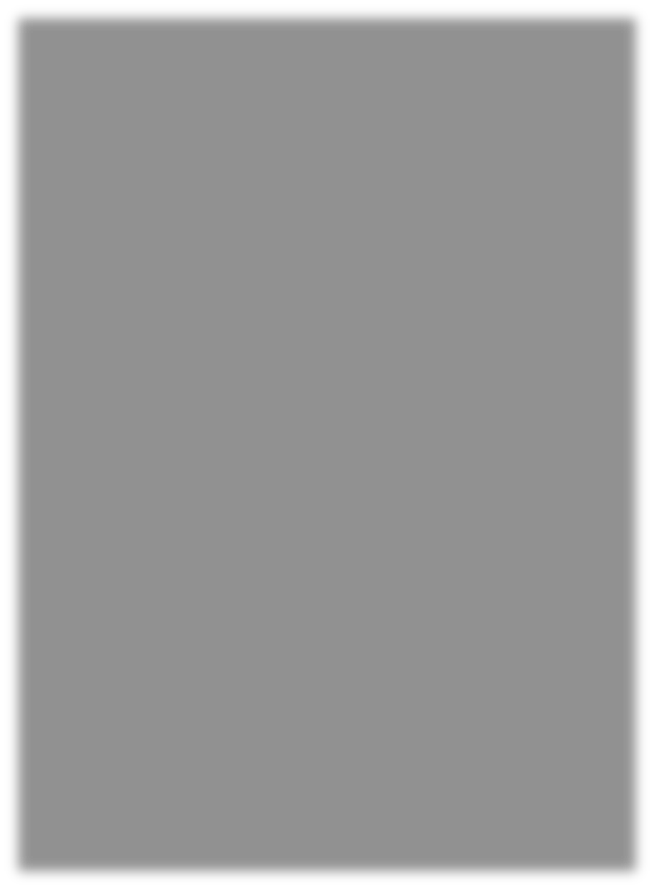
The Ten Commandments are the same for all Jewish, Christian and Moslem Faiths, although the numbering may be different.

Some prayers in each of those Faiths may be acceptable to most Religions. Plan to use materials that are appropriate for the Faiths of the attending Scouts, Scouters, and family members who are attending the event. The following Guidelines For Prayer provides suggestions for three situations that cover the various types of scouting activities.

### Troop Worship Opportunities

###### Guidelines for Prayers at Scouting Activities –

1. For an All-faiths situation, use nonsectarian/Interfaith words that everyone can share and feel comfortable about. Note that if you will be asking other Scouts or Scouters to give presentations, remember that some Faiths require their members to include faith-specific words in their presentations. Thus, in respect to the requirements of their Faith, they need not be asked to make presentations where Interfaith prayers or services are appropriate.
2. If everyone present is Christian, Catholic or Protestant, ecumenical wording is appropriate. (Note certain prayers and scriptures are the same for these Faiths, while others that are not acceptable by all should be avoided).



1. If everyone present is of the same Faith (typically when a Religious sponsor or faith-specific committee is sponsoring a special event) the services of that Faith are, of course, appropriate.

### Encourage troop relationships with God

#### Praying as a Group



When present, members of the clergy or chaplain aides may be asked to lead the troop or other Scouting groups in a prayer. Remember… If the Troop consists of members of mixed faiths, or if the beliefs of the group are unknown, prayers should be of an interfaith nature. However, if the group is of like beliefs, it is entirely appropriate to offer belief-specific prayer.

###### Sample Interfaith Prayers and Benedictions

* 1. For health, strength, and daily food, we give you thanks, o Lord.
  2. For this and all your mercies, Lord, make us truly grateful.
  3. For food, health, and friendship, we give you thanks, o Lord.
  4. For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank you, o Lord. (Philmont grace)
  5. Come, o Lord, be our guest and bless what you have bestowed on us.
  6. Gracious giver of all good, we thank you for food and rest. Grant all we say or do pleases you.
  7. Lord, bless our Scouting leaders who spend so much of their time and energy to help us grow up well. Guide them in their work, give them patience and wisdom, and reward them in this life and the next. Amen.
  8. As our campfire fades, we thank you for the joys and blessings of this day. We lift our minds and hearts to you in gratitude for life, happiness, and the Scouting movement. Lord, protect our camp this night. May we rise refreshed and ready to serve you. Amen.
  9. May the great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

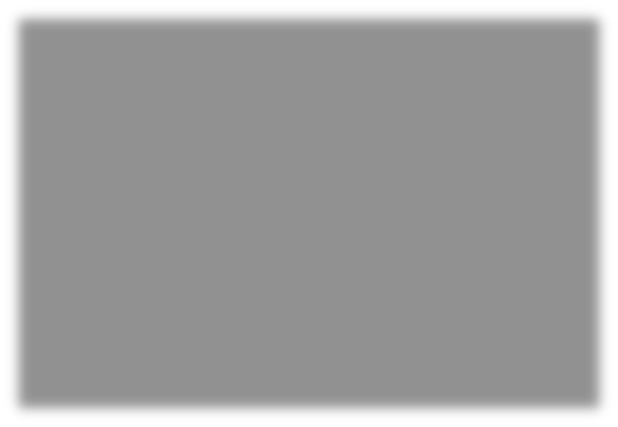
###### Troop campouts and dinners

You should say Grace at the start of meals at troop campout and dinners. Scouts are likely to say a Grace that they use everyday, and persons of other Faiths should not be offended. In Religious chartered units many of the Scouts may be of the same Faith, you can use a faith based Grace there. Otherwise, a prayer such as the Philmont Grace or one made up by a volunteer Scout maybe more appropriate.

###### At Camp

Since troops often camp on weekends, Scouts and leaders may not be able to attend their regular worship services. A troop worship service should be conducted and all encouraged to attend. The troop chaplain aide and the troop chaplain (or other designated adult) should conduct these services.

#### Scout Funeral Services



On occasion, a troop may experience the loss of a Scout or leader. It is a difficult time for everyone. At the request of the family or with the permission of the family and religious leader, Scouts may participate in the funeral and memorial service to celebrate the life of the Scout or leader. Some things that may be appropriate include:

* Attending in uniform
* Sitting together as a unit
* Serving as honorary pallbearers or ushers.
* Serving during the service by doing such things as reciting the Scout Oath or Law.

The primary concern is for the family and their preferences. Therefore the involvement of the troop or Scouts in the troop is at the discretion of the family and its religious leaders.

###### Sample Funeral Service for Scout or Scouter

This outline is merely a guide to what could be done. Again remember, the wishes of the Family and spiritual advisor take precedent.

1. Processional
   * Color Guard brings in US flag and Troop flag
   * Pallbearers follow
   * Scouts and Scouters in Uniform follow
2. Opening Prayer

Almighty Father, as we grieve the loss of (Name of Deceased), help us to remember his involvement with Scouting. Show us how he lived the Scout oath and law. We ask that you comfort us as we will miss his friendship and fellowship.

1. Pastoral Comments

(Highlights of the Deceased's life and Scouting accomplishments)

1. Song: "On My Honor"
2. Readings: (Listed below are some suggestions.)
   * Psalms 23:1-6
   * Psalms 37:5
   * Jeremiah 29:11
   * I Corinthians 15:54-57
3. Comments from friends.
4. "Scout Vespers"
5. Closing Benediction

"May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again, and may our footsteps lead unto Him."

1. Taps
2. Recessional

### GLOSSARY OF TERMS

**Amen** – So be it; so it is; that is the truth; to affirm what was spoken is an absolute true statement.

**Character** – Features and traits that form the personal nature of a person, their moral and ethic quality; the integrity of good attributes that distinguishes a person.

**Chivalry** – The principles of knighthood in medieval times, based on courtesy, gallantry and consideration for the welfare of other persons and for their defense.

**CREATOR** – The one who brought everything in this world into existence from nothing. **Ecclesiastical** – Relating to a religious Faith’s formalities and prescribed ritual practices. **Ecumenical** – Pertains to Christian religions that recognize CHRIST as the Son of God.

**Equal/Equality** – Of the same nature, significance, or standing in society; all persons being treated in the same manner, without bias or selective separation.

**Endowed** – Provided for, supplied with; given freely in support of, without any demands. **Grace** – Condition of being loved and cherished by GOD; influenced of GOD working in you. **Grace before or after meals** – Short prayer of thanksgiving offered at the time of a meal.

**Happiness** – The condition of being emotionally pleased; the tight to be joyfully content.

**Interfaith** - Including all Faiths, all persons or groups of different religions.

**Liaison-** A person maintaining communication and understanding between persons or groups.

**Liberty** – The condition of being free; the right to live without unjust or harmful controls. **Life** – The condition of human existence; the right to exist that comes from bring created. **Non-denominational** – Not associated or united with a major, single Religious denomination.

**Nonsectarian** – Not limited to only one Faith, inclusive and considerate of all religions, with Interfaith considerations included as part of all activities and training.

**Oath** – A solemn appeal or calling upon GOD to witness to the truth of what a person will say, or witness that a person sincerely intendeds to do what they have promised.

**Pledge** – A solemn promise or agreement, made to a specific person or persons, to do or not to do something but will usually invoke GOD to be a witness.

**Reverent** - To deeply respect, to treat with reverence or honor, to venerate or worship, to regard highly with a great and unquestioning love.

**Scouts’ Own** – A prayer service planned and conducted by Scouts themselves, on their own.

**Scouter** - An adult Scout leader; a volunteer who provides the opportunities for youth to become active in the various Scouting programs.

**Self-evident** – Unmistakenly clear; without need of proof or further support; undeniable.

**Unalienable** – (Inalienable today) Not to be taken away, cannot be revoked or separated.

**Vow** - A solemn promise or personal commitment, usually to GOD or another sacred spirit, that commits someone to do a service or to conform to a condition.

### Notes:

Appendix – Resources for Chaplain Aides

#### The Lord’s Prayers

**Lord’s Prayer – 1928 Anglican** Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.]

Amen.

###### Lord's Prayer (Chinook version)

Our father who stayeth in the above, God in our hearts be Thy name, God Thou Chief among all people God Thy will upon earth

As in the above. Give us every day our food; If we do evil, Be not Thou very angry, and if Anyone evil towards us Not we angry towards them Send away far from us all evil.

**Calls to Worship**

###### Great Spirit!

O Great Spirit! Watch over us as we begin this day. Protect us as we live in your care. Give us bounty and hold us from harm. We are your children and wish only to please you. We hold our Mother Earth close to our hearts and wish her goodness. We thank You for your love. --American Indian

Dear Lord, bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the hearts, minds, and bodies of young people. Let us remember what they have taught and apply it daily.

## Scout Oath and Law Prayers

###### A Scout's Prayer

We have hiked along life's pathway, Our packs upon our backs, We have pitched our tents and rested Here and there along the tracks.

We have used our compass wisely To guide us on our way And hope to reach the campsite Of our Great Chief Scout some day.

We have tried to be trustworthy - Kept our honor high and clean, We have been as loyal as any To our Country and our Queen. We have done our best at all times - Kept our Promise

- been prepared, And hope our good deeds please Him When at last our souls are bared.

We have lightened others' burdens, With our smiles along the way, We have kept our hand in God's hand, Walked beside Him day by day.

And when our span of life runs out, We'll make this gentle plea - May we sit around His Campfire At the Final Jamboree.

###### Scout Law

When facing deceit and dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy. If we see hypocrisy and faithlessness, let us be Loyal. Where disregard of others and mere materialism prevail, let us be Helpful. In an atmosphere of ill manner, let us be Courteous. Where some measure manliness in brutality and crudeness, let us be Kind. Though lawbreaking and rule-scoffing are common, let us be Obedient. While others grumble and grouch, let us be Cheerful. In an environment blighted by waste and extravagance, let us be Thrifty. When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave. As we see filth and pollution everywhere, let us be Clean. While witnessing impiety and irreligion, let us remember to be Reverent.

###### To Be Scoutlike

Grant to us, Lord, the spirit to think and to think and to do always such things as be Scoutlike; that we, who cannot do any good thing without You, may by You be enabled to live according to our Promise and Law; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

###### (Song) Kum Ba Ya -- The Scout Law Version

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum- ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's trustworthy Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is loyal, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is helpful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is friendly, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is courteous, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is kind, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's obedient, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is cheerful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is thrifty, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is brave, Lord, Kum-ba-yah A Scout is clean, Lord, Kum-ba-yah A Scout is reverent, Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum- ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

## Prayers for Thanks

#### Lord We Thank You

Lord, we thank you for this day. Help us to do our best every day, And forgive use when we slip.

Teach us to be kind to other people and to help them at all times.

Bless our parents and teachers and leaders and all the members of Scouting.

Bless us, Lord in your love for us Help us to be a better Scouts and let us do our best for you

- Amen

#### Prayer of Thanks Giving

We thank you today For the adventure of Scouting, For the unselfishness of parents, For the patience of teachers And for the encouragement of friends.

In short, in a world that has for generation after generation lamented the lack of good examples, let us, as Scouts, stand out, grow up, and be real adults. – Amen

#### We Thank Thee

We thank Thee For flowers that bloom about our feet; For tender grass so fresh and sweet; For song of bird and hum of bee; For all things fair we hear and see, Father in heaven, we thank Thee!

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

#### Prayers for Leadership

O Lord, grant that we may so carry out in our lives the spirit of the Scout Law that we may teach it to others by living it ourselves. Grant also, 0 Lord, that we may understand the true meaning of Service for others, and humbly follow the great example of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Prayers for Activities

###### Camping in the Snow

Lord, we are camping in the snow today; We may fear the cold, But we trust that your Spirit Will guide and warm us.

###### Canoeing Prayer

Lord, we will be canoeing today; We shall be very busy; If, during the course of the day We forget about you, Please don't forget about us.

#### Miscellaneous Prayers

###### Let There Be Peace on Earth

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me. Let there be peace on earth, the peace that

was meant to be. With God as our Father, brothers all are we. Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now. With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow: To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.

###### Celtic Prayer

Be Thou a bright flame before me, Be Thou a guiding star above me, Be Thou a smooth path below me, And be a kindly shepherd behind me, Today, tonight and forever.

###### For the Joy of the Year

Our Lord and creator, We thank You today for the beauty of our world. For sunshine and flowers, Storm-cloud and starry nights, For the first radiance of dawn And the last glow of sunset.

We thank you for physical joy, For clear water to swim in, For the fresh smell of rain on dry ground, For hills to climb and work to do together.

Make our hearts wide open to these gifts, And help us to live in thanksgiving to You, Our Lord and our creator.

#### Native Theme Prayers

###### Lakota Prayer

Ho! Great Spirit, Grandfather, you have made everything and are in everything. You sustain everything, guide everything, provide everything, and protect everything, because everything belongs to you. I am weak, poor and lowly; nevertheless, help me to care, in appreciation and gratitude to you and for everything.

I love the stars, the sun and the moon, and I thank you for our beautiful mother, the Earth, whose many breasts nourish the fish, the fowls and the animals, too. May I never deceive Mother Earth; may I never deceive my people; may I never deceive myself; and above all, may I never deceive you.

###### Great Spirit Prayer

"Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, Whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people.

Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock.

Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others. Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me.

I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy

###### Indian Styled Thanks

The eagle give thanks for the mountains (move your arms like wings, then become mountain peaks) The fish give thanks for the sea (hands together like swimming fish, then wave motion) We give thanks for our blessings (arms raised in front like receiving something being passed down from a height) And for what we're about to receive (arms lowering, hands like they are holding something)

###### The Quest of Beauty

O God, who has made the world so full of beauty, keep us, from the evil which the sin of man has brought into it. Teach us to love whatever is beautiful and true and good in nature, in art and in the lives of men; strengthen us that we may accept all the activity of life as a gift from You and enable us to be fellow- workers with Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. - Amen.

## Benedictions

###### Lord Bless Us

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make His face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon us and give us peace, this day (or night) and for evermore. Amen.

###### Silent Prayer For Our Brothers

Lord Baden Powell wrote: First love and serve God. Second love and serve your neighbor. In doing you duty to God always be grateful to him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only with a word or two.

Let us each now say a silent prayer for our brother on our right.... For our brother on our left...

And now for our brother Scouts around the world.

###### A Closing Prayer

May the blessing of Almighty God rest upon us and upon all our work; may He give us Light to guide us, Courage to support us, and Love to unite us, now and evermore. Amen.

###### Closing Ceremony

May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size. May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say. May I always honor my parents, my elders and my leaders. May I develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them. May I strive for health in body, mind and spirit. May I always respect the rights of others. May I set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit from my company. May I give honest effort to my work. May I learn things that will help me make life better for every living thing in God's beautiful world.

## Graces – Prior to Meals

###### Neath These Tall Green Trees

Neath these tall green trees we stand Asking blessings from Thy hand Thanks we give to thee above For Thy help and strength and love.

###### Hark To The Chimes

Hark to the chimes Come bow your head. We thank thee God For this good bread.

###### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how great Thou art, You meet my every need, You quench my thirst, You guard my home, My soul and body feed.

###### Wayfarer's Grace

[Suggested tunes: Doxology, "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow", or "For The Beauty of the Earth"]

For all the glory of the way For all thy protection night and day For rooftree, fire, and bed and board For friends and home We thank thee Lord.

###### Thank Thee

Thank thee heavenly Father, For thy blessings we have gathered. Give us strength and understanding, bless us now, oh Lord. We pray.

###### World Hunger Grace

For food in a world where many walk in hunger, For faith in a world where many walk in

fear, For friends in a world where many walk alone, We give Thee humble thanks, Oh, Lord.

###### Spirit Eternal

(Tune: Pop goes the weasel)

God almighty, Father of all God the Spirit Eternal Bless us each, one and all Spirit Eternal.

Bless the children gathered about, Bless adults who lead them, Bless the children 'round the world, Please help feed them.

###### Be Present

Be present at our table Lord Be here and everywhere I go His mercies bless and grant that we May learn to live and die for Thee.

## Spiritual Songs

#### Scout Vespers

Softly falls the light of day, As our campfire fades away.

Silently, each Scout should ask, "Have I done my daily task?" "Have I cared and have I tried, Can I guiltless sleep tonight? Have I done and have I dared, Every thing to be prepared?"

###### Amazing Grace

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fear relieved. How precious did that grace appear, The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares We have already come.

'Twas grace that brought us safe this far, And grace will bring us home. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found; Was blind, but now I see.

## Patriotic Songs

###### God Bless America

God Bless America, land that I love Stand beside her, and guide her, Through the night with the light from above, From the mountains, to the prairies, To the ocean, white with foam, God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

###### America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties Above the fruited plain America! America!

God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea! O beautiful for patriot dream That sees beyond the years Thine alabaster cities gleam,

Undimmed by human tears! America! America!

God shed His grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

## Brief Passages

###### This Is The Beginning Of A Brand New Day

This is the beginning of a brand new day. I can waste it or use it for good. What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place What I have traded for it. I want it to be gain, not loss -- good, not evil -- success, not failure -- so that I shall never regret the price I paid for today.

###### Help Us To Understand Our Promise Better

God our Father, Bless us as we gather here today. Help us to understand our promise

better. Teach us to love you more and to love all your people and to do our very best every day. Amen

###### As I Start Upon My Chosen Way

Lord, as I start upon my chosen way, In all I do, my thoughts, my work, my play, Grant as I promise, Courage new for me, To be the best, the best that I can be.

###### Let Me Live Each Day

Let me live each day as if it were my last. Let me enjoy each fleeting hour of time. Let me give of myself to those who need me. Let me make each passing face to glow and shine. Let me bring hope to those who haven't any. Let me be a friend to those who claim they've none. Let me show the way, to those who've lost it. Let me share well with those who've fought and won. Let me be truthful, where truth cannot let down. Let me lead, where leaders are most wanted. Let me smile, when others want to frown.

###### Let me, Lord

Let me be, as Thou must well have wanted. Let me always pay my way, my earthly lease. Let me richly fill the space Thou givest me. Let me, finally come to Thee, in peace.

###### Which Am I?

I watched them tearing a building down, A gang of men in a busy town, With a 'ho heave ho' and

a lusty yell, They swung a beam and a side wall fell.

I asked the foreman, "are those men skilled, and the men you'd hire if you had to build?" He gave a laugh and said, "No indeed, just a common laborer is all I need."

"I can easily wreck in a day or two What builders have taken a year to do." And I thought to myself as I went my way Which of these roles have I tried to play.

Am I a builder who works with care, Measuring life by the rule and square? Am I shaping my deeds to a well made plan, Patiently doing the best I can? Or am I a wrecker who walks the town, Content with the labor of tearing down?

###### The Scout Beatitudes

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught to see beauty in all things around them...for their world will be a place of grace and wonder.

Blessed are the Scouts who are led with patience and understanding... for they will learn the strength of endurance and the gift of tolerance.

Blessed are the Scouts who are provided a home where family members dwell in harmony and close communion...for they shall become the peacemakers of the world.

Blessed are the Scouts who are taught the value and power of truth...for they shall search for knowledge and use it with wisdom and discernment.

Blessed are the Scouts who are guided by those with faith in a loving God...for they will find Him early and will walk with Him through life.

Blessed are the Scouts who are loved and know that they are loved...for they shall sow seeds of love in the world and reap joy for themselves and others.

###### An Old Irish Blessing

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind always be at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your friends, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

**Gifts** -Arthur James Balfour

The best thing to give to your enemy is forgiveness. to an opponent, tolerance

to a friend, understanding to a child, a good example to your father, deference

to you mother, conduct that will make her proud of you to yourself, respect

to all men, charity.

**Take Time**- From Jo-Anne Wood

Take time to work, It is the price of success.

Take time to think, It is the source of power.

Take time to read, It is the foundation of knowledge. Take time to give to others, It will bring you happiness. Take time to love, It is the sacrament of life.

Take time to dream, It hitches the soul to the stars.

Take time to laugh, It lightens the highway to eternal life. Take time to plan, And you will have time for all the rest.

**A Camper's Ten Commandments** - Columbia Valley District, British Columbia, Canada

Thou shalt do thy share and more; Thou shalt keep thy sense of humor; Thou shalt do thy camp duties to the best of thy ability; Thou shalt not cry over burnt food; Thou shalt treat other people as you would wish them to treat you; Thou shalt not pollute or destroy; Thou shalt not giggle all night; Thou shalt not forget about personal cleanliness; Thou shalt spread thy friendship to someone new; Thou shalt listen to thy leaders, for they are wise in the ways of making camp a happy time for everyone.

**Isn't It Funny** - New Brunswick Scouting News

When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's slow. But when I take a long time to do something, I'm thorough.

When the other fellow doesn't do it, he's too lazy. But when I don't do it, I'm to busy.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's overstepping his bounds. But when I do something without being told, that's initiative!

When the other fellow states his side of a question strongly, he's bull-headed. But when I state my side of a question strongly, I'm being firm.

When the other fellow overlooks a few of the rules of etiquette, he's rude. But when I skip a few of the rules, I'm being original.

When the other fellow does something that pleases higher-ups, he's polishing the brass. But when I do something that pleases them, that's cooperation.

When the other fellow gets ahead, he sure had the lucky breaks. But when I manage to get ahead

- well, man! it was hard work that did it.

Funny, isn't it? Or is it?

## Long Passages:

**Native American Commandments -** Source: Earth Prayers by Glenn Welker

Treat the Earth and all that dwell thereon with respect. Remain close to the Great Spirit. Show great respect for your fellow beings. Work together for the benefit of all Mankind.

Give assistance and kindness wherever needed. Do what you know to be right. Look after the well being of mind and body. Dedicate a share of your efforts to the greater good. Be truthful and honest at all times.

Take full responsibility for your actions. Great Spirit, give us hearts to understand;

never to take from creation's beauty more than we give; never to destroy wantonly for the furtherance of greed; never to deny to give our hands for the building of earth's beauty; never to take from her what we cannot use.

Give us hearts to understand

that to destroy earth's music is to create confusion; that to wreck her appearance is to blind us to beauty; that to callously pollute her fragrance is to make a house of stench; that as we care for her she will care for us.

We have forgotten who we are. We have sought only our own security. We have exploited simply for our own ends. We have distorted our knowledge. We have abused our power.

Great Spirit, whose dry lands thirst, help us to find the way to refresh your lands.

Great Spirit, whose waters are choked with debris and pollution, help us to find the way to cleanse your waters.

Great Spirit, whose beautiful earth grows ugly with misuse, help us to find the way to restore beauty to your handiwork.

Great Spirit, whose creatures are being destroyed, help us to find a way to replenish them.

Great Spirit, whose gifts to us are being lost in selfishness and corruption, help us to find the way to restore our humanity.

###### Footprints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This greatly bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, It was then that I carried you."

## Responsive Readings

#### The Boy Scout Promise: A Responsive Reading

Leader: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

###### Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to God.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalms 33:12)

**Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to my country.** Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Romans 13:9) **Scouts: I promise to do my best to help other people.**

Leader: My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments. (Proverbs 3:1)

###### Scouts: I promise to do my best to obey the Scout Law.

Leader: Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I command you. (Jeremiah 7:23)

###### Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself physically strong.

Leader: A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. (Proverbs 24:5)

###### Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

Leader: Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:18)

###### Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd;

###### Scouts: I have everything I need.

**Psalm 23**

Leader: He lets me rest in fields of green grass and leads me to quiet pools of fresh water.

###### Group: He gives me new strength.

Leader: he guides me in the right paths, as he has promised.

###### Group: Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, LORD, for you are with me.

Leader: Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.

###### Group: You prepare a banquet for me, where all my enemies can see me; you welcome me as an honored guest and fill my cup to the brim.

**All: I know that you goodness and love will be with me all my life; and your house will be my home as long as I live.**

**The Scout Law: A Responsive Reading**

Leader: The Scout Law is a guiding light to millions of boys and men throughout the world today, but the principles of the law have been brought to us from ancient days. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbors. Exodus 20:13)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Trustworthy.

Leader: He that is faithful in that which is least, is faithful also in much; and he that is unjust in the least, is also unjust in much. (Luke 16:10)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Loyal.

Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Leviticus 19:18) Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy poor and needy brother in thy land. (Deuteronomy 15:11)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Helpful.

Leader: Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another. (Romans 12:10) Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity. (Psalms 133:1)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Friendly.

Leader: Let no bad word pass your lips, but only such speech as is good for edification. As occasion may require, use words that are gracious and a means of grace to those that hear them. Ephesians 4:29)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Courteous.

Leader: A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast. (Proverbs 12:10)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Kind.

Leader: Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor thy father and thy mother, which is the first commandment with promise; that is may be well with thee and thou mayest live only on the earth. Ephesians 6:1-3)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Obedient.

Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful face, but a sad heart breaks the spirit. For the hapless, every day is hard, but a cheerful heart is an unending feast. (Proverbs 15:13)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Cheerful.

Leader: Go to the ant, thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise; which, having no chief, overseer or ruler, provides her bread in the summer and gathers her food in the harvest. (Proverbs 6:6)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Thrifty.

Leader: Be strong, be brave, fear not, be not terrified of them, for it is the eternal, your God, who goes with you. He will never fail nor forsake you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Brave.

Leader: Who shall ascend unto the mountain of the Lord, and who shall stand in His holy place? He that has clean hands and a pure heart, who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of his salvation. (Psalms 24:3)

###### Scouts A Scout is Clean.

Leader: And thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your mind and with all your strength; this is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30)

###### Scouts: A Scout is Reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties and respects the convictions of others.

**The Boy Scout Law II**

Leader:

###### People: All:

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

###### A SCOUT IS TRUSTWORTHY.

We owe much to many - to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

###### A SCOUT IS LOYAL.

The good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a Good Turn.

###### A SCOUT IS HELPFUL.

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

###### A SCOUT IS COURTEOUS.

Kindliness is the way people show respect for others.

###### A SCOUT IS KIND.

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.

###### A SCOUT IS OBEDIENT.

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

###### A SCOUT IS CHEERFUL.

The world offers many gifts. a wise person uses them with care.

###### A SCOUT IS THRIFTY.

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

###### A SCOUT IS BRAVE.

Cleanliness is next to Godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

###### A SCOUT IS CLEAN.

Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plane.

###### A SCOUT IS REVERENT.

**GIVE US CLEAN HANDS, CLEAN WORDS, AND CLEAN THOUGHTS, O GOD. TEACH US TO WORK HARD AND 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 SO LIVE AFTER THY WILL.**

**Other Verses**

**Created Equal** (from the Declaration of Independence)

We hold these truths to be self-evident; that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; and among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed.

#### Measuring Men

You may measure the height of a mountain, or the number of miles from the sun; You can time the flight of a rocket, or the bullet when fired from the gun; The size of a brooklet or river, as the landscape you casually scan; The contents of hamper or basket - but how may you measure a man?

Surely not by his girth or the inches that reach from his head to his feet; And not by the transit or level - and not by the plumb or the square; And certainly not by the car that he drives, or the sort of pin he may wear.

Not by the sum of the years he has lived, or his portion in civic affairs; Ant not by the place in the church or the State, or the size of the hat he wears. Surely not by the riches he hoarded away, or successful investments he made; Nor the time that he worked, as the years sped along, but rather how much he played.

Perhaps by his friends and his neighbors, the good cheer he dispenses each day; The kind deeds he does, or the loads that he shares, as he journeys along life's highway. Maybe by the frowns he erases and the bright smiles to which he gives birth Will help us to set up a standard that will accurately measure his worth.

For we're tiring of sham and of falsehood and we're looking for standards not shown, That will measure all men by their output, and not by their income alone; And when we have added the figures and have totaled the things that are best, We shall find that it's true - as it always has been - that it's service that measures success.

-- Bill Brown (1941)

#### Trust

Hans was a little shepherd boy who lived in Germany. One day, when he was keeping his master's sheep, a hunter rode up to him out of the forest. 'How far is it to the nearest village, my boy?' asked the hunter, 'It is six miles, sir,' replied Hans. 'But the road is only a sheep track. You might easily miss your way.' 'My boy,' said the hunter, leaning down from his horse, 'if you will take me there I will pay you well.' Hans shook his head. 'I cannot leave the sheep, sir,' he said. 'They would stray in the forest and the wolves might eat them.' 'But if one or two sheep are lost or eaten,' said the hunter, 'I will pay you well for them. I will give you more than you can earn in a year.' 'No, sir,' said Hans. 'The sheep belong to my master. If they are lost, I should be to blame.' 'If you cannot take me to the village,' the hunter went on, 'will you get me a guide? I will take care of your sheep while you are gone.' Again Hans shook his head. 'I cannot do that,' he said. 'The sheep do not know your voice and I do not know if you would take good care of them. 'Can't you trust me?' asked the hunter. 'No sir,' said Hans. 'You have tried to make me break my promise to my master; how do I know that you will keep your promise to me?' The hunter laughed. 'You are right,' he said. 'I wish I could trust my servants as your master can trust you.’

Just then several men rode out of the forest and seeing the hunter they spurred their horses towards him. 'Sire!' they shouted joyfully. 'We thought you were lost!' Then Hans learned to his great surprise that the hunter was a prince of the kingdom. He was afraid that the great man would punish him. But the prince only smiled and spoke in praise of him and then they all rode away. Some days later a servant came from the prince and took Hans to the palace. 'Hans,' said the prince, 'I want you to leave your sheep and to come and serve me. I know that you are a boy whom I can trust.' Hans was very happy over his good fortune but he replied, 'If my master can find another boy to take my place, then I will come and serve you.' So Hans went back and looked after the sheep until his master found another boy. After that he served the prince for many years.

## Skits

###### I didn't call you, I'm Praying!

**Instructions:** First person (1) is visible on stage. The second person (2), playing God, should be heard but not seen.

1. "Our Father who art in Heaven...
2. Yes.
3. Don't interrupt me. I'm praying.
4. But you called me.
5. Called you? I didn't call you. I'm praying. "Our Father who art in Heaven..."
6. There, you did it again.
7. Did what?
8. Called me. You said: "Our Father who art in Heaven." Here I am, what's on your mind?
9. But I didn't mean anything by it. I was, you know, just saying my prayers for the day. I always say the Lord's Prayer. It makes me feel good; kind of like getting a duty done.
10. all right, go on.

1. "Hallowed by Thy name... 2 Hold it. What did you mean by that?

1. By what?
2. By "hallowed be Thy name?"
3. It means... It means... Good grief, I don't know what it means. How should I know? It's just part of the prayer. By the way, what does it mean?
4. It means honored, holy, wonderful.
5. Hey, that makes sense. I never thought what hallowed meant before. "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."
6. Do you really mean that?
7. Sure, why not?
8. What are you doing about it?
9. Doing? Nothing, I guess. I just think it would be kind of neat if you got control of everything down here like you have up there.
10. Do I have control of you?
11. Well, I go to church.
12. That isn't what I asked you. What about your attitudes? Do you really believe you are a person filled with my love? Do you treat others with respect?
13. Stop picking on me! I'm just as good as some of the rest of those phonies at church.
14. Excuse me. I thought you were praying for my will to be done. If that is to happen, it will have to start with the ones who are praying for it. Like you, for example.
15. Oh all right. I guess I do have some hang-ups. Now that you mention it, I could probably name some.
16. So could I.
17. I haven't thought about it very much until now. But I really would like to cut out some of those things. I would like to, you know, be really free.
18. Good. Now we're getting somewhere. Well we'll work together, you and I. Some victories can truly be won. I'm proud of you.
19. Look, Lord, I need to finish up here. This is taking a lot longer than it usually does. "Give us this day our daily bread."
20. You need to cut out some of the bread. You're overweight as it is.
21. Hey, wait a minute! What is this? Here I was doing my religious duty, and all of sudden You break in and remind me of all my hang-ups.
22. Praying is a dangerous thing. You could wind up changed, you know. That's what I'm trying to get across to you. You called me, and here I am. It's too late to stop now. Keep praying, I'm interested in the next part of your prayer... (pause) ... well, go on.
23. I'm scared to.
24. Scared? Of what?
25. I know what you'll say.
26. Try me and see.
27. "Forgive us our trespasses [debts) as we forgive those who trespass against us [our debtors]."
28. What about Linda?
29. See? I knew it! I knew you would bring her up. Why, Lord, she told lies about me, cheated me out of some money. She never paid back that debt she owes me. I've sworn to get even with her.
30. But what about your prayer?
31. I didn't mean it.
32. Well, at least you're honest. But it's not much fun carrying that load of bitterness around inside, is it?
33. No. But I'll feel better soon as I get even. Boy, have I got some plans for old Linda. She'll wish she never did me any harm.
34. You won't feel any better. You'll feel worse. Revenge isn't sweet. Think of how unhappy you are already. But I can change all that.
35. You can? How?
36. Forgive Linda as I have forgiven you. You may lose the money, but you will have settled your heart.
37. Oh, You're right. You always are. And more than I want revenge on Linda, I want to be right with You (pause) ... (sigh) All right, all right. I forgive her. Please help her to find the right road in life. She's bound to be awfully miserable now that I think about it. Anybody who goes around doing the things that she does to others has to be out of it. Some way, somehow, show her the right way. And Lord, help me to forget it too.
38. There now! Wonderful! How do you feel?
39. Hmmm, well not bad. Not bad at all. In fact, I feel pretty great!
40. You're not through with your prayer. Go on.
41. Oh, all right. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil"
42. Good! Good! I'll do that. Just don't put yourself in a place where you can be tempted.
43. What do you mean by that?
44. Quit hanging around with that one group which is always getting into trouble. Change some of your friendships. Some of your so-called friends are beginning to get to you. They'll have you completely involved in wrong things before long. Don't be fooled. They advertise they're having fun, but for you it would be ruin. Don't use me for an escape hatch.
45. I don't understand.
46. Sure you do. You've done it a lot of times. You get in bad situations, you get into trouble and then you come running to Me "Lord, help me out of this mess."
47. I'm sorry Lord. I really am. Up until now I thought that if I just prayed the Lord's Prayer every day, then I could do what I liked. I didn't expect anything to happen like that you really listen.
48. Go ahead and finish your prayer.
49. "For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever."
50. Do you know what would bring me glory? What would really make me happy?
51. No, but I'd like to know. I want to please You. I can see what a mess I've made of my life and I can see how neat it would be to really be one of Your followers.
52. You just answered the question.
53. I did?
54. Yes. The thing that would bring Me glory is to have people like you truly love Me. And I see that happening between us. There's no telling what we can do together.

1 Lord, let's see what we can make of me, O.K.?

2. Yes, let's see.

Scout Service Samples

You can use these in your own service as is, or you can pick and choose which parts you wish to use in your service. Remember you can also use other examples from this publication, or from others. Just be sure the information is appropriate to all faiths.

#### Outline for creating a Non-Denominational Outdoor Worship Service:

CALL TO WORSHIP – (Old Testament Bible Passage) OPENING HYMN

RESPONSIVE READING:

SILENT PRAYER PRAYER

OFFERING - (select your own charity to donate) CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

#### Sample 1: Troop 92 Scouts Own Service, April 14, 1996

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

###### CALL TO PRAYER

Leader:

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity. Psalms 133:1 (look up in Bible, and read from it.)

###### Scouts and Parents:

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalms 9:1-2 (look up in Bible, and read from it.)

###### Invocation

May the time be not too distant, O LORD, when all your children will understand that they are brothers and sisters, so that, one in spirit and one in fellowship, they may be for ever united before you. Then shall your kingdom be established on earth, and the word of your prophet shall be fulfilled: "The Lord will reign for ever and ever." Amen

-- From the Jewish Sabbath Service

###### OPENING SONG

**America the Beautiful**

O, beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain. America! America!

God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea. O, beautiful for patriots dream, That sees, beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam,

Undimmed by human tears. America! America!

God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood From sea to shining sea.

###### RESPONSIVE READING God is the Eternal One Leader:

God is the Eternal One, Who reigned before any being had yet been created; When all was done according to God's will, Already then God's Name was Sovereign.

###### Scouts and Parents:

And after all has ceased to be, Still will God reign in solitary majesty; God was, God is, God shall be in glory.

###### Leader:

And God is One, Without compare, Without beginning, Without end; T o God belongs power and dominion.

###### Scouts and Parents:

And the Sovereign of all is my own God, My living Redeemer, My Rock in time of trouble and distress; My banner and my Refuge,

My benefactor, to whom in anguish, I can call.

###### All:

Into God's hands I entrust my spirit, Both when I sleep as when I wake; And with my spirit, my body also: God is with me, I will not fear.

"Adon Olam" ("God is the Eternal One"). An eleventh-century Hebrew prayer composed by the Jewish poet and philosopher Solomon Ibn Gibirol.

###### A TRADITIONAL SCOUTING SONG Kum-Ba-Yah

(The Scout Law Version)

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's trustworthy Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is loyal, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is helpful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is friendly, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is courteous, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is kind, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's obedient, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is cheerful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is thrifty, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is brave, Lord, Kum-ba-yah A Scout is clean, Lord, Kum-ba-yah A Scout is reverent, Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

###### Reading

The true servants of the Gracious GOD are the following:

Those who walk upon earth with humility and when they are tempted by the evil ones, they respond: Peace; Those who pass the hours of the night in prayers and standing before the Lord;

Those who pray: Lord turn away from us the punishments of hell, for it is a heavy torment, it is indeed an evil dwelling place; Those who are neither extravagant nor stingy in spending, but keep a balance between the two; Those who repent and believe and do good deeds.

>From the Koran, Al-Furquan, Part 19, Chapter 25

###### SILENT OBSERVANCE

May we observe a moment of silent prayer, each in his own faith.

###### A Thought for Scout Sunday

From Baden-Powell, Scouting for Boys

The old knights were very religious. They were always careful to attend religious services, especially before going into battle or undertaking any serious difficulty. They considered it the right thing always to be prepared for death. Besides worshipping God in church, the knights always recognized His work in the things which He made, such as animals, plants, and all scenery.

And so it is with peace scouts today. Wherever they go they love the woodlands, the mountains, and the prairies, and they like to watch and know about the animals that inhabit them, and the wonders of the flowers and plants.

No man is much good unless he believes in God and obeys His laws. So every Scout should have religion.

Religion seems a very simple thing: First: Love and serve God. Second: Love and serve your neighbor.

In doing your duty to God always be grateful to Him. Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only with a word or two, just as you say grace at a meal. And it is a good thing to bless other people. For instance, if you see a train starting off, just pray for God's blessing on all that are in the train.

In doing your duty towards man, be helpful and generous, and always be grateful for any kindness done to you, and be careful to show that you are grateful. Remember again that a present given to you is not yours until you have thanked the giver for it.

While you are living your life on earth, try to do something good which may remain after you.

One writer says: "I often think that when the sun goes down the world is hidden by a big blanket from the light of heaven, but the stars are little holes pierced in that blanket by those who

have done good deeds in this world. The stars are not all the same size; some are big, some are little, and some men have done great deeds and others have done small deeds, but they have made their hole in the blanket by doing good before they went to heaven."

Try to make your hole in the blanket by good work while you are on earth. It is something to be good, but it is far better to do good.

###### BENEDICTION

**"An Old Irish Blessing"**

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind always be at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, The rain fall soft upon your friends, And until we meet again, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

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#### Sample 2: A Scouts’ Own Service Call to Worship

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.''

God bless America, Land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains, To the prairies, To the oceans white with foam, God bless America, My home sweet home! God bless America, My home sweet home!

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong; Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong. God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure; God of every lake and stream, flow through my life & make it clean; Let me do nothing base or mean.

God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure; God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain; Pure and strong let me remain. God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love; God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay. Guide thou my way.

God of the radiant sun, light thou my life; God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start. God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear & strife. God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart. God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to

me; Help me to see the world as thou would have it be; God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too; God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew. God of all growing things, keep me growing, too. --- George Earle Owen

###### Hymn

Amazing Grace

How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I one was lost but now I’m found, Was blind, but now I see.

Was grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers Toils and snares I had already gone ‘Tis grace that led me safe this far And grace will lead me home.

(L) God is our refuge and strength, (P) A very present help in trouble.

###### Responsive Reading

(Psalm 46)

(L) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, (P) And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.

(L) Though it's waters rage and foam, (P) The Lord of hosts is with us.

(L) The God of Jacob is our stronghold. When night ends...

###### Meditation

"How can we determine the hour of dawn - when the night ends and the day begins?" the rabbi asked of his students.

"When, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep?" one of his students suggested. "No" the rabbi answered. "Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?" another student asked. "No" he replied.

"Please tell us the answer, then" said the students.

"It is when you can look into the face of a human being and have enough light to recognize in him your brother," the wise teacher replied.

"Until then, it is night, and the darkness is still with us."

###### Message

"WE LEARNED IT ALL IN KINDERGARTEN" (BE SEATED)

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox. These are the things I learned:

Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess.

Don't take things that aren't yours.

Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Live a balanced life.

Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some.

Take a nap in the afternoon.

When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together.

Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.

And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you ever learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better life it would be if we all had cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

#### Benediction

**Great Spirit Prayer -** Composed By Chief Yellow Lark A Blackfoot Indian

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.

I come before you, one of your many children. I am weak and small.

I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice.

Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy-- myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

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#### Sample 3: A Scouts Own Service Call To Worship (Chaplain Aide):

Almighty god, who pourest out your blessings on all, deliver us this day from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections, we may worship you in spirit and in truth.

###### Opening Prayer (All):

The lord is my shepard; I shall not want.

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil for thou art with me. Thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the lord forever.

###### Song: America (All)

My country ‘tis of thee Sweet land of liberty Of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died Land of the pilgrims’ pride. From every mountainside, Let freedom ring.

**Responsive Reading: The Scout Oath People:** on my honor I will do my best

**Chaplain aide:** our honor is a quality we possess because of our dignity as human beings and children of god. Our 'best' means to give all we have. It means to keep striving to do what we know is right, and in the oath. It means we will try to be good scouts by fulfilling our scout duties as expressed in the scout law.

**People:** to do my duty to god and my country and to obey the scout law.

**Chaplain aide:** our duty to god and country means chiefly two things: obedience and loyalty. The duties we owe to god, to our country, to our parents, to one another, and to ourselves come from some command of god. The scout law sums up all the qualities a scout should have and without which he cannot be a good scout.

**People:** to help other people at all times

**Chaplain aide:** our lord told us that love of neighbor was like the first law of love of god. The first children of god were known by the love they had for one another. Real human charity or love prompts us to want to help others at all times. Our scout training will give us skills and knowledge that will put us in a better position to do this.

**People:** to keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally Straight.

**Chaplain aide:** scouting offers us many opportunities to grow physically. To be alert and ready

requires us to give special care to those gifts of soul - intellect and will - that make us unto god. 'Morally straight' means we must try to know what is right and true, and to love what is good and

Choose it.

###### Hymn: Oh Beautiful (All)

Oh beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain.

(chorus)

America, America. God shed his grace on thee, And crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

Oh beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears.

(repeat chorus)

###### Prayer (chaplain aide):

"great spirit, whose teepee is the sky and whose hunting ground is the Earth, Mighty and fearful are you called. Ruler over storms, over men and birds and beasts, Have your way over all,

Over earthways as over skyways. Find us this day our meat and corn, That we may be strong and brave.

And put aside from us our wicked ways as we put aside the bad Works of them who do us wrong. And let us not have such troubles as lead us into crooked roads,

But keep us from all evil, For yours is all that is the earth and the sky; The streams, the hills and the valleys, the stars, the moon, And the sun, and all that live and breathe. Wonderful, shining, mighty spirit."

###### Benediction (chaplain aide):

"an old Irish blessing"

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Leader:

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Scouts:

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###### OPENING SONG

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###### RESPONSIVE READING

**God is the Eternal One**

Leader:

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When all was done according to God's will,

Already then God's Name was Sovereign.

Scouts:

And after all has ceased to be,

Still will God reign in solitary majesty; God was, God is, God shall be in glory.

Leader:

And God is One, Without compare, Without beginning, Without end;

To God belongs power and dominion.

Scouts:

And the Sovereign of all is my own God,

My living Redeemer,

My Rock in time of trouble and distress;

My banner and my Refuge,

My benefactor, to whom. in anguish, I can call.

All:

Into God's hands I entrust my spirit, Both when I sleep as when I wake; And with my spirit, my body also: God is with me,

I will not fear.

"Adon Olam" ("God is the Eternal One"). An eleventh-century Hebrew prayer composed by the

Jewish poet and philosopher Solomon Ibn Gibirol.

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**A PRAYER FOR THE BOY SCOUTS**

O Lord, we thank you for the work of Sir Robert Baden-Powell, who in his dedication and wisdom founded the World Scouting Movement. We thank you for the efforts of those thousands of men and women who have brought Scouting to millions of boys the world over. We rededicate ourselves to the principles of our Movement -- To do our best -- to do our duty -

- to God -- and to our Country.

We ask you, O Lord, to give us the strength and courage --

each of us -- to live up to the Scout Oath -- the Scout Law -- and the high ideals of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. ~Amen.

**THE SCOUT OATH *(Please give the Scout Sign)***

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.

###### SILENT MEDITATION

Leader:

Let us each take a moment to meditate and pray in silence, each as his heart moves him. (Take this moment for silent meditation and reflection)

Leader:

May the words of my mouth, And the meditation of my heart,

Be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, My rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

###### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 145

1. I will extol you, my God and King, And bless your name for ever and ever
2. Every day I will bless you, And praise your name for ever and ever.
3. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable.
4. One generation shall laud your works to another, And shall declare your mighty acts.
5. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, And on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
6. The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, And I will declare your greatness.
7. They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, And shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
8. The Lord is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
9. . The Lord is good to all, And his compassion is over all that he has made.
10. . All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, And all your faithful shall bless you.
11. They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, And tell of your power,
12. To make known to all people your mighty deeds, And the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
13. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And you dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, And gracious in all his deeds.
14. The Lord upholds all who are failing, And raises up all who are bowed down.
15. The eyes of all look to you, And you give them their food in due season.
16. You open your hand, Satisfying the desire of every living thing.
17. The Lord is just in all his ways, And kind in all his doings.
18. The Lord is near to all who call on him, To all who call on him in truth.
19. He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; He also hears their cry, and saves them.
20. The Lord watches over all who love him, But all the wicked he will destroy.
21. My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, And all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.

###### A TRADITIONAL SCOUTING SONG

Kum-Ba-Yah *(The Scout Law Version)*

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's trustworthy Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is loyal, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is helpful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is friendly, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is courteous, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is kind, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's obedient, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,

A Scout is cheerful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, A Scout is thrifty, Lord, Kum-ba-yah, O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is brave, Lord, Kum-ba-yah

A Scout is clean, Lord, Kum-ba-yah

A Scout is reverent, Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

###### Come, thou Holy Spirit

"Come thou Holy Spirit" ("Veni Sancte Spiritus") is a thirteenth-century Church hymn

1. Leader:

Come, thou Holy Spirit Send from highest heaven Radiance of thy light.

1. Scouters:

Come, Father of the poor Come, giver of all gifts Come, light of every heart

1. Scouts:

Of comforters the best Dear guest of every soul Refreshment ever sweet

1. Leader:

In our labor rest Coolness in our heat Comfort in our grief.

1. Scouters:

Our most blessed light

Fill the inmost hearts death Of thy faithful ones.

1. Scouts:

Without thy holy presence All is dark

Nothing free from sin.

1. Leader:

What is soiled cleanse What is dry refresh What is wounded heal.

1. Scouters:

What is rigid bend What is frozen warm Guide what goes astray

1. Scouts:

Give thy faithful ones Who in thee confide Sevenfold hallowing.

1. All:

Give goodness its reward Give journey safe through Give joy that has no end.

###### CLOSING SONG

**Amazing Grace**

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears relieved;

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;

Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far And grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures;

He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,

We've no less days to sing God's praise Then when we first begun.

###### BENEDICTION

Scoutmaster:

The Lord bless you and keep you:

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, And be gracious unto you:

The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, And give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

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## Sample 5: A Scouts’ Own Service

#### Call to Worship

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.''

#### Opening Hymn

###### GOD BLESS AMERICA

God bless America, Land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her

Through the night with a light from above. From the mountains,

To the prairies,

To the oceans white with foam, God bless America,

My home sweet home! God bless America, My home sweet home!

###### Invocation Camper’s Prayer

God of the mountains and hills, make me tall and strong; Tall enough and strong enough to right some wrong.

God of the stars, make me steadfast and sure;

God of every lake and stream, flow through my life & make it clean; Let me do nothing base or mean.

God of the trees and woods, keep me fresh and pure;

God of the rain, wash from my life all dirt and stain; Pure and strong let me remain.

God of the seed and soil, plant in my heart thy love;

God of the darkness and day, through shadows or light, be my stay. Guide thou my way.

God of the radiant sun, light thou my life;

God of the glorious dawn, make each day a fresh start.

God of the evening peace and quiet, keep me free from fear & strife. God of the gay, free birds, sing in my heart.

God of the surging waves and sea, wide horizons give to me; Help me to see the world as thou would have it be;

God of the lovely rose, make me lovely, too;

God of the morning dew, each day my faith renew. God of all growing things, keep me growing, too.

--- George Earle Owen

#### Hymn

###### Amazing Grace

Amazing Grace, How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.

I one was lost but now I’m found, Was blind, but now I see.

Was grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved

How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers

Toils and snares I had already gone ‘Tis grace that led me safe this far And grace will lead me home.

#### Responsive Reading

###### Psalm 46

(Leader) God is our refuge and strength, (People) A very present help in trouble.

(L) Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,

(P) And though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea.

(L) Though it's waters rage and foam,

(P) The Lord of hosts is with us.

1. The God of Jacob is our stronghold.

## Meditation

#### When night ends...

"How can we determine the hour of dawn - when the night ends and the day begins?" the rabbi asked of his students.

"When, from a distance, you can distinguish between a dog and a sheep?" one of his students suggested.

"No" the rabbi answered.

"Is it when you can distinguish between a fig tree and a grapevine?" another student asked. "No" he replied.

"Please tell us the answer, then" said the students.

"It is when you can look into the face of a human being and have enough light to recognize in him your brother," the wise teacher replied.

"Until then, it is night, and the darkness is still with us."

## Message

###### "WE LEARNED IT ALL IN KINDERGARTEN"

Most of what I really need to know about how to live, and what to do, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox. These are the things I learned:

* + Share everything.
  + Play fair.
  + Don't hit people.
  + Put things back where you found them.
  + Clean up your own mess.
  + Don't take things that aren't yours.
  + Say you're sorry when you hurt somebody.
  + Wash your hands before you eat.
  + Live a balanced life.
  + Learn some and think some, and draw and sing and dance and play and work every day some.
  + Take a nap in the afternoon.
  + When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands and stick together.
  + Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up, and nobody really knows why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup - they all die. So do we.
  + And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you ever learned, the
  + biggest word of all: LOOK.

Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The golden rule and love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living. Think of what a better life it would be if we all had

cookies and milk about three o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations always to put things back where we

found them and cleaned up our own messes. And it is still true, no matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

## Benediction

#### Great Spirit Prayer

Prayer Composed By Blackfoot Chief Yellow Lark

Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the winds, and whose breath gives life to all the world, hear me.

I come before you,..one of your many children. I am weak and small.

I need your strength and wisdom.

Let me walk in beauty and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset; my ears sharp so I may hear your voice.

Make me wise, so I may learn the things you have taught my people, the lessons you have hidden under every rock and leaf.

I seek strength, not to be superior to my brothers, but to be able to fight my greatest enemy--myself.

Make me ever ready to come to you with clean hands and straight eyes, so whenever life fades, like the fading sunset, my spirit will come to you without shame.

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## Sample 6: Interfaith Service

#### INVOCATION

Be merciful to me, O God, Be merciful, for I have taken refuge in You. In the shadow of Your wings, will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by. I will call upon the most high God, The God who maintains my cause.

He will send from heaven and save me; He will confound those who trample upon me; God will send forth His love and his faithfulness. Amen.

#### HYMN

Oh beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain, For purple mountain majesties, Above the fruited plain.

(Chorus) America, America. God shed His Grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood, From sea to shining sea.

Oh beautiful for patriot dream, That sees beyond the years, Thine alabaster cities gleam, Undimmed by human tears.

(Repeat Chorus)

#### MEDITATION

Sanctify our campsite with your presence and joy. By the spirit of affection and service unite our Scouting families, that they may show your praise in our land and in all the world.

#### RESPONSIVE READING

(Psalm 46)

(Leader) God is our refuge and strength (People) A very present help in trouble

(L) therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved

(P) and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea

(L) though it's waters rage and foam

(P) the Lord of hosts is with us

(L) the God of Jacob is our stronghold

#### HYMN

Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah Kum Ba Yah my Lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh, Lord Kum Ba Yah

Someone's crying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's crying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's crying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh Lord Kum Ba Yah

Someone's singing Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's singing Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's singing Lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh Lord Kum Ba Yah

Someone's praying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's praying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Someone's praying Lord, Kum Ba Yah Oh Lord Kum Ba Yah

#### SERMON

**OFFERING (select an organization to send donation) HYMN**

Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah Michael row the boat ashore, Hallelujah River Jordan is deep and wide, Hallelujah River Jordan is deep and wide, Hallelujah River Jordan is chilly and cold, Hallelujah Chills the body but not the soul, Hallelujah

#### SCOUTMASTER MINUTE CLOSING PRAYER

###### GREAT SPIRIT PRAYER

Oh Great Spirit whose voice in the wind I hear, And whose breath gives life to all in the world, Hear me.

Before you I come, one of your many children Small and weak am I.

Your strength and wisdom I need Make me walk in beauty Make my heart respect all You have made My ears to hear Your voice

Make me wise that I may know all You have taught my people The lessons You have hidden in every rock I seek strength, not to be superior to my brother

Make me able to fight my greatest enemy <197> myself Make me ready to stand before You with clean and straight eyes

When life fades, as the fading sunset, may our spirits stand before You without shame.

#### MORNING GRACE (select correct Grace for time of day)

Gracious giver of all good Thee we than for rest and food Grant that all we do or say In Thy service be this day Amen

#### NOON GRACE

Father for this noonday meal We would speak the grace we feel Health and strength we ask of Thee Help us Lord to faithful be Amen

#### EVENING GRACE

Tireless guardian on our way, Thou hast kept us well this day, While we thank Thee we request Care continued, pardon, rest ~Amen.

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#### Sample 7: Non-Denominational Worship Service For Outdoor Worship

###### CALL TO WORSHIP - Psalm 100: 1 - 3

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.''

###### OPENING HYMN -`Morning Has Broken''

Morning has broken like the first morning, Blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing, Praise for the morning, Praise for them, springing, fresh from the word. Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven, Like the first dewfall on the first grass,

Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, Sprung in completeness where His feet pass. Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning, Born of the one light Eden saw play.

Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's recreation of the new day.

###### RESPONSIVE READING: - ``Canticle of the Sun''

All: O most high, almighty, good Lord God, to you belongs praise, glory, honor and all blessing.

Leader: Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures, and especially, our brother, the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the night; fair is he, and shines with a very great splendor; O Lord, he signifies You to us.

Response: Praise be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which He has set clear and lovely in the heaven.

Leader: Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for the air and clouds, calms, and all weather by which you uphold life in all creatures.

Response: Praised be my Lord for our sister, water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious... and very clean.

Leader: Praised be my Lord for our brother, fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

Response: Praised be my Lord for our mother, the earth, which sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth grass and diverse fruits and flowers of many colors.

All: Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to Him and serve Him with great humility.

###### SILENT PRAYER PRAYER

God, sometimes I hold something small in my hand... a piece of moss or a budding twig, and - peering closely at this tiny world - I feel a sudden wonder. Help me to remember that you made these worlds, and countless others, and...in remembering...come closer to you. O God, we thank Thee today for the world in which you have placed us; for the universe whose vastness is revealed in the blue depths of the sky; whose immensities are lit by shining stars beyond the strength of mind to follow. We thank you for the beauty of our earth, for the sweetness of the flowers, the solemnity of the stars, the sound of streams and swelling seas, for stretching lands and mighty mountains which rest and satisfy the soul, the purity of dawn which calls us to holy dedication, and the peace of the evening which speaks of everlasting rest. Above all, we thank you for the dignity you have bestowed upon every human being as the crown of your Creation. Give us the grace to let the light of your glory shine through us, in our action, words and thoughts. Amen.

###### OFFERING - For the World Friendship Fund CLOSING HYMN - " This is My Father's World"

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears, All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world. I rest me in the thought Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, His hand the wonders wrought. This is my Father's world. The birds their carols raise. The morning light, the lily white, declare the Maker's praise. This is my Father's world. He shines in all that's fair; In the trusting grass I hear him pass, He speaks to me everywhere.

###### BENEDICTION - (sung to the tune: Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever; Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor.

Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

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## Sample 8: All-Faiths Service For Outdoor Worship - Psalm 100: 1 - 3

``Make a joyful noise to the Lord, in all the lands. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come into His presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is He that made us, and we are His; We are His people, and sheep of His pasture.''

###### OPENING HYMN -`AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL''

O beautiful, for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain, For purple mountains majesties, above the fruited plain, America, America, God shed his grace on thee, And Crown thy good with brotherhood, from sea to shining sea.

###### RESPONSIVE READING: - ``Canticle of the Sun''

All: **O most high, almighty, Lord God, to you belongs praise, glory, honor and all blessing.**

Leader: Praised be my Lord God with all his creatures, and especially, our brother, the sun, who brings us the day and who brings us the night; fair is he, and shines with a very great splendor; O Lord, he signifies You to us.

###### Response: Praise be my Lord for our sister the moon, and for the stars, which He has set clear and lovely in the heaven.

Leader: Praised be my Lord for our brother the wind, and for the air and clouds, calms, and all weather by which you uphold life in all creatures.

###### Response: Praised be my Lord for our sister, water, who is very serviceable to us, and humble and precious... and very clean.

Leader: Praised be my Lord for our brother, fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness; he is bright and pleasant and very mighty and strong.

###### Response: Praised be my Lord for our mother, the earth, which sustains us and keeps us, and brings forth grass and diverse fruits and flowers of many colors.

All: **Praise and bless the Lord, and give thanks to Him and serve Him with great humility. SONG: They That Wait Upon the Lord (in the songbook) A Vietnam Buddhist Chant of**

**Incense:**

Burning incense spread to the four winds slowly, swirls formed as a wise cloud. Gathering here, we bow and pray, Bring the beautiful garland to the altar! Praying to the omnipotent, benevolent God of Mankind. Deep in our humble heart, we seek the absolute truth Which takes us out of the circle of suffering.

The Scout is Reverent Resource Book -- 104 -- A Scouts Own Service After a moment, the leader says:

###### Silent Prayer:

“Leader: O God, it is not easy to pray, And yet I pray that these few moments will somehow bring me closer to you”

**HOMILY: ”A Tell of Three Trees” -** as retold by Angela Elwell Hunt

Once upon a mountain top, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up.

The first little tree looked up at the stars twinkling like diamonds above him. "I want to hold treasure," he said. "I want to be covered with gold and filled with precious stones. I will be the most beautiful treasure chest in the world!"

The second little tree looked out at the small stream trickling by on its way to the ocean. "I want to be a strong sailing ship," he said. "I want to travel mighty waters and carry powerful kings. I will be the strongest ship in the world!"

The third little tree looked down into the valley below where busy men and busy women worked in a busy town. "I don't want to leave this mountain top at all," she said. "I want to grow so tall that when people stop to took at me they will raise their eyes to heaven and think of God. I will be the tallest tree in the world!"

Years passed. The rains came, the sun shone, and the little trees grew tall. One day three woodcutters climbed the mountain.

The first woodcutter looked at the first tree and said, "This tree is beautiful. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the first tree fell.

"Now I shall be made into a beautiful chest," thought the first tree. "I shall hold wonderful treasure."

The second woodcutter looked at the second tree and said, "This tree is strong. It is perfect for me." With a swoop of his shining ax, the second tree fell.

"Now I shall sail mighty waters," thought the second tree. "I shall be a strong ship fit for kings!"

The third tree felt her heart sink when the last woodcutter looked her way. She stood straight and tall and pointed bravely to heaven.

But the woodcutter never even looked up. "Any kind of tree will do for me," he muttered. With a swoop of his shining ax, the third tree fell.

The first tree rejoiced when the woodcutter brought him to a carpenter's shop, but the busy carpenter was not thinking about treasure chests. Instead his workUworn hands fashioned the tree into a feed box for animals.

The onceUbeautiful tree was not covered with gold or filled with treasure. He was coated with sawdust and filled with hay for hungry farm animals.

The second tree smiled when the woodcutter took him to a shipyard, but no mighty sailing ships were being made that day. Instead the onceUstrong tree was hammered and sawed into a simple fishing boat.

Too small and too weak to sail an ocean or even a river, he was taken to a little lake. Every day he brought in loads of dead, smelly fish.

The third tree was confused when the woodcutter cut her into strong beams and left her in a lumberyard.

"What happened?" the onceUtall tree wondered. "All I ever wanted to do was stay on the mountain top and point to God."

Many, many days and nights passed. The three trees nearly forgot their dreams.

But one night golden starlight poured over the first tree as a young woman placed her newborn baby in the feed box.

"I wish I could make a cradle for him," her husband whispered.

The mother squeezed his hand and smiled as the starlight shone on the smooth and sturdy wood. "This manger is beautiful," she said.

And suddenly the first tree knew he was holding the greatest treasure in the world.

One evening, many years later, a tired traveler and his friends crowded into the old fishing boat. The traveler fell asleep as the second tree quietly sailed out into the lake.

Soon a thrashing storm arose. The little tree shuddered. He knew he did not have the strength to carry so many passengers safely through the wind and rain.

The tired man awakened. He stood up, stretched out his hand, and said, "Peace, be still!" The storm stopped as quickly as it had begun.

And suddenly the second tree knew he was carrying the King of heaven and earth.

One Friday morning, the third tree was startled when her beams were yanked from the forgotten woodpile. She flinched as she was carried through an angry, jeering crowd. She shuddered when soldiers nailed a man's hands to her.

She felt ugly and harsh and cruel.

But on Sunday morning, when the sun rose and the earth trembled with joy beneath her, the third tree knew that God's love had changed everything.

It had made the first tree beautiful. It had made the second tree strong. And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God.

That was better than being the tallest tree in the whole world.

###### OFFERING - Collect Funds for worthy cause CLOSING HYMN - " God Bless America"

God Bless America, land that I love, Stand beside her, and guide her, Though the night, with the

light from above, From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans, white with foam, God Bless America, My home, sweet, home, God Bless America, My home sweet home.

###### BENEDICTION - (spoken or sung to the tune: Edelweiss)

May the Lord, Mighty Lord, bless and keep you forever; Grant us peace, perfect peace, courage in every endeavor. Lift up your eyes and see His face, and His grace forever. May the Lord, Mighty Lord, Bless and keep you forever.

Turn Troop back over to Senior Patrol Leader:

The Role of the Troop Chaplain

# Why Were You Recruited As a Chaplain?

Scouting is a resource for religious organizations, schools, and community and civic groups to use in their program for young people. Scouting is an educational program based on "duty to God" and designed to enhance

* A personal value system
* Leadership skills
* Citizenship responsibilities
* Career awareness
* Personal fitness

If the troop is operated by a religious organization, it is customary for the religious leader to serve as the chaplain. The religious leader may ask a member of the staff who is qualified to serve in that position. A unit not operated by a religious organization may select a chaplain for the troop from the local clergy.

# The Basic Opportunity

In this capacity, you as the chaplain have an opportunity to be a friend to the Scouts and leaders and to contribute to their spiritual welfare and growth. You as the chaplain, by virtue of your position and personality, can encourage the boys in their Scouting work and other aspects of their total lives.

# The Job Description

1. Provide a spiritual tone for all troop meetings and camping experiences.
2. Assure members and leaders of your interest in them and their activities.
3. Provide spiritual counseling service when needed or requested.
4. Provide opportunities for all boys to grow in their relationship with God and their fellow Scouts.
5. Encourage Scouts to participate in the religious emblems program of their respective faith.

# Outreach Opportunities

Many times one of the first contacts a new family has in the community is with the Scouting unit. As new members are registered, you will learn of their religious affiliations or interest and can extend to them an invitation to join you in worship. Or you may share with them other opportunities for worship within the community. At no time should the chaplain proselytize.

# Accidents, Illnesses, and Other Problems

Ask the leaders to report accidents, illnesses, and other problems of members to you. You should become aware of situations where a pastoral call would be appropriate and beneficial. Leaders who are in regular contact with their members often are the first to know of situations that may need pastoral attention.

If a member misses several meetings, it may be an indication that something is wrong. Ask that the names of absentees be shared with you. As chaplain you have the opportunity to visit and discover the source of the problem. If the

problem is with some aspect of the Scouting program or leadership, you should discuss this problem with the appropriate individual or committee.

# Chartered Organization Representative

This person is the representative of the chartered organization to the district and local council of the Boy Scouts of America. This person must be able to represent the organization's concern in both policy-making and program. The chaplain should work closely with the chartered organization representative for the interest of the chartered organization and its ministry, as well as for children, youth, and families.

# Support of Unit Leadership

Remember, volunteers sharing their time and effort are what makes Scouting work. Support them. Recognize them for a job well done. Commend them personally for their ministry. Thank their family members, too, for their sacrifice makes Scouting possible.

# Observe Unit Leadership

Unit leaders are charged with fulfilling the purpose of both the chartered organization and Scouting. The leadership should demonstrate awareness of and understanding of both. It should be evident that Scouting activities are fulfilling spiritual needs, in addition to developing Scouting skills.

# Religious Emblems Study Programs

Encourage Scouts to earn their appropriate religious emblems. The troop possibly includes Scouts of various faiths; therefore, a knowledge of all emblems would be helpful. The chart *A Scout Is Reverent,* No. 5-206A, will be most helpful. Procedures within various faiths differ. A call to your local council service center will help to identify the requirement book, method of ordering, and presentation information.

# Planning Worship Experiences

Every troop going away for a weekend needs to plan to conduct or attend a service in keeping with the 12th point of the Scout Law. You may be invited to conduct the services or work out a program with the chaplain aide and other adult leaders. An overnight event should include worship experiences, either for the individual or for the troop.

You may want to recommend scripture readings or devotional readings to be used at the close of the evening or as a morning meditation.

# Identifying Service Opportunities

Service projects for advancement are required of all Scouts. Helping others is a Scouting tradition.

You have the advantage of being able to identify many possible service projects for individuals and families, for the chartered organization, for the community, and beyond the community. You will need to be on the lookout for service projects that are helpful and significant.

A particular emphasis in service projects is to focus on concerns and cares of the faith community, such as persons living in impacted areas (neighborhoods isolated by highways, interstates, commercial developments, etc.); aged, homebound, hungry, and illiterate people; ethnic minority groups needing help; and persons with handicapping conditions.

# Sensitivity to Needs

Working with leaders and youth will offer you an opportunity to relate to them at a level where you will become sensitive to needs not yet expressed. Be alert for personal, family, or social situations that may require special care.

Web resource found at: [http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ChaplainRole.aspx](about:blank)

### Sermons For Your Services

#### Sample Sermon 1 (Christian): Be Prepared

[http://www.sermoncentral.com/sermons/be-prepared--scout-sunday-jeff-strite-sermon-on-david-76122.asp?Page=5](about:blank)

Summary: So, just why did David pick up "5" smooth stones? It was because long before Scouting began, David understood the Scout Motto "Be Prepared"

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 17:53

OPEN: A bricklayer had an accident at work and filed following insurance report:

On the day of my accident I was working alone on the roof of a 6-story building. When I completed my work I discovered that I had about 500 pounds of brick left over. Rather than carry the bricks down by hand, I decided to lower them in a barrel by using a pulley which was attached to the side of the building at the top of the 6th floor.

I loaded the brick into the barrel. Then I went back to the ground and untied the rope, which I held tightly to insure a slow descent of the 500 pounds of brick. Unfortunately, I only weigh 135 pounds… and the weight of the barrel jerked me off the ground.

This happened so suddenly, that I lost my presence of mind and forgot to let go of the rope. Needless to say, I proceeded up the side of the building at a rapid rate of speed.

In the vicinity of the third floor I met the barrel coming down. This explains my broken arm and shattered collarbone.

Slowed only slightly, I continued my rapid ascent up the side of the building, not stopping until the fingers of my right hand rammed into the pulley. This explains my two broken fingers.

At approximately the same time, the barrel of bricks hit the ground and the bottom fell out of the barrel and spilled the bricks all over the ground.

The barrel now weighed approximately fifty pounds.

Still holding onto the rope I began a rapid decent down the side of the building. In the vicinity of the 3rd floor I met the barrel coming up. This accounts for the 2 fractured ankles and the dislocation of my left kneecap.

Slowed only slightly, I landed directly on the pile of bricks beneath me, and this explains the 3 cracked vertebrae in my back.

Finally, as I lay there on the bricks in pain, unable to stand, and watching that empty barrel six stories above me, relieved that it was over… I let go of the rope.

APPLY: Now, why did that guy have such a problem? Answer: He didn’t plan ahead far enough

He wasn’t prepared sufficiently for the challenge he faced.

It’s a basic rule of life – If you are going to succeed - you MUST BE prepared

If you’re going to accomplish anything of lasting value if you MUST plan ahead

That’s part of the reason that the motto of the Boy Scouts is: “Be Prepared”

One of the original founders of the idea of scouting was an Englishman who had such influence in laying the groundwork for scouting he’s been given the title: Chief Scout of the World … Lord Baden Powell.

He often said an ideal Scout is “self-reliant, skilled as a woodsman, and is willing to teach those skills to others because he loves Scouting and the outdoor life.”

In other words, the primary objective of scouting has always been to prepare young men

* + to PREPARE young men for adulthood.
  + to PREPARE them to become self-reliant
  + to PREPARE them to be honorable, moral, upstanding leaders So, the watchword of Scouting has always been: Be Prepared

That was because - the founders of Scouting understood: if you are going to accomplish anything of lasting value - if you MUST BE prepared.

I. That brings us to our story about David and Goliath.

The armies of Israel had come face to face with their arch-enemies - the Philistines.

They had lined up on either side of a wide valley. The Philistines arrayed on the hills on one side, and the Israelites on the hills on the other side. Neither side wanted to commit themselves to battle for fear of giving the other army the advantage of having the higher ground. And so they stayed where they were… they faced a stalemate/ Mexican standoff.

Then the Philistines came up with a clever way of dealing with the impasse. They sent out their mightiest warrior with a challenge for Israel:

“Choose a man and have him come down to me. If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." (I Samuel 17:8-9)

Now, we find out later that the Philistines had no intention of honoring that agreement… they didn’t think they’d have to. But, of course, that didn’t matter, because no Israelite was willing to meet Goliath on the field of battle. In fact, vs. 11 tell us that whenever Goliath issued his challenge, Saul and the army of Israel were filled with dismay and terror.

But why?

Why were the Israelites so afraid? (wait for a reply) That’s right… Goliath was a giant

Our Bible tells us he was over 9 feet tall… in fact he was 9’ 9” tall.

Now, I am 5’ 11” tall. That would probably have been a little taller than the average Israelite warrior. So, how tall was Goliath compared to me? Well, let’s find out (I brought a measuring tape and had one of the Cub Scouts help me measure a spot on the wall that was 9’9” tall).

By contrast – who is the tallest NBA basketball player right now? Yao Ming (Center for the Houston Rockets) – he stands 7’ 6” tall. Now, if I stood on the stage and he stood on the floor – I’d be looking at Yao Ming’s chin. But if Yao Ming stood in front of Goliath – he’d be staring at Goliath’s chest.

Goliath was a big man. And he was not a clumsy man – he was a skilled fighter with a

reputation for never losing.

For 40 days, he came out to defy Israel – in the morning and in the evening. But no one dared accept his challenge. For 40 long days, no one dared face him. No one. No one.

No one… until David arrived.

Now, I don’t think David had any intention of fighting Goliath to begin with. But, I believe he was so offended that anyone would challenge the armies of the God of Israel… that he simply couldn’t believe it.

In my mind’s eye, I see David going from one group of men to another and asking the same question:

“What will be done for the man who kills this Philistine and removes this disgrace from Israel? Who is this uncircumcised Philistine that he should defy the armies of the living God?” 1 Samuel 17:26

When they told him, I suspect he asked: “Well why don’t you take him on?” And every time someone would respond – “Are you crazy? Have you seen the size of that guy?”

I believe David was attempting to challenge, to cajole – to shame someone into accepting Goliath’s challenge, because his words shamed his older brother Eliab.

Eliab told David: “I know how conceited you are. I know how wicked your heart is.

You’ve just come here to shoot your mouth off about things you don’t understand”

But David responded: “Hey! Can’t I even talk?” And then he moved on to the next group of men to ask them “What will be done for the man…”

He did this long enough that Saul heard about it and summoned David to his tent. David went into the King’s presence and immediately said something rash:

“O King, don’t lose heart. If no one else will face this giant… then I’ll take him on.”

And how did Saul respond? I can see him saying:

“Oh, David… you can’t handle him, you’re just a boy. Goliath’s been a fighting man since his youth. David – you’re NOT PREPARED to handle this kind of a challenge.”

Remember the Scout Motto: Be prepared. Saul was telling David that he wasn’t prepared.

Was Saul Right? Well, no…

Because you see, David was one of the original Boy Scout’s. He’d spent much of his young life out in the field. He’d built his own fires, cooked his own meals. He’d slept out under the stars. And most importantly… while he was out there alone with his father’s sheep – he prepared.

How did he prepare? He spent this time ALONE with God. Talking with God. Singing to God. Studying God’s Word and meditating upon it. David prepared for his life by always having God beside him.

And, so - when dangers arose When the bear and lion attacked

David and God went out to face the lion David and God went out to face the bear

And David and God overcame those challenges… together

Because David had stood with God in those situations… he had been prepared to meet THIS challenge. And he told Saul as much.

Still, Saul was not convinced. He had David put on the king’s armor and helmet, and strap on his sword. But David realized that God hadn’t prepared him to fight like that. The weapons David was used to weren’t the weapons of men like Saul or Goliath.

So David picked up his sling and staff and he went down to the river bed. And what do you think he picked up? (5 smooth stones)

But why did David need 5 stones? It only took him one to kill Goliath.

Why? Because David had learned to be prepared. He’d spent so much time walking with God and learning from God that he’d learned to think like God. And he realized that once he took out Goliath there might be others he might have to face. After all Goliath had brothers. Four brothers to be exact.

David walked out to face the giant. And do you know how Goliath reacted? Scripture tells us Goliath despised him. “Have you come out to me as if I were a dog you could beat with sticks?” he cries. And he CURSED David.

He said: “Boy,” he said” when I’m done with you, I’m going to feed your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field.”

But David responded: "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will hand you over to me, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands."

David had no intention of facing Goliath alone. From the moment David decided to take God into battle with him… Goliath never stood a chance.

Goliath moved toward David

But David had no intention of just waiting around. He ran toward the giant. He reached down into his pouch and pulled out a stone. He put it into his sling and whipped it around a few times… and then let her fly. Scripture tell us that the stone “sank into Goliath’s forehead” and the giant fell face down on the ground.

Now… what does this story teach us?

1st - It teaches us that God’s people need to be prepared. The reason the Israelites trembled in fear before Goliath was because they weren’t prepared for a challenge of that size.

Paul writes: that we need to make “…the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.” Ephesians 5:16

2ndly - It teaches us that God’s people become prepared by spending time with God. We need to spend time with God so we can learn how God thinks and how He fights.

ILLUS: I remember reading the story of a British General in the French and Indian War. This general was such a devote man that he would punish his men if they used profanity. Nowadays, our armies wouldn’t even think twice about a man who would swear, but this General was a very devout man who studied God’s word regularly.

One day, he and his army faced a larger Indian force, and even though he had superior firepower, he realized that – even if they won this conflict – his forces would be decimated. And so, he offered a challenge to the Indian chief: he offered to meet him on the field of battle, man to man, one on one. The chief accepted and the General won the fight. The Indian forces panicked and fled.

Now, where do suppose that General got the idea for that kind of challenge. That’s right. From Scripture. He had spent so much time in God’s Word that he had begun to learn how to think like God and fight God’s kind of fight.

It’s intriguing - David learned to fight God’s way. And when that happened, the armor that Saul used didn’t work for him. And, as Christians we eventually learn that the way the world fights – doesn’t work for us, either. God tells us “… though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

* + Lastly, we learn that we need to take God with us into every difficulty, into every conflict. David was young, quick, skilled, and it never occurred to him that he might lose. But David didn’t base his confidence upon his youth, or his abilities. David based his confidence upon a promise from God. When David was out in the fields with his father’s sheep, he would have read this passage from the Law: “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, you will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you. Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.” (Leviticus 26:3, 7 and 8).

CLOSE: Lord Baden Powell was the originator of the Scout Motto: Be Prepared. Someone once asked him “Be prepared for what?” To which Lord Baden Powell replied: “Be prepared for EVERYTHING.”

We also should be prepared for “everything.” Not just for the situations and challenges and obstacles of this life… but also for the 2nd Coming of our Lord. One day, Jesus will return and we need to be prepared for that Day. That is why we offer a time of invitation after every worship service, that you might begin your preparation by giving yourself to Him. By faith, repentance, confession of Jesus as Lord, and by being buried with Him in the waters of Christian baptism.

#### Sample Sermon 2 (Christian): Reverent Scout

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Summary: This is a sermon explaining reverence, which is one of the twelve points of the Boy Scout Law.

Scripture: Hebrews 5:7-5:9

by Pastor Ron Baker, West Union Christian Church of Christ” INTRODUCTION

This is Scout Sunday, and I am so glad to have our scouts here with us today. I love the scouting program because of what it stands for and for what the children can learn from being a part of it.

The scout oath is . . . 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.

The Boy Scout Law A Scout is:

* Trustworthy,
* Loyal,
* Helpful,
* Friendly,
* Courteous,
* Kind,
* Obedient,
* Cheerful,
* Thrifty,
* Brave,
* Clean,
* and Reverent.

The Boy Scout Motto is . . . Be Prepared!

The Boy Scout Slogan is . . . Do a Good Turn Daily.

This morning I want to speak to you about one of the twelve points of the Boy Scout Law. I want to help you better understand what it means to be reverent. I hope this message will especially be beneficial for our scouts as well as for everyone who is here with us today.

The word “reverent” means to be very respectful.

The scripture text that I want to use this morning is Hebrews 5:7-10

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with loud cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a son, he learned obedience from what he suffered and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him and was designated by God to be high priest in the order of Melchizedek.

This is the scene at Gethsemane where Jesus Christ suffered great anguish anticipating the terrible death upon a cruel Roman cross where He would become our sacrifice for sin. Our Lord offered up prayers and wept bitterly under the weight of what He had to bear.

Jesus Christ lifted up loud cries and tears to the one who could save Him from death, and He was heard because of His reverent submission to God.

The first point that I want to make this morning is that we need to . . .

1. Revere the people of God

Exodus 20:12 says that we are to honor and revere our parents. This is the right thing to do.

Romans 12:10 tells us to “be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”

This is a great principle for relationships. If more people would revere or respect other people above themselves, more people would get along better with each other.

What is most common in our world today is selfishness, pride, and arrogance. The truth is most people live very selfish lives, thinking only of themselves instead of others. People seldom ever think of how they could sacrificially please others or how they could please God with their lives.

1Timothy 5:17 tells us that “the elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.”

The apostle Paul said that the Lord’s servants who take the responsibility of leading the Lord’s church by teaching and preaching deserve honor and reverence.

1. Revere the places of God

Luke 19:45-46 Then he (Jesus) entered the temple area and began driving out those who were selling. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be a house of prayer'; {Isaiah 56:7} but you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" {Jeremiah 7:11}

Our Lord Jesus Christ was angry with those who were taking advantage of people’s circumstances and cheating them out of their money in a holy place that was designated as a house of prayer.

Like our Lord, we too need to respect our church buildings which are designated places of worship and prayer to God. We need to maintain the church property and do that in a way that would honor the Lord. Whatever we do for the Lord should be our best effort.

1. Revere the things of God

It would be good for all of us to revere the Ten Commandments that God gave His chosen people at Mt. Sinai. Our moral law code is founded upon these laws of God. They are . . .

1. You shall have no other gods before me
2. You shall not make for yourself an idol
3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord you God
4. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy
5. Honor your father and your mother
6. You shall not murder
7. You shall not commit adultery
8. You shall not steal
9. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor
10. You shall not covet what your neighbor has

At Matthew 22:34 we read that Jesus was asked about the greatest commandment in the Law, and Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Our Lord summed up the Law of God by saying love the Lord your God above everything else and love each other as much as you love yourself.

1. Revere God above all things

Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops”; This proverb tells us that we are to revere God above everything else. He deserves our gifts,

our tithes, and our offerings. But most of all He deserves our hearts. We should strive to please the Lord with our lives above everything else.

At Hebrews 5:9 it says that Jesus Christ is the source of eternal salvation for all who will obey and come to Him by faith to be saved.

John 14:6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

The only way to receive God’s forgiveness and be made right with God is through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 tells us that “the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Because of your sin you deserve eternal condemnation, but by the grace of God you can receive mercy and forgiveness through the blood of Christ.

Our God deserves worship and reverence for no other reason than because of who He is.

Revelation 4:11 "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being."

But we also know that our great Creator God made a way for us to be forgiven of our sins and covered by the precious blood of Christ.

Revelation 5:12-13 “In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!" Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"

### Short Speech by Lord Baden-Powell:

#### THE FIRST INTERNATIONAL JAMBOREE

***OLYMPIA, LONDON, 7 AUGUST 1920***

When the whole arena was a sea of Scouts ... Baden-Powell saluted them, then joined them to walk across the arena through an impressive and colorful lane of flags of all the nations represented at the Jamboree.

Mounting the highest tier of the dais, he turned and faced the great gathering. The moment had come for him to close the Jamboree, to bid the Scouts good-bye. But before he knew what was happening, he heard a clear boyish voice proclaim aloud, "We, the Scouts of the World, salute you, Sir Robert Baden-Powell -- Chief Scout of the World!"

Chief Scout of the World! B-P hesitated, taken completely aback. As he slowly raised his hand in the Scout sign, the cheering abruptly ceased. There were a few seconds of impressive silence before his voice rang out with its accustomed force to the farthest corners of the building:

Brother Scouts, I ask you to make a solemn choice. Differences exist between the peoples of the world in thought and sentiment, just as they do in language and physique. The war has taught us that if one nation tries to impose its particular will upon others, cruel reaction is bound to follow. The Jamboree has taught us that if we exercise mutual forbearance and give- and-take, then there is sympathy and harmony. If it be your will, let us go forth from here determined that we will develop among ourselves and our boys that comradeship, through the world-wide spirit of the Scout brotherhood, so that we may help to develop peace and happiness in the world and good will among men. Brother Scouts, answer me -- will you join in this endeavor?

A thundering shout answered him: "Yes!"

"God speed you in your work, " Baden-Powell concluded. "And fare you well. "

