

Induction Ceremony

Props needed:

- 16 candles (12 for Scout Law, 3 for Scout Oath, 1 to light the others)
 - Holder or holders for all the candles. We use a 2-log setup: 1 log with 12 holes drilled to accept candles and another with 3 holes.
 - Matches or lighter
 - Copies of this script for all speakers
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[Lights out, new Scouts at front of room/on stage]

[Scoutmaster lights candle]

(name[s]) you have presented yourselves before this Troop and asked to be made Scouts. Is this your wish now?

In this ceremony you will be received into Troop 53 of the Okaw Valley Council and into the World Brotherhood of Scouting. Before you stands a single lighted candle. It represents the Spirit of Scouting. As you become (a) Scout(s) you will learn more of the Scouting Spirit.

The Law of this Troop is the Scout Law. It is known and followed by millions of Scouts. You will learn and follow this law too.

The Senior Patrol Leader and his assistant will now recite for you the parts of this Law. Listen to them closely, for I will soon ask you whether you accept this law as your own.

[SPL lights a candle for each point of the Law]

SPL: A Scout is trustworthy.

ASPL: A Scout tells the truth, he keeps his promises, and honesty is part of his code of conduct. People can depend on him.

SPL: A Scout is loyal.

ASPL: A Scout is true to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

SPL: A Scout is helpful.

ASPL: A Scout is concerned about other people, and does things willingly for others without pay or reward.

SPL: A Scout is friendly.

ASPL: A Scout is a friend to all and a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others and respects those with ideas and customs other than his own.

SPL: A Scout is courteous.

ASPL: A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows good manners make it easier for people to get along together.

SPL: A Scout is kind.

ASPL: A Scout understands that there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not hurt or kill harmless things without reason.

SPL: A Scout is obedient.

ASPL: A Scout follows the rules of his family, school, and Troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these laws and rules are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

SPL: A Scout is cheerful.

ASPL: A Scout looks for the bright side of things, and cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

SPL: A Scout is thrifty.

ASPL: A Scout works to pay his own way and to help others. He saves for unforeseen needs. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

SPL: A Scout is brave.

ASPL: A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at or threaten him.

SPL: A Scout is clean.

ASPL: A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean, and associates with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

SPL: A Scout is reverent.

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

You have heard the 12 points of the Scout Law. Do you accept this Law as a Scout, and do you promise to do your best to live by this Law?

Very well!

Scouts also live by another code. It is the Scout Oath or Promise. The Scout Oath describes three duties that every Scout must accept: his duty to God and Country, his duty to others, and his duty to himself. I want you to make this promise publicly for the first time. **[Light candles]** These candles represent the three duties. **[Scout Sign]** Repeat after me this oath:

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 awakeand morally straight.

You have heard the words of the Scout Oath or Promise. Do you accept the three duties it describes and do you pledge yourself to learn and to follow the Scout Oath?

Very well!

We began in almost total darkness. Now in the light of these candles, we can see one another well. So it is that the Spirit of the Scout Oath and the Scout Law lights our steps.

I direct your attention to the flag of our country. As Scouts we have special feelings about that flag. We learn what it means, we learn to take care of it, and we love and honor the nation it represents. I now ask you to face the flag and pledge your allegiance to it. In uniform you use the Scout Salute. Out of uniform you place your right hand over your heart. **[Audience stand and join in]**

We welcome these boys as Scouts and as new members of Troop 53. The adventure is just beginning!

[Scout Handshake]

[patches/handbook/neckerchief/etc. if warranted]