

Boy Scouts of America

Scout Oath, Motto, Slogan, and Law

Scout 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 time; To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.

The **Scout Motto** is: **BE PREPARED**. A Scout prepares for whatever comes his way by learning all he can. He keeps himself strong, healthy, and ready to meet the challenges of life.

The **Scout Slogan** is: **DO A GOOD TURN DAILY**. Good Turns are helpful acts of kindness done quietly, without boasting, and without expecting reward or pay. Doing at least one Good Turn every day is a normal part of a Scout's life.

Scout Law (12 Points)

A Scout is **TRUSTWORTHY**. A scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

A Scout is **LOYAL**. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout leaders, school, nation, and world community.

A Scout is **HELPFUL**. A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is **FRIENDLY**. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

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

A Scout is **KIND**. A Scout understands there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

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

A Scout is **CHEERFUL**. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is **THRIFTY**. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is **BRAVE**. 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 him or threaten him.

A Scout is **CLEAN**. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

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