

## Scout Oath and Law Crossover Ceremony

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NARRATOR: Will the following Arrow of Light Scouts please come forward? (*Call names of Arrow of Light Scouts and wait for them to walk to the stage.*) Today, we gather to celebrate a significant milestone in your Scouting journey. You have worked hard and shown dedication as you journeyed along the Cub Scout trail with our Pack, and now you stand ready to embark on a new adventure with a Scouts BSA Troop. With the support of your families and leaders, you will soon begin to soar towards becoming an Eagle Scout.

ARROW OF LIGHT DEN LEADER: In front of you are 15 candles. These represent not only the three points of the Scout Oath but also the twelve points of the Scout Law. As we light these candles, let them remind you of the values we strive to follow as Scouts. Each candle symbolizes an important principle that we aim to embody, guiding us on our Scouting journey and beyond.

The three points of the Scout Oath are:

- Duty to God and Country: This candle reminds us to hold our beliefs close and respect the freedoms and responsibilities that come with being a citizen. (*Light a candle.*)
- Duty to Others: With this candle we are encouraged to always lend a hand to those around you; kindness and service are vital parts of being a Scout. (*Light a candle.*)
- Duty to Self: This candle reinforces the importance of taking care of yourself, to learn, grow, and pursue your dreams. (*Light a candle.*)

The twelve points of the Scout Law are:

- Trustworthy: This candle symbolizes honesty and reliability in all actions. (*Light a candle.*)
- Loyal: This candle represents loyalty to friends, family, and the principles of Scouting. (*Light a candle.*)
- Helpful: This candle emphasizes the importance of being of service to others. (*Light a candle.*)
- Friendly: This candle represents camaraderie and the importance of being kind and approachable to all. (*Light a candle.*)
- Courteous: This candle symbolizes respect, courtesy, and consideration for others. (*Light a candle.*)
- Kind: This candle represents compassion and the importance of being kind-hearted in all interactions. (*Light a candle.*)
- Obedient: This candle symbolizes the commitment to follow rules and laws, both in Scouting and in life. (*Light a candle.*)
- Cheerful: This candle represents the importance of maintaining a positive attitude and spreading joy. (*Light a candle.*)
- Thrifty: This candle symbolizes resourcefulness and the importance of wise spending and conservation. (*Light a candle.*)
- Brave: This candle represents courage in facing challenges and standing up for what is right. (*Light a candle.*)
- Clean: This candle symbolizes the importance of cleanliness in ourselves, in our surroundings, and in our actions. (*Light a candle.*)
- Reverent: This candle represents respect for the beliefs of others and a sense of duty to the spiritual aspects of life. (*Light a candle.*)

NARRATOR: Living by these values not only helps you become a great Scout but also a happier and more fulfilled individual. Your journey through Scouting is about much more than badges and ranks; it's about

building character, creating friendships, and developing leadership skills that will serve you well in all aspects of life.

Now, Scoutmaster [Name] and Senior Patrol Leader [Name] are here, ready to welcome you into your new troop. As you step into this next phase of Scouting, remember that the road ahead will challenge you and inspire you. Embrace it with enthusiasm, and let these values guide you.

SCOUTMASTER: Welcome, Scouts! Today marks the start of a thrilling new chapter in your lives. As you wear this Scouts BSA neckerchief, know that it symbolizes the unity and commitment of our troop. You are now part of our family, and together, we will support you as you continue your journey towards Eagle Scout. (*Scoutmaster gives each Arrow of Light Scout a Scout handshake.*)

SENIOR PATROL LEADER: As you join our troop, remember: every step you take on this journey is an opportunity to learn, lead, and make a difference. Live by the Scout Oath and Law, be prepared, and continue to always do your best. You are the future of Scouting, and we believe in you! Welcome to our Scouts BSA Troop! (*Senior Patrol Leader and Scoutmaster give each Arrow of Light Scout their Troop neckerchief.*)

NARRATOR: Let's give a big round of applause to our new Scouts as their next adventure begins!