

PLANNING SCOUTS OWN SERVICE WORKSHEET

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/worksheet08182008.pdf>

SCOUTS OWN SERVICE TEMPLATE



Call to Worship

O'Lord our heavenly Father, we lift our heart to thee, at the beginning of this new day. We come to this time and place of worship with thy beauty all about us: in the sky, in the trees, in the earth and in all thy creations. We praise thee, and come to worship thee, blessed art though O'lord our God who gives us each new day. AMEN.

Reading: (Use monthly scout theme, etc. to select appropriate readings and responsive readings.)

Responsive Readings: (include readings from multiple religions to address diversity and inclusiveness.)

The Scout Law Reading

LEADER: Holy One, listen to our needs and bring strength to our hearts.

ALL: On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to **GOD and MY COUNTRY.**

LEADER: A true worth person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or reminded.

ALL: A Scout Is **TRUSTWORTHY**

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

ALL: A Scout is **LOYAL**

LEADER: Help others and show the spirit of Good Turn

ALL: A Scout is **HELPFUL**

LEADER: Accept others, without restrictions, for who they are.

ALL: A Scout is **FRIENDLY.**

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

ALL: A Scout is **COURTEOUS.**

LEADER: Kindness is the way people show respect for others.

ALL: A Scout is **KIND.**

LEADER: Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like to do them or not. One of the marks of growing up is our readiness to accept responsibility willingly.

ALL: A Scout is **OBEDIENT.**

LEADER: Our mood makes our day. If we are grouchy, then our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always happier.

ALL: A Scout is **CHEERFUL**.

LEADER: The world offers many gifts. A wise person uses them with care.

ALL: A Scout is **THRIFTY**.

LEADER: To each of us comes danger, difficulty tasks, and temptations, in choosing courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

ALL: A Scout is **BRAVE**.

LEADER: Cleanliness is next to Godliness, to have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is an achievement.

ALL: A Scout is **CLEAN**.

LEADER: The things we respect determine character. If we respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, with live with God's word.

ALL: A Scout is **REVERENT**.

LEADER: Give us lean hands, words, and thoughts. O God. Teach us to work hard and play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help other. Give us strength to do a good turn each day and live by your will.

Leave time for a moment of silent prayer for each own respective faith.

Meditation

Song (ie, Amazing Grace)

Prayer for the Boy Scout

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 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, Scout Law and the high ideal of the World Brotherhood of Scouting. Amen.

Closing Prayer: Scout Motto, May your God go with you.

More sample of scouts own service can be found at:

<https://filestore.scouting.org/filestore/pdf/Interfaithservice.pdf>

<http://www.macscouter.com/scoutsown/>

<http://usscouts.org/chaplain/scoutsown.asp>

<http://totscouting.org/pdfs/A-scout's-own.pdf>

<http://scoutsarereverent.blogspot.com/2013/08/links-to-scouts-own-services.html>

MEETING and CAMPING BLESSINGS/GRACE/PRAYER Samples and links of interest:

American Indian Blessing

May the Great Spirit Bless you
with the knowledge of your inner strength and wisdom.
May you have the strength of eagles' wings,
The faith and courage to fly to new heights,
And the wisdom of the universe to carry you there.
We can only be what we give ourselves the power to be.

More blessings can be found at:

http://www.retiredscouter.com/resource_spiritual_blessings.html

A Boy Scout Prayer

Lord, in this evening hour we pray,
for strength to do our best each day.
draw near to us that we may see,
the kind of scouts that we should be.

in serving others, let us see,
that we are only serving thee.
bless us o lord, and have no doubts,
that we can be the best of scouts.

More prayers can be found at:

http://www.retiredscouter.com/resource_prayer_boy_scouts.html

Boy Scout Graces written by Michael F. Bowman

We find ourselves surrounded by startling beauty,
And awe inspiring vistas as we make camp,
For all of these things,
And the blessing of nourishment we are thankful. **Amen.**

Even when it rains, and the wind blows cold,
We remember Your many blessings,
And take this time to give thanks,
For the warmth of fellowship,
The nourishment of food,
And the strength
You give. **Amen**

And ask that by Your blessing, we may use the gift of food before us, To renew our strength to live our Scout Oath and Law. **Amen**

With our heads bowed in reverence,
We give thanks for the food before us,
And ask for Your help and blessing
In facing the challenges of the trail ahead. **Amen**

More samples of Grace can be found at:

<http://usscouts.org/scoutduty/sd2gc59.asp> <http://www.boyscouttrail.com/boy-scouts/boy-scout-graces.asp> http://scoutingwire.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/522-036_web.pdf