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# LEADERSHIP ETHICS AND VALUES

Introduction to Leadership Skills for Troops

Reflection Activity

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## ON MY HONOR...AS A LEADER...

As a scout leader, a scout must, above all, be honorable in what he says and does. More scouts will now be watching you; watching how you act and assessing whether you are a man of honor at all times. A scout leader also steps up and encourages others to do the honorable and right thing. You will find occasions where you see others doing less than honorable things-set the example as a scout leader and intervene. By giving your word, you are promising to be guided by the ideals of the Scout Oath.



## I WILL DO MY BEST...AS A LEADER:

As a Scout Leader , do you cut corners and shirk responsibilities? Or do you stand up, do your best, and lead your team to do its best? Every time? Try hard to live up to the words of the scout oath. Measure your achievements against your own high standards and don't be influenced by peer pressure or what other people do.



# TO DO MY DUTY...AS A LEADER:

You now have new and additional duties as a scout leader. There will be days or times when you'd prefer to not bother doing these duties. The other scouts will know what kind of leader you are.



# TO DO MY BEST...AS A LEADER:

Are you serving as best as you can? Are you setting the example for your team? Are you encouraging others to serve well, too? Your family and religious leaders teach you about God and the ways you can serve. You do your duty to God by following the wisdom of those teachings every day and by respecting and defending the rights of others to practice their own beliefs. Help keep the United States a strong and fair nation. When you work to improve your community and your home, you are serving your country.



## TO OBEY THE SCOUT LAW...AS A LEADER:

The 12 points of the Scout Law are guidelines that will help you do the right thing. The scouts you are leading will watch whether you are living and acting according to the Scout Law. If you don't live the scout law, why should they?



# TO HELP OTHER PEOPLE AT ALL TIMES...AS A LEADER:

There are many people who need you. Are you helping others, on your team and in the other patrols? Are you helping the leaders above you? Below you? Are you helping the SPL and ASPL run the troop, or are you being less than helpful? By helping whenever possible, you are doing your part to improve your troop and your community.



# TO KEEP MYSELF PHYSICALLY STRONG...AS A LEADER:

Take care of your body so it will serve you well for an entire lifetime. Are you in good enough shape to participate and lead? Could you do better? Are you encouraging those in your patrol to participate in activities and to develop nutritious patrol meals on outings? Are you setting the example? Are you avoiding harmful drugs, alcohol, tobacco, and anything else that can harm your health?





# MENTALLY AWAKE...AS A LEADER:

Are you developing mind and body? Be curious about everything around you and work hard to make the most of your abilities.



# AND MORALLY STRAIGHT...AS A LEADER:

Are you treating everyone fairly, and ensuring that the other scouts are doing the same? Are you letting others bully or harass other scouts? Respect and defend the rights of all people. Be clean in your speech and actions, and remain faithful in your religious beliefs. The values you practice as a scout will help shape a life of virtue and self-reliance.



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