

Choice 2: Scout Law Candle Ceremony

This ceremony been around since at least the 1930s, but it can still be effective if its done well. You 11 need a candelabra with 12 candles, "Presenting the poin~ of the Scout Law, along with a 13th candle, representing the Spirit of Scouting. A Scout stands behind each of the Scout Law candles. Each Scout's part is printed on a card and laid on the table in front of him.

Leader (*holding lighted "Spirit" candle*): This candle represents the Spirit of Scouting, a spirit that burns brightly in the heart of every Scout. Let us renew our spirit by reminding ourselves of the meaning of the Scout Law.

(He hands the candle to the first Scout. As this Scout reads his part, he lights the candle in front of him. When he has finished, he hands the candle to the next Scout. Continue in this manner until all 12 Scouts have finished.)

First Scout: A Scout is trustworthy. A Scout's honor is to be trusted. If he were to violate his honor by telling a lie, or by cheating, or by not doing exactly a given task, when trusted on his honor, he may be directed to hand over his Scout badge.

Second Scout: A Scout is loyal. He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his Scout leader, his home, and parents and country.

Third Scout: A Scout is helpful. He must be prepared at any time to save life, help injured persons, and share the home duties. He must do at least one good tum to somebody every day.

Fourth Scout: A Scout is friendly He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout.

Fifth Scout: A Scout is courteous. He is polite to all, especially to women, children, old people, and the weak and helpless. He must not take pay for being helpful or courteous.

Sixth Scout: A Scout is kind. He is a friend to animals. He will not kill nor hurt any living creature needlessly, but will strive to save and protect all harmless life.

Seventh Scout: A Scout is obedient. He obeys his parents, Scoutmaster, patrol leader, and all other duly constituted authorities.

Eighth Scout: A Scout is cheerful. He smiles whenever he can. His obedience to orders is prompt and cheery He never shirks nor grumbles at hardships.

Ninth Scout: A Scout is thrifty He does not wantonly destroy property He works faithfully, wastes nothing, and makes the best use of his opportunities. He saves his money so that he may pay his own way, be generous to those in need, and helpful to

worthy objects. He may work for pay, but must not receive tips for courtesies or good turns.

Tenth Scout: A Scout is brave. He has the courage to face danger in spite of fear, and to stand up for the right against the coaxing of friends or the jeers or threats of enemies, and defeat does not down him.

Eleventh Scout: A Scout is clean. He keeps clean in body and thought, stands for clean speech, clean Sport, clean habits, and travels with a clean crowd.

Twelfth Scout: A Scout is reverent. He is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties, and respects the convictions of others in matters of custom and religion.

(The last Scout blows out the "Spirit" candle. The Scouts then return to their seats.)