

SCOUTING . . . a Bridge to Faith

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BE-Attitudes

- BE PREPARED:** Organization is important! Plan your work and work your plan. Write down you list of things "To Do" and try to clear one to five of them each day. Write down, the night before, what you will complete the next day. It at all possible, do it now!
- BE FRIENDLY:** Say something nice to everyone you meet. Be convinced it is going to be a great day and greet those around you as though you believe it! Be cheerful and optimistic; smiles are contagious — pass them around.
- BE A GOOD EXAMPLE:** Read and live the Scout Oath and Law. Work at the O.A. Obligation. Remember your appearance, wear the Scout uniform correctly and project a good image of Scouting. Albert Schweitzer [Dr. Schweitzer won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952] once said: "We teach three ways — by example, by example and by example."
- BE POSITIVE:** Show enthusiasm; attitudes are important. You get what you project. Negative attitudes get negative results. Positive attitudes get positive results.
- BE MOTIVATED:** Think about all the benefits you have received from your family, friends, church, Scouting and those around you. Now pass it on!
- BE MOTIVATING:** Know what it takes to be a good leader and do all in your power to help others to achieve it. The achievements and success, of leaders, is measured by the Scout program provided to the youth we are dedicated to serve.
- BE KIND:** We must remember our bad days so that we know how rough it can be on others around us.
- BE PROFESSIONAL:** Take a continual inventory of all the things you have committed to do. Once you volunteer, you have an obligation to be as professional as possible.
- BELIEVE:** "Those whom we seek to serve, come our way once as boys. Serve them well — for among them may be the one that would lead the world to everlasting peace"
- BE THERE:** A friend is always there when one is needed. Be there!

A CATHOLIC SCOUT'S BILL OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Preamble

As a Catholic Scout, in order to be responsible to my God, Country, self and others, to commit to those values which will better prepare me to meet those challenges as an adult and as a Catholic, and to achieve my full potential in my belief in God and as a citizen, I do hereby accept and adopt this Bill of Responsibilities.

RESPONSIBILITY I

As a Scout, I take an oath to commit myself by pledging my duty to God and Country; as a Catholic, I commit myself by pledging my duty to my Church and my faith through prayer and service.

RESPONSIBILITY II

A Scout helps other people at all times, and as a Catholic I will help others through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

RESPONSIBILITY III

Through the Scout Oath, a Scout is responsible to keep himself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight which, as a Catholic, allows me to practice and defend my faith daily.

RESPONSIBILITY IV

As a Scout, I am taught to establish those values which will guide me as an adult by accepting the daily responsibility to practice the 12 points of the Scout Law, and as a Catholic I accept the responsibility to practice my faith daily by keeping the Ten Commandments and receiving the Sacraments.

RESPONSIBILITY V

Doing a good turn daily is the responsibility which the Scout accepts and as a Catholic I am reminded of my faith's teachings to love thy neighbor as you do yourself.

RESPONSIBILITY VI

The Scout motto which reminds me to be "Be Prepared" also establishes my responsibility as a Catholic to be prepared at all times to accept God through prayer, to be prepared to practice the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, to keep the Ten Commandments, to receive the Sacraments, and to practice and defend my Catholic faith.

RESPONSIBILITY VII

I accept the values of the Boy Scouts of America which prepare the Scout as a Citizen, and it is those values which are consistent with my faith which prepare me as a Catholic.

RESPONSIBILITY VIII

To follow the Scout Oath and Law, and the teachings of the Catholic Faith are the responsibilities that are consistent with one another and part of my daily life as a Catholic Scout.

RESPONSIBILITY IX

As a Scout, I accept the responsibility of setting the example to those fellow scouts around me, and by doing so, as a Catholic, also teaches me the responsibility of being a role model as Jesus taught those around him.