

Symbolism of the Boy Scout Badge

Every Scout should know the meaning behind the Boy Scout Badge.

- The **shape** of the Boy Scout badge resembles the North Point on an old compass and means that a Scout can point the right way in life just like a compass in the field. The design resembles an arrowhead or a trefoil – a flower with three leaves. It is also known by the French name fleur-de-lis, which means lily or iris flower. It is the basic shape of the badges used by Scout organizations in other countries too.

- The **three points** of the trefoil stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.

On my honor I will do my best...

- To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
- To help other people at all times
- To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and morally straight.



- The **eagle and shield** stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.
- There are **two stars** on the badge that symbolize truth and knowledge.
- The **knot** at the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout Slogan, "Do a Good Turn Daily".
- The **scroll** bearing the Scout motto, "Be Prepared," is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.