

Other Joining Requirements

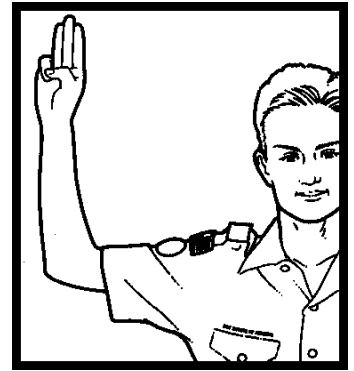
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Demonstrate the Scout Sign, Salute, and Handshake

Scout Sign

The Scout sign shows you are a Scout. Give it each time you recite the Scout Oath and Law. When a Scout or Scouter raises the Scout sign, all Scouts should make the sign, too, and come to silent attention.

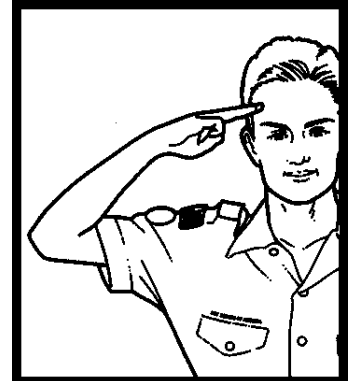
To give the Scout sign, cover the nail of the little finger of your right hand with your right thumb, then raise your right arm bent in a 90-degree angle, and hold the three middle fingers of your hand upward. Those fingers stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath. Your thumb and little finger touch to represent the bond that unites Scouts through out the world.



Scout Salute

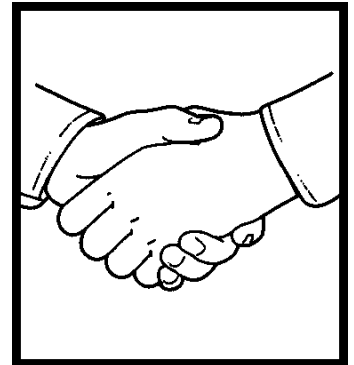
The Scout salute shows respect. Use it to salute the flag of the United States of America. You may also salute a Scout leader or another Scout.

Give the Scout salute by forming the Scout sign with your right hand and then bringing that hand upward until your forefinger touches the brim of your hat or the arch of your right eyebrow. The palm of your hand should not show.



Scout Handshake

The Scout handshake is made with the hand nearest the heart and is offered as a token of friendship. Extend your left hand to another Scout and firmly grasp his left hand. **The fingers do not interlock.**



Describe the Scout Badge

The badge is shaped like the north point on an old compass. 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.
- The **eagle and shield** stand for freedom and a Scout's readiness to defend that freedom.
- There are **two stars** on the badge. They symbolize truth and knowledge.
- The **shape** of the Scout badge means that a Scout can point the right way in life as truly as does a compass in the field.
- The **knot** at the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout Slogan, *Do a Good Turn Daily*.
- The **scroll** bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.



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Demonstrate Tying the Square Knot

The square knot is also known as a joining knot because it can join together two ropes and because it is the first knot Scouts learn when they join the BSA. It has many uses – from securing bundles, packages, and the sails of ships to tying the ends of bandages.

To tie a square knot, hold one rope end in each hand. Pass the right end over and under the rope in your left hand and pull it snug. Next, pass the rope now in your left hand over and under the one now in your right, and pull it snug.

Remember, right over left, left over right.

Repeat the Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Understand and Agree to Live by the Scout Oath or Promise, Law, Motto, and Slogan, and the Outdoor Code

Scout Oath or Promise

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.

Scout Law

A Scout is trustworthy, loyal helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean, and reverent.

Scout Motto

Be prepared

Scout Slogan

Do a good turn daily

Outdoor Code

As an American, I will do my best to
Be clean in my outdoor manners,
Be careful with fire,
Be considerate in the outdoors, and
Be Conservation minded.

I want to be a Boy Scout. As a Boy Scout, I promise to live my life by the Scout Oath or Promise, the Scout Law, the Scout Motto, the Scout Slogan, and the Outdoor Code. I promise to regularly attend the meetings and activities of Troop 139.

Youth's Signature

Date

