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...
  o To do my duty to God and my country and to obey the Scout Law;
  o To help other people at all times
  o 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.