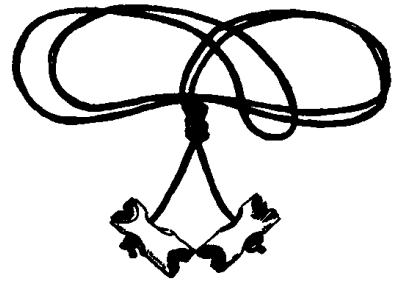


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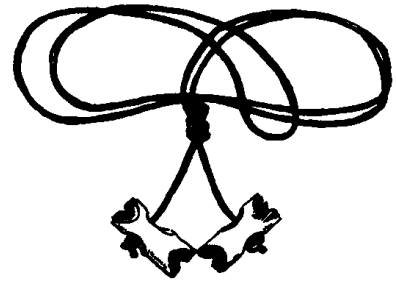
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As in Virginia;
The sunshine nowhere shines so bright
As in Virginia;
The birds sing nowhere quite so sweet
And nowhere hearts so lightly beat,
For Heaven and Earth both seem to meet
Down in Virginia

There is nowhere a land so fair
As in Virginia;
So full of song, so free of care,
As in Virginia;
And I believe that happy land
The Lord's prepared for mortal man
Is built exactly on the plan
Of old Virginia.

The days are never quite so long
As in Virginia;
Nor quite so filled with happy song
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And when my time has come to die,
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I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man.

Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made the world for you to enjoy. Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one.

But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in the feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this

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Cub Scout Promise

I _____ promise to do my best
To do my duty to God and my country,
To help other people, and
To obey the Law of the Pack.

Law of the Pack

The Cub Scout follows Akela.
The Cub Scout helps the pack go.
The pack helps the Cub Scout grow.
The Cub Scout gives goodwill.

Cub Scout Motto

Do your best.

Space Man Billy

(kind of a rap)

I know a man, his name is Space Man Billy.
He's not too smart; in fact, he's kind of silly.
He rocks to and fro and everywhere he goes,
He goes like this...(put hands in arm pits and move)

I know a man, his name is Space Man Billy.
He's not too smart; in fact, he's kind of silly.
He rocks to and fro and everywhere he goes,
He goes like this...(stomps left foot)

Repeat

He goes like this...(sweeps right foot)
He goes like this...(moves head forward and back)

He (stop all motion) to Space will not go....
Because (start all motions)
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Up in my head, Up in my head to stay.

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Deep in my heart, Deep in my heart, Deep in my heart
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I've got the Cub Scout Spirit
Down in my toes, Down in my toes, Down in my toes
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All over me, All over me, All over me
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Boy 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.

Boy Scout Law

A Scout is
trustworthy, loyal, helpful,
friendly, courteous, kind,
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Boy Scout Motto

Be prepared.

Boy Scout Slogan

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(Tune: Father Abraham)

Lord Baden-Powell had many Scouts,
Many Scouts had Lord Baden-Powell.
I am one of them, and so are you,
As we go marching on.

Repeat the following movements added each time:

Left hand
Right hand
Left foot
Right foot
Turn around
Hold your tongue

The Grand Old Duke of York

Oh, the grand old Duke of York,
He had ten thousand men.
He marched them up to the top of the hill,
And he marched them down again.
And when they're up, they're up;
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The More We Get Together

The more we get together, together, together,
The more we get together, the happier we'll be.

For your friends are my friends,
And my friends are your friends.

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Oh, how's for getting friendly, quite friendly,
real friendly?

Oh, how's for getting friendly, both your friends and mine?

If your friends like my friends,

And my friends like your friends,

We'll be friends together, now won't that be fine?

We're a Grand Old Pack

(Tune: You're a Grand Old Flag)

We're a Cub Scout Pack,

We're a high flying Pack;

Down the trail of Akela we go,

From Wolf to Bear to Webelos,

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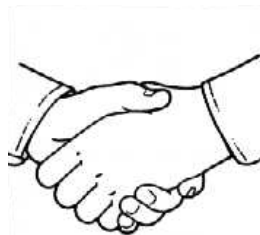
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Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared,
Everything to be prepared?”

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun.
From the lakes, from the hills, from the sky;
All is well, safely rest, God is nigh.

Fading light, dims the sight,
And a start gems the sky, gleaming bright,
From afar, drawing nigh, falls the night.

Thanks and praise, for our days,
‘Neath the sun, ‘neath the star, ‘neath the sky;
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Sun has set, shadows come,
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Buffalo style: I said a moo chick-a moo.....
Antelope style: I said a boing chick-a boing.....
Staffer style: I said boom Chuck-a boom.....

Until We Meet Again

Until we meet again,
Treasure the times we shared together
The laughter we shared, The tears we shed,
Will take us through all kinds of weather.
And so we bid adieu,
Though distance and time will come between us;
I'll light a light all through the night,
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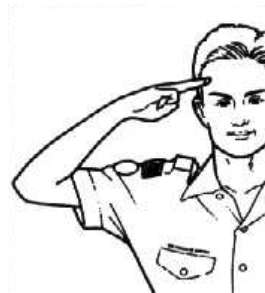
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Outdoor Code

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Be clean in my outdoor manners.
Be careful with fire.
Be considerate in the outdoors.
And be conservation minded.

As an American, I will do my best to ...

Be clean in my outdoor manners. I will treat the outdoors as a heritage. I will take care of it for myself and others. I will keep my trash and garbage out of lakes, streams, fields, woods, and roadways.

Be careful with fire. I will prevent wildfire. I will build my fires only where they are appropriate. When I have finished using a fire, I will make sure it is cold out. I will leave a clean fire ring, or remove all evidence of my fire.

Be considerate in the outdoors. I will treat public and private property with respect. I will use low-impact methods of hiking and camping.

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Wood Badge Patrol

If you're a Beaver and you know it,
Slap your tail.
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Slap your tail.
If you're a Beaver and you know it,
Then you really ought to know it.
If you're a Beaver and you know it,
Slap your tail.

(Repeat for patrols)

Bobwhite – Bob your head
Eagle – Flap your wings
Fox – Scamper around
Owl – Shout WHO WHO
Bear – Scratch your back
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The Quartermaster's Store

There are Beavers, Beavers, Beavers,
Waving rusty cleavers,
At the store, at the store.

There are Beavers, Beavers, Beavers,
Waving rusty cleavers,
At the Quartermaster's Store.

Chorus:

My eyes are dim, I cannot see.
I have not brought my specs with me.
I have not brought my specs with me.

There are Bobwhites, Bobwhites, Bobwhites,
Running in their tights ...

There are Eagles, Eagles, Eagles,
With beaks as big as beagles ...

There are Foxes, Foxes, Foxes,
Tearing up the boxes ...

There are Owls, Owls, Owls,
Shredding paper towels ...

There are Bears, Bears, Bears,
With curlers in their hair ...

There are Buffalos, Buffalos, Buffalos,
With mud between their toes ...

There are Antelopes, Antelopes, Antelopes,
Eating cantaloupes ...

There are staffers, staffers, staffers,
Hanging from the rafters ...

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Principles of Leave No Trace

"Leave No Trace" is a nationally recognized outdoor skills and ethics education program. The Boy Scouts of America is committed to this program. The principles of Leave No Trace are not rules; they are guidelines to follow at all times.

The Leave No Trace principles might not seem important at first glance, but their value is apparent when considering the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire is of little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Concentrate Activity, or Spread out?
- Pack It In, Pack It Out
- Sanitation
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Site Alterations
- Minimize Campfire Use
- Respect Wildlife
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The Leave No Trace principles might not seem important at first glance, but their value is apparent when considering the combined effects of millions of outdoor visitors. One poorly located campsite or campfire is of little significance, but thousands of such instances seriously degrade the outdoor experience for all. Leaving no trace is everyone's responsibility.

- Plan Ahead and Prepare
- Camp and Travel on Durable Surfaces
- Concentrate Activity, or Spread out?
- Pack It In, Pack It Out
- Sanitation
- Leave What You Find
- Minimize Site Alterations
- Minimize Campfire Use
- Respect Wildlife
- Respect Others

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America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
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My Country 'Tis of Thee (America)

My country, 'Tis of Thee,
Sweet land of liberty,
Of Thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died,
Land of the pilgrims' pride:
From every mountainside,
Let freedom ring.

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Wood Badge Farewell

(Tune: Auld Lang Syne)

The time has come for all of us
To bid our fond farewell.
We leave behind, love for mankind
Within the field Gilwell
God bless us each and every one.
May Scouting never cease.
May Wood Badge stay within our hearts.
And give us lasting peace.
Where e're we go the world will know
Our friendship is good.
We'll reach our goals and bells will toll
About Scout brotherhood.
The soul of Baden-Powell lives on,
And we shall never fail.
Our course is set. We'll ne'er forget...
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If I Were Not a Staffer

If I were not a staffer, I wonder what I'd be.
If I were not a staffer, a Beaver I would be.

Beaver

I chomp – the tree – and watch it hit the ground.

Bobwhite

I preen – my crest – and settle in my nest.

Eagle

I soar – so high – I'd fly above the sky.

Fox

I run – the trail – then stop and swish my tail.

Owl

I look – so wise – you'd see it in my eyes.

Bear

I eat – feel great – and then go hibernate.

Buffalo

I stomp – the ground – and try to miss the chips.

Antelope

I jump – I prance – you'll think it is a dance.

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God Bless America

God, Bless America, land that I love,
Stand beside her, and guide her,
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans, white with foam,
God Bless America, my home sweet home,
God Bless America, my home sweet home.

Columbia! Gem of the Ocean

O Columbia! The gem of the ocean,
The home of the brave and the free,
The shrine of each patriot's devotion,
A world offers homage to thee;
Thy mandates make heroes assemble,
When Liberty's form stands in view;
Thy banners make tyranny tremble,
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O! say can you see
by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hailed
at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched
were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare,
the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night
that our flag was still there.
O! say does that star-spangled
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Wood Badge Spirit

I've got the Wood Badge Spirit
Up in my head, Up in my head, Up in my head
I've got the Wood Badge Spirit
Up in my head, Up in my head to stay.
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Deep in my heart, Deep in my heart, Deep in my heart
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Down in my toes, Down in my toes, Down in my toes
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Back to Gilwell

I used to be a Beaver,
a good ol' Beaver too,
But now I'm finished Beavering,
I don't know what to do.
I'm growing old and feeble,
And I can Beaver no more,
So I'm going to work my ticket if I can.
Back to Gilwell, happy land,
I'm going to work my ticket if I can.

(Insert each patrol name in order)

Beaver	Beavering
Bobwhite	Bobwhiting
Eagle	Eagling
Fox	Foxing
Owl	Owling
Bear	Bearing
Buffalo	Buffaloing
Antelope	Anteloping
Staffer	Staffing

On My Honor

On my honor, I'll do my best,
To do my duty to God.
On my honor, I'll do my best
To serve my country as I may.
On my honor, I'll do my best,
To do a good turn each day.
To keep my body strengthened.
To keep my mind awakened.
To follow paths of righteousness,
On my honor, I'll do my best.

You're a Grand Old Flag

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high flying flag,
Forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of, the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true for the red, white, and blue
Where there's never a boast or brag.
But should old acquaintances be forgot,
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This Land is Your Land

This land is your land, This land is my land
From California to the New York island;
From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters
This land was made for you and Me.

As I was walking that ribbon of highway,
I saw above me that endless skyway:
I saw below me that golden valley:
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled and I followed my footsteps
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;
And all around me a voice was sounding:
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, and I was strolling,
And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting a voice was chanting:
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As I went walking I saw a sign there
And on the sign it said "No Trespassing."
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We thank you for those who have gone before us whose
work has enriched our lives today. We remember especially
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courage and dedication, his love for children and young
people, His gift of Scouting to the world.

Help us to build wisely on the foundation built for us by
others. Keep us true to the principles of Scouting, hold be-
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As we go through this course, open our hearts that we may
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Dear Lord, We thank you for our safe return to Gilwell and SR966. Be with us as we continue to develop as a team. Help us to value each of us and that the uniqueness and the diversity each of us offers, that it makes us stronger as a team and helps us solve problems, make better decisions and lead change. That while we are all different, we are God's children created for a purpose. May we remember as we serve each other, we serve You.

A Scout Leader's Wish

Oh, Great Scoutmaster, we thank you for this new day, grant that I may do my best today and strive to do better tomorrow. Let me remember, that in a Scout's eyes, what I do speaks louder than what I say. Let me have the patience to let the Scouts lead, fail and succeed. Let me have the attentiveness to listen and respond completely. Let me have the necessary qualities and skill to instill the true meaning of the Cub and Scout Law, Oath, Motto and Slogan. Let me remember not to be burdened by, the responsibilities of my position. And please, Great Scoutmaster, help me to watch over the Scouts under my care.

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For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies.
For the love from which our birth
Over and around us lies:
Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
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For the joy of human love,
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A little boy came knocking at my Scout room door,
An awfully little fellow, just twelve and no more.
His eyes danced as he watched my gang at rowdy play.
"I would like to be a Scout," he said, "I'm 12 just yesterday."
In the weeks to come he found his place,
a trim young Scout he made.

The tests he passed with eagerness, a thorough job sure paid.
The oath, the laws, the knots and flag were taken to his heart.
A better man he was sure to be tho he'd just begun to start.
By the candle-lighted darkness I watched his round face beam
As the oath and law he pledged to keep
just like a prayer it seemed.

The years to come were happy ones as we followed the trail –
That greater men had laid for us far up where eagles sail.
I watched him grow from boy to man, the days were far too few,
To try and teach the important things
that Scouting said were true.

I didn't know so long ago our nation he would defend,
I only saw a job to do, a helping hand to lend.
Now he's flying higher still with silver wings up there.
I pray to God the job I did was better than just fair.
He thanked me once for what I did so many years ago.

It was not his thanks that paid me because he did not know
That greater thanks he'd given me a thousand times before?
By his dancing eyes and smiling face – could one ask for more?
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Tireless Guardian on our way,
Thou hast kept us well this day.
While we thank Thee, we request
Care continue, pardon, rest.

Evening Grace #8

Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for this day
and for Thy presence in it.
Forgive us if we have not made it a better day
and help us to be tomorrow
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Evening Grace #9

Our Father God, we thank Thee for this evening meal.
As Thou has been mindful of us,
help us to be mindful of Thee,
that we may know and do Thy will.

Scout Prayer

Dear God,
Help us to carry your spirit in our lives
That we may share it with others
by living it ourselves.
Help us to offer all that we have
and are in your service.
And help us to live the spirit of Scouting
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Philmont Hymn

Silver on the sage,
Starlit skies above,
Aspen covered hills,
Country that I love.
Philmont, here's to thee,
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Out in God's country, tonight
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Northern Tier Grace

For food, for raiment, for life and opportunity
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For water and portage trails,
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Seabase Grace

Bless the creatures of the Sea,
Bless the person I call me,
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Grant that all we do and say
In thy service be this day.

Morning Grace #3

Heavenly Father,
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through the night and for this new day.
Guide us by Thy Spirit
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may we not be ashamed before Thee.

Noon Grace #1

Father for this noonday meal,
We would speak the praise we feel;
Health and strength we have from thee,
Help us Lord to faithful be.

Noon Grace #4

Heavenly Father,
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