

Living the Promise (On my Honour)

Section: All sections

Place: Any venue

Duration: As required

Participants: All youth members, Scouters, (parents, friends etc)



SPICES - Learning Objectives

Social – Understand and demonstrate that I use the Promise & Law in my everyday life.

Character– Know and understand the Scouting Spirit (mutual trust, loyalty, comradeship, empathy and self-motivation)

OVERVIEW

- This activity is designed to highlight the importance of the Promise and Law in Scouting and how it pertains to taking care of others.
- This starts with Investiture to instil Scouting values such as loyalty, trust, friendship, personal development and other interpersonal skills.
- All members of Scouting should gain an understanding of the Scout Promise and Law and how they should incorporate it in their everyday lives.

Activity Objectives

- Demonstrate an understanding of the Promise & Law and what it means in terms supporting and taking care of others.
- Facilitate each new Scout to achieve the investiture criteria in a timely manner.
- Carry out an appropriate investiture celebration, to ensure members experience the uniqueness of being invested into Scouting
- Highlight the importance of renewing the Promise when changing sections

Materials

- Flags
- Neckerchiefs
- Other equipment relevant to the venue where the investiture is being held.

Description

- All Groups have their own unique and special traditions when it comes investitures or renewal of the Scout Promise.
- Incorporating the investiture criteria for each section into your weekly programme with the goal of having an Investiture celebration.

Tweaks

- Each Scout group has their own unique and special traditions that are of great importance to the story of scouting and should be embraced where appropriate but hold back a dynamic / creative youth centred approach.
- Investitures can happen in any appropriate environment as a group or at section level. It should be a planned special occasion for each youth member and new adult joining our Scouting family.

Review

- Post activity evaluation to check was it attainable for each youth member? Was the importance of the ceremony conveyed.
- Did everyone in attendance understand the significant of doing ones best and helping others?

Notes

Some Investiture Ideas

- Have the older members of the group invest the younger members, they can hold the flag or ask the relevant questions and put the neckerchiefs on after the promise has been recited
- On a hike in the mountains – bring your flag with you, it doesn't have to be on a flag pole.
- On a night hike in a forest setting– draw attention to the nature surrounding you and the interdependence of each living thing in the forest.
- Kayaking – why not have your investiture on the water, raft up and spread the flag across the kayaks have each new member join the raft as they make their promise
- While on a camp – the investiture can form part of your opening or closing ceremonies. For cub Scouts going to Scouts you could erect a tent, have the Cub Scouts lined up with the Pack on one side of the tent with the Scouts a the other end. The Cub Scouts enter on side in Cub uniform, change in the tent and emerge on the other side in Scout uniform as Scouts. The tent needs to be one with two openings (like an Icelandic)

The important thing is to remember the 3 Ss, short simple and sincere and to ensure that everyone understands the promise they are making.