

A Night of Reflection: Showcasing the Values of Scouting

The Values of Scouting

Boy Scouts of America is turning boys into great men with strong moral values; Duty to God, Country, People, and Self, as well as the values listed in the Scout law, motto, slogan and outdoor code. Reflecting on “The Values of Scouting” will encourage self-reflection, promote recognition, recruitment, volunteerism, and gift-giving.

We would like to encourage all units to hold a night of reflection, giving the Scouts an opportunity to share the VALUES they have learned. This night is another opportunity for Scouts to use their leadership skills. They plan the night much like a Court of Honor, but instead of just inviting family, we encourage them to invite friends, church and community members; including teachers, principals, neighbors, employers, business owners; all of those whom they have contact with. We want the Scouts to share that Scouting isn't just about camping, it's about learning self-reliance skills in all areas of their life; physically, mentally, and spiritually. They not only rely on each other during their activities, but they turn to their faith in God while doing hard things.

Please contact your local district leaders to schedule a date with a Friends of Scouting Coordinator to help facilitate a Friends of Scouting presentation, during your Reflection night. The FOS Coordinator will briefly and respectfully invite attendees to support the Greater Yosemite Council, Boy Scouts of America in a continued campaign throughout the year.

A Night of Reflection: Planning guide

Reflecting on the Values of Scouting, we encourage you to use the following agenda to showcase Scouts in your unit that embody the Scout Oath, Law, Motto, Slogan and Outdoor code. (Let the Senior Patrol Leader organize this event with the help of his Patrol Leaders and Scoutmaster.)

Date & time of event _____

Song _____

Prayer _____

Post Colors _____

Pledge _____

Oath _____

Law _____

Motto _____

Slogan _____

Volunteers needed for the following:

Set up chairs, podium, microphone, flag stands, tables at the back for refreshments.

Clean up chairs, podium, microphone, flag stands, tables, trash, sweep

Confirm date with FOS Coordinator.

Invite family, friends, community

Refreshments

Plates, napkins, cups, needed.

SPL to welcome everyone out. Recognize Eagles by having them stand. Let the audience know this is a night of reflection to share the values of scouting showcasing the boys (cubs & boys).

Ask each Scout ahead of time to share a personal story about one of the values of Scouting listed below. This should be a very brief 2-5 min “value story.” Have them say their name and rank before they share.

Oath: Duty to God, Country, People, Self

Law: Trustworthy _____	Loyal _____
Helpful _____	Friendly _____
Courteous _____	Kind _____
Obedient _____	Cheerful _____
Thrifty _____	Brave _____
Clean _____	Reverent _____

Have an adult leader share a good turn he observed a Scout doing. (motto)

Have an adult leader share how a Scout was prepared. (slogan)

4Have an adult leader share how a Scout honored the Outdoor code.

Scoutmaster's thoughts: _____

Senior Patrol Leader to introduce FOS coordinator: _____

FOS Representative: (10 - 15 minutes) Share the Greater Yosemite Council Friends of Scouting campaign.

Rep. contacted _____ Phone: _____

Closing Song _____

Prayer _____

Retire Colors _____

Dessert and time to mingle.

Scouts can display posters or have display tables for projects completed or working on.

Please set up a small table for FOS.

LDS Church policies handbook 2 13.6.8 Fund-Raising Activities

If a fund-raising activity is held, it should provide a meaningful value or service. It should be a positive experience that builds unity.

Contributions to fund-raising activities are voluntary. Priesthood leaders should take special care to ensure that members do not feel obligated to contribute.

Stakes and wards that sponsor fund-raising activities should not advertise or solicit beyond their boundaries. Nor should they sell products or services door to door.

Examples of fund-raising activities that are not approved include:

1. Activities that would be taxable.
2. Activities completed with paid labor, either by employees or by contract.
3. Entertainment for which the stake or ward pays performers for their services, when admission is charged, and when the intent of the activity is to raise funds.
4. The sale of commercial goods or services, including food storage items.
5. Games of chance, such as raffles, lotteries, and bingo.

Any exceptions to these instructions must be approved by a member of the Presidency of the Seventy or the Area Presidency.

The Friends of Scouting fund drive in the United States will continue as a separate, voluntary solicitation.

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