



New Scout Study Guide



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.

Scout Law

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

Scout Sign

Give the Scout sign each time you recite the Scout Oath and Law. When a Scout or Scouter raises the Scout sign, all Scouts should make the sign also 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. These fingers stand for the three parts of the Scout Oath.

Scout Handshake

The Scout handshake is made by extending your left hand to another Scout (the hand nearest your heart) and firmly grasping his left hand. **The fingers do not interlock.**



Scout Salute

The Scout salute shows respect. Use it to salute the United States flag or another Scout leader or Scout. Form the Scout sign with your right hand and then bring that hand upward until your forefinger touches the brim of your hat or right eyebrow. The palm of your hand should not show.



Scout Motto

Be prepared.

Scout Slogan

Do a Good Turn Daily.

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, also.

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 does a compass in the field.



The **knot** at the bottom of the scroll represents the Scout slogan, Do a Good Turn Daily.

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.

The **scroll** bearing the Scout motto is turned up at the ends as a reminder that a Scout smiles as he does his duty.

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.

How to Tie a Square Knot

The square knot is also known as a joining knot because it can join together two ropes and it is the first knot Scouts learn in the BSA.

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.**



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.