

National Youth Leadership Training & Wood Badge



Course Directors' Conference

Interfaith Worship Service



Opening Prayer

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us, and upon our worship;
His light to guide us,
His presence to strengthen us,
His love to unite us;
Now and always. Amen

America The Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies, For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountains 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 dreams that sees beyond the year,
Thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee.
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!

The Scout Law

Leader: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Group: A Scout is Trustworthy

Leader: A friend's a loving companion at all times, and a brother is born to share troubles.

Group: A Scout is Loyal

Leader: Everyone helps his neighbor; a brother helped is like a strong city. You shall open wide your hands to your brother and to the needy.

Group: A Scout is Helpful

Leader: A friend may stick closer than a brother. There is no greater love than that a man should lay down his life for his friends

Group: A Scout is Friendly

Leader: You should live like brothers, generous and courteous at all times.

Group: A Scout is Courteous

Leader: Your faith must be accompanied by brotherly kindness. Be kind to one another.

Group: A Scout is Kind

Leader: Do as the Lord God commands. Children, obey your parents. It is right that you should honor your father and mother.

Group: A Scout is Obedient

Leader: A glad heart makes a cheerful face; a cheerful heart has a continual feast; when you help others, do so cheerfully.

Group: A Scout is Cheerful

Leader: Go to the ant. Learn from her ways as she stores food and supplies at harvest preparing for the harshness of winter.

Group: A Scout is Thrifty

Leader: Be Brave for the Lord goes with you.

Group: A Scout is Brave

Leader: Who will ascend the mountain of the Lord and stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and pure heart. He shall receive a blessing from the Lord.

Group: A Scout is Clean

Leader: The Lord is in his holy temple. Let all the earth be hushed in his presence.

Group: A Scout is Reverent

Kum Ba Yah

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!

Kum ba yah, my lord, Kum ba yah!

Oh, Lord, Kum ba yah.

The 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

Beatitudes (Responsive Reading)

How blessed are the poor in spirit: *The kingdom of Heaven is theirs.*

Blessed are the gentle: *They shall have the earth as inheritance.*

Blessed are those who mourn: *They shall be comforted.*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for uprightness:

They shall have their fill.

Blessed are the merciful: *They shall have mercy shown towards them.*

Blessed are the pure in heart: *They shall see God.*

Blessed are the peacemakers: *They shall be recognized as children of God.*

Thought for the Day

Moment of Silent Reflection

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the Lands!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into His presence with singing! Know that the Lord is God!
It is He that made us, and we are His;
we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to Him, bless His name!

For the Lord is good; His steadfast love endures forever,
and His faithfulness to all generations.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen

Let There Be Peace

Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our father Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother In perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, Let this be the moment now.
With every step I take, Let this be my solemn vow.
To take each moment, And live each moment
With peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, And let it begin with me.

The Golden Rule

When one looks at religions around the world, one can see both similarities and differences in thought and practice. We can learn a lot about our neighbors, however, by focusing on the similarities. One illustration of the similarity in religious thought around the world is what most of us know as "The Golden Rule." Nearly all religions have some variation on this important theme, as seen in the following examples:

Buddhism: Treat not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful.

Christianity: In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you, for this is the law and the prophets.

Hinduism: This is the sum of duty (Dharma): do not to others what would cause pain if done to you.

Islam: Not one of you is a believer until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself.

Judaism: What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor. This is the whole Torah; all the rest is commentary.

Sikh Faith: I am a stranger to no one; and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all.

Native American Blessing

(all face East)

Leader: Great Spirit of Light, come to me out of the East with the power of the rising sun. Let there be light in my words, let there be light on my path that I walk.

All: Let me remember always that you give the gift of a new day. And never let me be burdened with sorrow by not starting over again.

(all face North)

Leader: Great Spirit of Love, come to me with the power of the North. Make me courageous when the cold wind falls upon me.

All: Give me the strength and endurance for everything that is harsh, everything that hurts, everything that makes me squint. Let me move through life ready to take what comes from the north.

(all face West)

Leader: Great Life-Giving Spirit, I face the West, the direction of sundown. Let me remember every day that the moment will come when the sun will go down. Never let me forget that I must fade into you.

All: Give me a beautiful color, give me a great sky for setting, so that when it is my time to meet you, I can come with glory.

(all face South)

Leader: Great Spirit of Creation, send me the warm and soothing winds from the South. Comfort me and caress me when I am tired and cold. Unfold me like the gentle breezes that unfold the leaves on the trees.

All: As you give to all the earth your warm, moving wind, give to me, so that I may grow close to you in warmth. Man did not create the web of life; he is but a strand in it. Whatever man does to the web, he does to himself.

Closing Song

1. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see.
2. T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.
3. Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home.

Closing Prayer

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind blow at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face.
May the rain fall softly on your fields,
and until we meet again.
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.