

Chaplain Aide Program Help



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Introduction

A Scout is reverent toward God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others. (12th point of Scout Law)

From the BSA's Charter and Bylaws:

The Boy Scouts of America maintains that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen with out recognizing an obligation to God.

Duties of Troop 1 Chaplain Aideⁱ

1. Lead prayers at all meetings and events
2. Plan, organize and conduct "Scout's Own" services on outings. If you cannot attend an outing, you should find a suitable replacement. That is, a former Chaplain Aide that can plan, organize and conduct the "Scout's Own".
3. Promote and educate Scouts on religious emblemsⁱⁱ at least twice per term of office.

4. Depending upon term of office , either plan, organize and conduct:
 - a. Chapel Rock Interfaith Service (at Camp Cody in July)
 - b. Scout Sunday Service (at FUMC in February)

Chaplain Aide Training

- Online training is available at National Camp School, Chaplainⁱⁱⁱ
- Weekend training is available at National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT)

Appropriate Prayers

Many are the names of God, and infinite are the forms that lead us to know him. In whatever name or form you desire to know Him, in that very name and form you will know Him (Baden-Powell)

Starting a Service

In place of the command “Let us pray,” more inclusive, nonsectarian ways to invite participation in a blessing include the following statements and invitations: “A Scout is Reverent,

would you join me in prayer?” or “Will you all assume an attitude of prayer?”

Morning Meal Prayers

- Gracious Giver of all good, thank You for rest and food. Grant that all we do or say this day will serve others and honor Your name. Amen.
- Our God, we thank You for the dawn of a new day and for our loving care. Help us to be mindful of You as we begin this new day. Amen.
- Oh God, we thank You for your care through the night and for this new day. Help us to be faithful to You in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds this day and always. Amen.

Noon Meal Prayers

- Mighty God, for this noonday meal we would speak the praise we feel. Health and strength we have from You; help us, Lord, to faithful be. Amen.
- Dear God, help us to see the beautiful things in earth and sky, which are tokens of Your love. Walk with us in the days we spend together here. May the food we eat and all Your blessings help

us to better serve You and each other.
Amen.

- Oh God, as this day continues let us not forget to honor and serve You. We thank You for these gifts of Your love. Bless them to our use, and our lives to Your service. Amen.

Evening Meal Prayers

- Tireless Guardian on our way, You have kept us well this day. While we thank You, we ask for your continued care, for forgiveness of our sins, and for rest at the close of a busy day. Amen.
- Dear God, we thank you for this day and for Your presence in it. Forgive us if we have not made it a better day and help us to be tomorrow what we have failed to be today. Amen.
- Our God, we thank You for this evening meal. As you have been mindful of us, so help us to be mindful of You, that we may know and do Your will. Amen.
- Oh God, You have given us all things to enjoy. We bring our thanks to You at this evening meal. Bless us as we eat this food, and keep us mindful of the needs of others. Amen.

Prayers for Any Meal

- For health and strength and daily food, we give You thanks, O Lord. Amen.
- For this and all Your mercies, Lord, Make us grateful. Amen.
- We thank you, God, for this food. Bless us as we eat this meal that it may strengthen us for Your service. Amen.
- Be present at our table, Lord. Be here and everywhere adored; these mercies bless and grant that we may love, and serve, and honor You. Amen.
- Praised are You, O Lord, who provided all with food. Amen.
- God is great! God is good! Let us thank God for our food. Amen.
- For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and fellowship, we thank You, Oh Lord. (Philmont Scout Ranch Blessing)
- Bless the creatures of the sea, Bless the person I call me. Bless the Keys You made so grand, Bless the sun that warms the land. Bless the Fellowship that we feel, As we gather for this meal. Amen. (Florida Sea Base Blessing)
- For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for sun and rain, for lakes and portage trails, for friendship and

fellowship, we thank You, Oh Lord.
(Northern Tier Blessing)

- "Thy kingdom come;" let the reign of divine Truth, Life, and Love be established in me, and rule out of me all sin; and may Thy Word enrich the affections of all mankind, and govern them!

Other Prayers

Scout Prayer

Our Father in heaven above, we ask thee for guidance in our daily tasks.

May the virtues of manhood stand strongly before us; for thee we give our thanks.

Scout motto and slogan, their uses unfolding, their numbers untold.

Scout Oath and Law, may we live by them and teach them, in the great spirit of scouting.

We pray....Amen

Philmont Scout Ranch Blessing

For food, for ~~raiment~~ shelter

For life, for opportunity

For friendship and fellowship

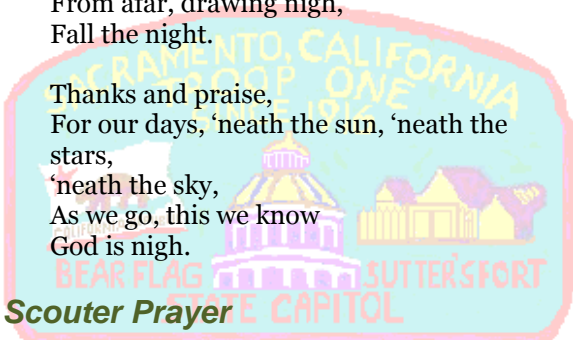
We thank You, O Lord

Taps

Day is done, gone the sun,
From the lake, from the hills, from the sky,
All is well, safely rest,
God is night.

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

Thanks and praise,
For our days, 'neath the sun, 'neath the
stars,
'neath the sky,
As we go, this we know
God is nigh.



Scouter Prayer

Dear Lord, from your judgment seat on high,
Look down on a Scoutmaster such as I.
Search me through and find me whole,
Then help me, Lord, to reach my goal.
Help me, Lord, to work for Thee,
Guard my homeland—keep it free.
Help me to work with others and be kind,
Helpful with my hands and mind.
Keep me, Lord, both well and strong,

To help growing boys along.
Control my thoughts, keep them right,
Sound, clean weapons for life's fight.
Protect my morals, keep them high,
Grant this to a Scouter such as I.

Interfaith Worship Service (Scout's Own)

Planning

- Choose a setting that lends itself to the occasion and promotes reverence.
- Everything must be in good taste
- The service should be planned, timed, and rehearsed
- It should go without saying that those attending and interfaith worship services will be courteous, kind, and reverent. They should respect the rights and feelings of others even if their beliefs and religious practices differ from their own.
- Everyone in attendance should have opportunities to participate, if they wish, through responsive readings, silent and group prayers, singing, etc.

Suggested Elements

Download preparation worksheet from Troop 1 website: <http://www.troop-1.com/meals&preparation.htm>

1. Call To Worship
2. Hymns Or Songs
3. Reading From A Variety Of Religious Or Inspirational Sources
4. Responsive Reading
5. Personal Prayer
6. Group Prayer
7. Inspirational Reading Or Message
8. And Act Of Friendship
9. Benediction Or Closing

Resources

MacScouter's Big 'A Scout is Reverent' Resource Book

<http://www.macscouter.com/scoutsown/>

An anthology of inspirational material, for use in putting together Scouts Own ceremonies

<http://www.kidslist.uc.edu/gs/neil/scown.html>

Richard's "Plain Vanilla" Resources for Interfaith Worship.

<http://www.scoutinterfaithworship.org/>

A Scout is Reverent: Scout Sunday Observance

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ascoutisreverent.aspx>

Call to Worship

- The Lord is in his holy temple.
Let all the earth keep silent before Him.
- Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures for ever! (Psalm 106:1)
- The Lord is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth. (Psalm 145:18)
- But they who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:31)
- God calls us together to worship this morning. From our work and play within the world, God gathers us to give thanks for creation's goodness, for the strength to labor, for the wisdom to relax.

- From amidst our friends and family, God brings us here to participate in a community of faith, Christ's people, a new family. From everyday conversations, talks, and chatter, God invites us to engage one another in dialogue, to speak in truth from the depths of heart and mind, to pray freely. Let us heed God's call and rejoice in what God enables. Let us pray together.

Songs or Hymns

- Amazing Grace
- America (My Country, Tis of Thee)
- America The Beautiful
- America, America
- Church in the Wildwood
- God Bless America
- God Bless the USA
- He's Got the Whole World
- How Great Thou Art
- Kum Ba Yah
- Let There Be Peace on Earth
- Pack Up Your Troubles
- Scouter's Hymn
- The Battle Hymn of the Republic
- The Star Spangled Banner
- This is My Country
- This Land is Your Land

Benediction

- Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways.
- May the Lord watch between me and thee, whiles we are absent from one another.
- May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with you until we meet again. Amen.
- May the Lord bless you and take care of you; may the Lord be kind and gracious to you; may the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.
- Dear God, thank you for the wonderful opportunity to be here. Give us the strength to endure, the wisdom to enjoy each moment, and the courage to push ourselves further than we ever have before. Bless our Troop, the Scouts, and Leaders as we journey through Boy Scouting.
- May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind always be at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rain fall soft upon your friends,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Final Thought

In his final letter to the Scouts, Baden-Powell wrote:

...I have had a most happy life and I want each one of you to have a happy life too.

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness does not come from being rich, nor merely 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 you 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 feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. 'Be Prepared' in this way, to live happy and to die happy — stick to your

Scout Promise always — even after you have ceased to be a boy — and God help you to do it

End Notes

i Manual for Chaplain Aides and Chaplains

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Media/Relationships/ManualforChaplainsandAides.aspx>

ii Religious Emblems Programs

<http://www.scouting.org/scoutsource/Awards/ReligiousAwards.aspx>

iii National Camping School, Chaplain Training

http://www.ncsbsa.org/onlinetraining/?option=com_content&view=article&id=2

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