

Introduction to Outdoor Leadership Skills

Gathering

We gather together now from all the busyness and activity of the day for a time apart from the material and temporary to consider that we are also bound to the spiritual and timeless. We gather together now to remember that we have duties not only to ourselves and to those with whom we share this world, but duties to the Divine Source of all that is. We gather together to reflect on the obligation we have taken upon ourselves as Scouts to be “reverent.”

Call to Worship

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow where mention of God hath been made and His praise glorified.

--From the Baha'i Writings

Invocation

Dear Lord, bless all those everywhere who contribute to shape the hearts, minds, and bodies of young people. Let them remember what they have been taught and apply it daily. Lord, stay with us as we come together; let all the earth keep silence in your presence.

Song

Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah
Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah
Kum-ba-yah my Lord, Kum-ba-yah
O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's obedient, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is cheerful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is thrifty, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout's trustworthy Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is loyal, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is helpful, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is brave, Lord, Kum-ba-yah
A Scout is clean, Lord, Kum-ba-yah
A Scout is reverent, Lord, Kum-ba-yah
O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

A Scout is friendly, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is courteous, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
A Scout is kind, Lord, Kum-ba-yah,
O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

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O, Lord, Kum-ba-yah.

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved someone like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found;
Was blind, but now I see

Through many dangers, toils and snares
We have already come.
'Twas grace that brought us safe this far,
And grace will bring us home.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fear relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
'The hour I first believed..

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Responsive Reading

Leader: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to God.

Leader: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. (Psalms 33:12)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to do my duty to my country.

Leader: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. (Romans 13:9)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to help other people.

Leader: My son, forget not My law; but let thine heart keep My commandments. (Proverbs 3:1)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to obey the Scout Law.

Leader: Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people; and walk in all the ways that I command you. (Jeremiah 7:23)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself physically strong.

Leader: A wise man is strong; yea, a man of knowledge increaseth strength. (Proverbs 24:5)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself mentally awake.

Leader: Thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of the Lord. (Deuteronomy 6:18)

Scouts: I promise to do my best to keep myself morally straight.

Leader: Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways, acknowledge Him and He will make straight your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Meditation - "Today"

This is the beginning of a brand new day. I can waste it - or use it for good.

What I do today is important because I am exchanging a day of my life for it.

When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever, leaving in its place my actions.

What have I traded for it?

I want it to be gain, not loss -- good, not evil -- success, not failure --

So that I shall never regret the price I paid for today.

Song - On Top of Old Smokey (Scout Version)

On top of Old Smokey, all covered with snow,
I learned a great lesson, all people should know.

I met a Scoutmaster, a helper of youth,
He was roaming God's mountain, in search of the truth.

He told me he'd found it, in the red sunset's glow;
In the voice of the thunder, in the touch of the snow.

His truth was quite simple, as plain as could be,
I'll never forget what, that Leader told me.

Do your duty to God, to the red, white, and blue.
To all others be helpful, to thine own self be true

Benediction - The Mizpah

May the Lord watch between me and thee,
While we are absent from one another.

Scout's Own Resource: <http://www.macscouter.com/scoutsown/docs/BBRevnt.pdf> (unofficial site)