



# Wedmore Scout Group

## JOINING THE SCOUT TROOP

# Explained

Young people who are new to the Scout Troop will visit for a few weeks to see what Scouts get up to. During one of these visits a Scout Leader, or sometimes an older Scout, will discuss the Scout Promise and Scout Law with them. To become a Scout in the Troop officially, they will make their promise in front of the Troop.

Before they do this, they need to learn about the Scout Law. They do not need to remember the law word-for-word, but they must understand it. The Scout Law is a set of seven simple rules that we ask every Scout to try to keep - at times it can be a challenge, but during our activities we try to give the Scouts a better understanding of how they can live up to their promise and keep the Scout Law.

### THE SCOUT LAW

1. A Scout is to be trusted.
2. A Scout is loyal.
3. A Scout is friendly and considerate.
4. A Scout belongs to the worldwide family of Scouts.
5. A Scout has courage in all difficulties.
6. A Scout makes good use of time and is careful of possessions and property.
7. A Scout has self respect and respect for others

### THE SCOUT MOTTO

“Be Prepared”

The Scout Motto is possibly one of the most famous phrases associated with Scouting and is shared across the movement - including Cubs!

When a new Scout is ready to join the Troop officially, they make their promise during a short ceremony called an ‘investiture’. The Promise is based on the shared values of all scouts, but has a number of variations in wording, depending on each young person’s personal faith and beliefs.

We ask that all Scouts learn their promise off-by-heart, as it is important that they try their best to live by it. However we understand that people can get nervous when having to speak in front of the Troop, so during their investiture they will be asked to repeat their promise after a Leader.

They should choose the most appropriate wording of the promise for them, from the list below. The leaders are happy to discuss the different variations with each new Scout, should they have any further questions.

### THE SCOUT PROMISE (Christian, Jew or Sikh)

*I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to God and to the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout Law.*

### THE SCOUT PROMISE (Humanist, Agnostic, Atheist, or no faith)

*I promise that I will do my best, to uphold our Scout values, to do my duty to the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout Law.*

### THE SCOUT PROMISE (Hindu or Buddhist)

*I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to my Dharma and to the Queen, to help other people, and to keep the Scout Law.*

### THE SCOUT PROMISE (Muslim)

*In the name of Allah, the Most Beneficent the Most Merciful, I promise that I will do my best, to do my duty to Allah and to the Queen, To help other people, and to keep the Scout Law.*