

# Scout's own Service

## Kern Rafting- 5/19/13

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- **Opening Prayer: Please prepare yourself as per your custom.**

Dear God, Thank you for this morning that you crafted. Thank you for watching over us as we have gone about our activities this weekend. Keep us in the palm of your hand as we travel home. Let us spread your word. Amen.

- **Call to Worship ( please join me by saying the highlighted portion)**

[Robert S. S. Baden-Powell]

A Scout is reverent.

A Scout is reverent towards God.

He is faithful in his religious duties.

He respects the beliefs of others.

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.

- **A Scout Litany (Please join in saying highlighted portion)**

**Leader:** A true and worthy person recognizes his obligations and does them without being watched or compelled.

**Scouts:** A scout is trustworthy.

**Leader:** We owe much to many – to home, school, community, nation, and to God.

**Scouts:** A scout is loyal.

**Leader:** The Good Samaritan showed the spirit of doing a Good Turn.

**Scouts:** A scout is helpful.

**Leader:** No one likes a grouchy self centered person who only cares about themselves. We must be willing to share our time with others.

**Scouts:** A scout is friendly.

**Leader:** Courtesy is the mark of all faiths. It is shown in thoughtful acts and kindly respect for everyone.

**Scouts:** A scout is courteous.

**Leader:** Kindness is the way people show respect for others.

**Scouts:** A scout is kind.

**Leader:** Life is filled with things that we must do whether we like them or not. One of the marks of growing up is our readiness to accept responsibilities willingly.

**Scouts:** A scout is obedient.

**Leader:** Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are happy, our day is always happier.

**Scouts:** A scout is cheerful.

**Leader:** The world offers many gifts. A wise person uses them with care.

**Scouts:** A scout is thrifty.

**Leader:** To each of us come danger, difficult tasks, and temptations. In choice of courage or cowardice, may we be brave.

**Scouts:** A scout is brave.

**Leader:** Cleanliness is next to Godliness. To have a clean body, a clean mind, and a clean record is a rewarding achievement.

**Scouts:** A scout is clean.

**Leader:** Character is determined by the things we worship. If we respect ourselves and our brothers and sisters, and see them as gifts of the goodness of God, we live on a high plane.

**Scouts:** A Scout is reverent.

**All:** Give us clean hands, clean words, and clean thoughts, O God. Teach us the work hard and to play fairly. Forgive us when we are unkind and help us to help others. Send us strength to do a good turn each day and so to live after Thy will. Amen.

- **A Scout's Prayer**

We pray to the Great Scoutmaster, that he will make us trustworthy, for there are those that trust in us. Make us loyal, for through loyalty we reach our highest goals. Teach us to be helpful, for through helpfulness we forget ourselves. Make us friendly, for there are so many who need friends. Train us in courtesy, for courtesy is the carpet of life's floor. Make us kind, for the fields and the woods are full of your creatures. Insist on our obedience, for success comes only to him who first learns to obey. Make us cheerful, for cheerfulness is the green grass near the pebbles in the road. Train us in thrift, for thrifty habits enable us to be generous to those in need. May we be brave, brave in the darkness and brave in the light, but save us from becoming impostors of bravery. Help us to be clean in thoughts, in speech, and in deed; and may we remember all things that you have made. Above all, help us to be reverent, not only toward you but toward all things that you have made. We ask your guidance in these things, and that we may never forget the Promise which all scouts have made.

- **Closing Prayer**

Thank you for bringing us together to worship you. Let us take your words to heart, and enjoy the life that you have planned out for us. Keep us in your calming and wonderful grip. Amen