

Troop 94 – Scout's Own Service

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Troop assembles for Scout's Own Service....once everyone is seated begin Call to Worship

Call to Worship: For this time and this place, For your goodness and grace, For each friend we embrace, We are grateful to assemble together today.

Greeting: We would like to welcome you all to today's Scout's Own Service.

Instruct everyone to prepare for prayer as they are accustomed.....they may remain seated

Prayer: *Please bow your heads...*

Dear God when facing dishonesty, let us be Trustworthy.
When supporting our friends, family, patrol and troop, let us be Loyal.
Where there is need, let us be Helpful.
When we find people in despair, let us be Friendly.
Where there is disrespect, let us be Courteous.
Where others are crude, let us be Kind.
Where there is rebellion, let us be Obedient.
While others are grouchy, let us be Cheerful.
In a world of waste, let us be Thrifty.
When confronted with danger and temptation, let us be Brave.
While others pollute the environment, let us be Clean in our outdoor manners.
And, let us always remember to be Reverent.
May we always Be Prepared to follow our purpose and may others be blessed by our actions.

Amen

Ask Everyone to stand for the song

Song: God Bless America

God bless America, land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above

From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam
God bless America, my home sweet home
(*Slower*) God bless America, my home sweet home

Ask Everyone to please remain standing for the Scout Oath and Scout Law

Scout Oath – *Scout Sign....Please recite the Scout Oath with me*

Scout Law - *Please say Scout LawTwo*

Ask Everyone to please have a seat

Message: The Scout Law: Loyalty

Once there was a father and son, Mr. Ramos and Diego, who went to a kite flying festival. Diego was very happy seeing the sky filled with so many colorful kites and asked his father if he would please buy him a kite with long string and a roller so that he could join the crowd and fly a kite too. Mr. Ramos smiled and said, "Sure!" then he made his way a few steps over to the shop at the park where the festival was being held. After a very short wait, he purchased a kite with colorful streamers and some string on a roller for his son.

Once Diego and Mr. Ramos quickly assembled the kite, Diego could not wait to actually fly it. Soon, with his father's help, the kite reached high up in the sky. After a while, Diego said, "Dad, it seems like the thread is stopping the kite from flying higher. Can we just cut the string off of the kite so it will be free? Once we do that, the kite will be able to go flying even higher! Can we please cut the string?" So, the father cut the string from the kite's roller. Diego was so excited as the kite started to go a little higher that he began to jump up and down!

But then, slowly, the kite started to come down. And, soon it fell down on the roof of a tall, nearby building. Diego was so surprised to see the kite fall from the sky. He was so confident that the kite would've soared to outer space by cutting it from the string. He asked, "Dad, I thought that after cutting the string, the kite would have gone higher and higher. Why did it fall down?"

Mr. Ramos explained, "Son, sometimes in life, we often think that things or people that we are tied to are holding us back. The string was actually not keeping the kite from going higher, but it was helping it stay higher when the wind slowed down. Then, when the wind picked up, you helped the kite go up higher in because of the string. So, when we cut the string, the kite fell down without the steady support you that were providing to the kite by way of the string".

All at once, Diego realized his mistake.

Sometimes we feel that we can go our own way and do the things that we want to do if rules from our parents and loved ones weren't in the way. But we fail to realize that our family and our loved ones are the ones who help and guide us throughout our lives with their support. Their encouragement helps us to reach higher heights in our life. They are not holding us back but, helping to uplift us to be our best. Never let go of them.

Ask Everyone to please bow their heads

Reflection:

Please bless our campsite with your presence and joy.
May the spirit of love and service unite our Scouting families,
that we may show the character described in the Scout Oath and Law
in our home, school and everywhere we go and do a good turn daily.

Ask Everyone to please stand for the benediction

Benediction: May the Great Scoutmaster of all Scouts be with us until we meet again.

Closing: Thank you for attending our Scout's Own Service. Let us close by singing the Scout Vespers

Scout Vespers :

Softly falls the light of day,
While our campfire fades away.
Silently each Scout should ask
Have I done my daily task?
Have I kept my honor bright?
Can I guiltless sleep tonight?
Have I done and have I dared
Everything to be prepared?

Second verse optional.....Scouts may hum the tune as they exit the service quietly

Quietly we now will part,
Pledging ever in our heart,
To strive to do our best each day,
As we travel down life's way.
Happiness we'll try to give,
Trying a better life to live,
'Till all the world be joined in love,
and with peace under skies above.