

TENDERFOOT CEREMONY

(Ask all Scouts to stand in the room, OR ask all Eagle Scouts to join at the front of the room with the Tenderfoot Scouts). 16 CANDLES IN THE FRONT OF THE ROOM - 1 is Gold, other candles (12) are white, (3) for the Scout Oath - Red, White, & Blue

Hand 12 Scouts a strip that has each Law and description on the strip of paper, they should stand around the room.

Announcer:

I am the Spirit of Scouting. (Light the Gold Candle)

My light shines in the heart of every Scout and Scouter, past and present.

My small light shines in the midst of the darkness in this room here tonight. This darkness can also be fear, doubt, hatred or many other things. In a few moments you will see that my small flame will soon fill this room and our lives with light.

Tenderfoot Scouts please place your candle in your left hand and raise your right hand in the Scout Sign. Now please light your candle from the Spirit of Scouting candle (the Gold Candle). Now repeat with me the Scout Law. (Assemble all Scouts in the room, or Just have Eagle Scouts join in the front of the room)

ALL SCOUTS REPEAT AFTER ME:

A Scout is Trustworthy (One white candle lit from the 12)

A Scout is Loyal (Everyone repeat) (Light 2nd white candle)

A Scout is Helpful (etc.)

A Scout is Friendly (etc.)

A Scout is Courteous (etc.)

A Scout is Kind (etc.)

A Scout is Obedient (etc.)

A Scout is Cheerful (etc.)

A Scout is Thrifty (etc.)

A Scout is Brave (etc.)

A Scout is Clean (etc.)

A Scout is Reverent (etc.)

Pick 12 Scouts that are placed around the room and they will read each Law individually.

A Scout is TRUSTWORTHY. A Scout tells the truth. He keeps his promises. Honesty is a part of his code of conduct. People can always depend on him.

A Scout is LOYAL. A Scout is true to his family, friends, Scout Leaders, school, nation and world community.

A Scout is HELPFUL. A Scout is concerned about other people. He willingly volunteers to help others without expecting payment or reward.

A Scout is FRIENDLY. A Scout is a friend to all. He is a brother to other Scouts. He seeks to understand others. He respects those with ideas and customs that are different from his own.

A Scout is COURTEOUS. A Scout is polite to everyone regardless of age or position. He knows that good manners make it easier for people to get along.

A Scout is KIND. A Scout understands that there is strength in being gentle. He treats others as he wants to be treated. He does not harm or kill anything without reason.

A Scout is OBEDIENT. A Scout follows the rules of his family, school and troop. He obeys the laws of his community and country. If he thinks these rules and laws are unfair, he tries to have them changed in an orderly manner rather than disobey them.

A Scout is CHEERFUL. A Scout looks for the bright side of life. He cheerfully does tasks that come his way. He tries to make others happy.

A Scout is THRIFTY. A Scout works to pay his way and to help others. He saves for the future. He protects and conserves natural resources. He carefully uses time and property.

A Scout is BRAVE. A Scout can face danger even if he is afraid. He has the courage to stand up for what he thinks is right even if others laugh at him or threaten them.

A Scout is CLEAN. A Scout keeps his body and mind fit and clean. He goes around with those who believe in living by these same ideals. He helps keep his home and community clean.

A Scout is REVERENT. A Scout is reverent toward his God. He is faithful in his religious duties. He respects the beliefs of others.

Announcer:

Now repeat with me the Scout Oath.

On my honor I will do my best
To do my duty to God and my country
and to obey the Scout law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake and morally straight.

As you can now see, my one small light has grown and has spread here tonight, as it also spreads throughout the world we live in. Never let me go out in you, because if you do, this world will be a darker place. Always remember to share and spread the Spirit of Scouting to everyone you meet and everywhere you go throughout your lives.

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- **16 Candles needed and a lighter**
 - **1 Gold Candle lit first**
 - **12 White for each law read**
 - **1 Red, 1 White, 1 Blue (for the Scout Oath being read at the end)**
- **Enough candles for each Tenderfoot Scout**
- **12 Strips of paper with each law printed and handed to 12 Scouts who will read “loudly” each law individually when called upon.**
- **A lighter that is easy to light, have a spare on hand in case it doesn’t work.**