

Great Salt Lake Council

Leaders Guide to the ***Cub Scout Day Camp***

'Duty to God' Program



Introduction to Cub Scout Day Camp Duty to God Program

The Boy Scouts of America maintain that no member can grow into the best kind of citizen without recognizing an obligation to God. As you know, the Boy Scout Oath begins with '*Duty to God*' and the Scout Law ends with '*Reverent*.' A Scout's Duty to God is very important in the Scouting Program. At **Cub Scout Day Camp**, we desire that Duty to God be given its' due focus, in hopes that it will become an important part of each boys camping experience.

As your Den's adult leader, we will need your assistance to ensure that each boy completes the requirements to earn their **Cub Scout Day Camp Duty to God** patch. One of those requirements will be for you to lead a small devotional, discussion or reflection that will be provided to you. This should be done when everyone is together during lunch. Once complete, you may then purchase your patches at the trading post.

Requirements for earning your Cub Scout Day Camp Duty to God Patch

- While at Cub Scout Day Camp, take the time to observe, and be grateful for all of God's creations. We feel that this is a very special place that shows some of His many handiworks. Search for and make a list of at least 10 discoveries that you have made, that show to you that there is a God. (e.g. plant and animal life, sunrise, etc)
- Make a special effort to show respect and take care of this special place that he has given to us. (e.g. do not litter, do not damage plants or animal life, stay on trails, etc.)
- Scouting's Slogan 'Do a Good Turn daily' is not forgotten here. You are required to 'Do a Good Turn' each and every day. During your two days here, look for any opportunity to lend a helping hand, helping to make a fellow Scout feel accepted, encouraging others to do their best, etc. **Each day**, make sure that you **do not** leave Camp without putting a smile on someone else's face.
- During your lunch hour, sit together as a den, be respectful of other groups, and participate in your dens meal blessing and then participate in a brief devotional that will be led by your leader.
- Learn about your Cub Scout Religious Emblem award, and commit to work toward earning it.

Day 1

Being a Friend

One of the points of the Scout Law, that all Scouts choose to live by is, 'a Scout is Friendly.'

-What does it mean to be a friend?

-Many of you may have someone who you may feel is a 'BEST FRIEND'. Why is he your best friend? What makes a friend a Best friend?

-Who has been friendly today? Who has been friendly to others who you do not know?

Other points of the Scout Law maybe describe your best friend as: Helpful; Courteous; Kind; or Cheerful. These are easy to do, when you are with your friends. More difficult to those who you do not know as well as your best friend. The Scout Slogan says, "Do a Good Turn Daily." A good turn means to do or show some act of kindness to others. Between now and the time that you leave today, try to make a new friend or show some act of kindness to someone other than your BEST FRIEND.

Day 2

Treasure Collection

As you have been here at Cub Scout Day Camp, you have no doubt observed many wonderful things. You may have even found some new treasures to take home with you. I need for everyone to empty out your pockets, and let's see what type of treasures you have collected so far.

(When all of the treasures are brought forth and placed on the table, ask each boy to share why he chose each of his treasures. When finished, thank each boy for their willingness to share something very personal with everyone else.) (Have everyone take a moment and look around.)

-What are some of the treasures that God has collected in this very spot that He has been willing to share with you? (e.g. the trees, the grasses, the birds, the wind blowing gently through it all, etc.) All were placed at this very spot for your behalf. Each one of you is also part of His treasured collection.

-How should we help to take care of this special spot? (e.g. do not litter, do not damage any animals or plant life, stay on trails, etc.)

