

The Promise, Law, and Prayer

The promise, law and prayer are important parts of scouting, you will often hear a leader say “the scout law is the law of the camp”

When someone is invested into Scouting they must understand the promise and law and agree to live by these.

Cub Scout Promise

On my honour, I promise, that I will do my best, to do my duty to my God and to the Queen of Australia, to help other people and to live by the Cub Scout Law

Cub Scout Law

Cub Scouts are loyal and obedient, cub scouts do not give into themselves.

Cub Scout Prayer

Help us oh lord, to serve Thee day by day, to do our duty, and enjoy our play, to keep our Cub Scout Promise, and to rest, happy we have tried to do our best.

Amen



The Scout Sign

The three-finger salute is used by members of Scout and Guide organizations around the world when greeting other Scouts and at ceremonies. In most situations, the salute is made with the palm face out, the thumb holding down the little finger, and with the fingertips on the brow of the head.

Robert Baden-Powell chose the three-finger salute for Scouts to represent the three aspects of the Scout Promise:

Duty to God and King (Queen);
Help others;
Obey the Scout Law.



The Scout Salute

The Scout salute is made by holding your right hand in the same position, but with your first finger pointing to your right eyebrow (and your elbow out). It is only used when in full uniform as a formal greeting or sign of respect e.g. when hoisting/breaking open the flag.



The Scout Handshake

The left-handed Scout handshake is a formal way of greeting other Scouts of both genders used by members of Scout and Guide organizations around the world when greeting other Scouts.

According to the Ashanti warrior version of the story, then-Colonel Baden-Powell saluted them with his right hand, but the Ashanti chiefs offered their left hands and said, "In our land only the bravest of the brave shake hands with the left hand, because to do so we must drop our shields and our protection." The Ashantis knew of Baden-Powell's bravery because they had fought against him and with him, and they were proud to offer the left hand of bravery. The left hand is also closer to the heart, with that attendant symbology.