



## **LEADER RESOURCE**

# **RELIGIOUS OBSERVATION CENTRE**

## INTRODUCTION

During AJ2016, ROC will be run as part of the troop lines encouraging each troop, or patrol, or individual scout to participate in a Scouts Own during the Jamboree.

Each Troop Leader is encouraged to include the 'Duty to God' component of Scouting as part of troop life at AJ2016. The Duty to God component of the program will be delivered as a Scouts Own in the troop with involvement and participation of the youth members.

Each Troop Leader is responsible for ensuring the Scouts Own occurs and is given some discretion as to the content and timing over the Jamboree, as is appropriate to the members of the troop.

At previous Jamborees, ROC was a venue each scout could visit. The physical location of ROC is within the troop lines for AJ2016, rather than an activity location.

To support each Troop Leader, sample Scouts Owns are included in this document, on-line and from the Program Office at AJ2016. AJ2016 has appointed a ROC Coordinator, who will be on site during the event. He may be contacted for specific issues related to faith or assistance with a Scouts Own.

During the central weekend Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January, services will be led for some faiths. Details of these will be advertised in the Jamboree newspaper and at each Sub Camp. The venue for these services will be at the Cataract Scout Park Chapel, near the giant swing, just beyond B1. *A wet weather alternate venue will be provided and details will be displayed at each Sub Camp.*





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## **JAMBOREE PRAYER**

From the corners of this Great South Land and beyond are we,  
United by the vision of this great Jamboree.  
The many gifts and talents gathered together,  
May we use to share and bless each other.  
Source of all wisdom, help us have an alert mind,  
For safety, strength, with a heart that is kind.  
In thanks let's celebrate the freedom to leap into adventure,  
May the friendships we form and the bond of scouting last forever.

## **SCOUT GRACE**

God the giver of all good,  
We thank you for our daily food,  
May Scouting friends and Scouting ways  
Help us to serve you all our days.  
For food, for clothing, for friendship, for Scouting,  
God, we thank you.

## **ALTERNATIVE GRACE**

Tap the cup, rattle the plate.  
Wash your hands, don't be late.  
For those that have little, we reflect.  
Eat all that is served with respect.  
Thanks be to those who prepared the food,  
And the source of love and giver of good.



## **AJ2016 TIMETABLE OF SERVICES FOR RELIGIOUS FAITHS**

Venue for services will be Cataract Scout Camp Chapel.

Wet weather alternative will be posted at each Sub Camp.

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016**

Jumu'ah

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Conducted by Imran

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016**

Jewish Faith Service

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Conducted by Rabbi Peter Moore

Jewish Faith Communal Dinner

6:30pm - 7:15pm

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

6:00pm Catholic Mass

Conducted by Father Stephen Varney

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

7:00pm Evangelical Christian Service

Conducted by Reverend

## **A GUIDE FOR SCOUTS OWNS**

Duty to God as part of a Scout program can sometimes be awkward to deliver. This is partly a result of being uncertain on how best to deal with different faiths and varying levels of belief. One way to deal with this is to let the Scouts lead, rather than trying to lead it as an adult. Provide them with a range of resources, and believe the Scouts will choose a good balance for themselves. Ensure all the Scouts are actively included in the Scouts Own, rather than have one Scout leading a passive group. Patrol sized group is a positive and will assist ensuring active participation. As an adult, combine encouragement with acting natural, and have an organising session beforehand on a different day, so it is not a last minute throw together.

### **With the encouragement consider the following:**

Keep it simple.

Keep it short.

Hold it somewhere special, or where the Scouts can reflect without distraction.

Keep it special – have the Scouts wear their scarves.

Have a theme – could be a Scout Law, peace, thankfulness, respect.

Encourage, don't enforce engagement.

Have all the Scouts involved if there is reading. Short and long verses can be assigned based on their willingness to read.

### **With the design of the Scouts Own consider the following:**

Scouts Owns can be based on a song, prayer, poem, or a reflection. They are put together using a number of elements attached to a theme.

A song should be well-known, and in line with the atmosphere of the Scouts Own.

If using a prayer in a Scouts Own, having the Scouts design their own prayer helps the Scout's own the ceremony. A couple of short prayers, for example one to open and one to close is better than a single long one. In the prayer, God can be addressed or 'the creator of the universe,' or 'creator of love,' etc whatever is comfortable. It is the Scouts Own and connection that is important not the theology behind the words.

If the Scouts Own is based on a story, encourage those telling the story to bring the story to life.

Jot down a running order and make it visible to the participants so that the Scouts Own moves along to a particular order within a time schedule.

Baden Powell wrote in 1928: "the Scout's Own must be a cheery and varied function."



## **SUGGESTED FORMAT SCOUTS OWN**

*If your Scouts are really stuck for a format, here is one suggestion they could follow. It is by no means a "correct" way to hold a Scouts Own. Where a line appears, add the text from choices given later in the booklet.*

**Theme for my Scouts Own is:**

**Opening Remarks:**

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**Call to Focus:** *May we spend this time reflecting deeply, to reach out to that which is greater than ourselves.*

**Moment of Silence**

**Opening Song** *(Choose a song from the song list or other source):*

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**Opening Reflection** *(Choose a reading or prayer to open):*

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**Deeper thought:** *(Choose a story from the list below):*

**Sharing:** *(What this story means to me):*

**Scout Law Responsive Reading:** *(Words listed below):*

**Final Song** *(Choose a song from the song list or other source):*

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**Final Reading** *(Choose a reading or prayer below):*

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**Closing** *(Choose a reading or prayer below):*

## **THEMES THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

Respecting others

Responsibility

Peace

Togetherness

Friendship

Choices

Gratefulness

## **SONGS THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

**STAND BY ME** © Ben E. King

*When the night has come, And the land is gone, And the moon is the only light we'll see  
I won't be afraid, no I won't be afraid, Just as long as you stand, stand by me.*

**YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME** © Toy Story?

*You've got a friend in me, You've got a friend in me, When the road looks rough ahead  
And you're miles and miles, From your nice warm bed, You just remember what your old pal said  
Son, you've got a friend in me, Yeah, you've got a friend in me.*

**GRADUATION (FRIENDS FOREVER)** © Vitamin C

*As we go on, We remember, All the times we, Had together,  
And as our lives change, Come whatever, We will still be Friends Forever*

**LEAN ON ME** © Bill Withers

*Lean on me, when you're not strong, And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on,  
For it won't be long, 'Til I'm gonna need, Somebody to lean on.*

**I GOTTA FEELIN** © The Black Eyed Peas

*I gotta feeling that tonight's gonna be a good night, That tonight's gonna be a good night,  
That tonight's gonna be a good, good night, A feeling.*

**SOMEWHERE OVER THE RAINBOW** *version by:* Israel Kamakawiwo'ole



**MORNING HAS BROKEN** © Eleanor Farjeon

Morning has broken, like the first morning.  
Blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning.  
Praise for them springing fresh from the word.

Sweet the rains new fall, sunlit from heaven.  
Like the first dew fall, on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden.  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning.  
Born of the one light Eden saw play.  
Praise with elation, praise every morning.  
God's re-creation of the new day.

**THIS LAND IS YOUR LAND** © Woody Guthrie

This land is your land, this land is my land.  
From Sydney Harbour, to Rottneest Island.  
From Sherbrook forest, to Mermaid waters,  
This land was made for you and me.

As I went walking that ribbon of highway,  
I saw above me that endless skyway,  
I saw below me that golden valley,  
This land was made for you and me.

I roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps,  
To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts.  
All around me a voice was sounding,  
This land was made for you and me.

When the sun came shining, when I was strolling.  
And the wheat fields waving, and the dust clouds rolling,  
A voice was chanting as the fog was lifting,  
This land was made for you and me.

## **POEMS THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

**WHEN I STOP AND PRAY.** - William Robinson

*When the things of life confound me, And my faith is ebbing low--  
When my trusted friends betray me, And my heart is aching so--  
When the night seems black and endless, And I long for light of day--  
Then I find a silver dawning, When I simply stop and pray.*

**INNER PEACE** - Jan Allison

*Unspoken word, Nothing is heard  
Thoughts now deferred, Float in my mind  
Safe from all harm, Peaceful and calm  
Soothing with balm, Time to unwind*

**WHO AM I** - humble b

*I am the ring around Saturn, spinning words as particles of ice and dust, with the power to transcend  
I am the original chosen to be right here right now, transmitting verbal frequencies through speaking  
my thoughts into existence. I am the rhythm that the wind blows, I am the beginning and the ending  
of stories told, about the universe and how miracles unfold.*

**EACH DAY TAKES ITS TURN** – JSLambert

Standing firm we live we give we take we learn we make sure  
every day enlightens us and brightens us as each day takes its turn.

## **PRAYERS THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

Dear God we thank you for giving us words of wisdom. You are good to us and we praise your name for your loving-kindness. We put our trust in you. Help us to obey your commands. Forgive us for when we fail to be the person you want us to be. Help us to always do what is right, even when those around us are doing the wrong thing. Thank you for hearing our prayer. Amen

### **Great Spirit Prayer**

"Oh, Great Spirit, whose voice I hear in the wind, whose breath gives life to all the world. Hear me; I need your strength and wisdom. Let me walk in beauty, and make my eyes ever behold the red and purple sunset. Make my hands respect the things you have made and my ears sharp to hear your voice. Make me wise so that I may understand the things you have taught my people. Help me to remain calm and strong in the face of all that comes towards me. Let me learn the lessons you have hidden in every leaf and rock. Help me seek pure thoughts and act with the intention of helping others. Help me find compassion without empathy overwhelming me. I seek strength, not to be greater than my brother, but to fight my greatest enemy - Myself."



## READINGS THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN

“A new command I give you, Love one another  
As I have loved you, so you must love one another” **(John 13:34)**

“Be strong and courageous, Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged  
for the Lord your God will be with you, wherever you go” **(Joshua 1:9)**

“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you, I do not give to you as the world gives  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, do not be afraid” **(John 14:27)**

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility  
consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not  
only to your own interests, but also to the interest of others. **(Philippians 2:3-4)**

### Call to Worship I

Come let us sing unto the Lord: Let us make a joyful noise to the Lord and all the lands. Let us serve  
the Lord with gladness and come into his presence with singing. **Psalm 100**

### Call to Worship II

Blessed is the spot, and the house, and the place, and the city, and the heart, and the mountain, and  
the refuge, and the cave, and the valley, and the land, and the sea, and the island, and the meadow  
where mention of God hath been made and His praise glorified. – from the **Baha’i Writings**

### SCOUT VESPERS By Kelly B. O’Neil

Softly falls the light of day, As our campfire fades away.  
Silently, each Scout should ask, Have I done my daily task?”  
Have I kept my honour bright, Can I guiltless sleep tonight?  
Have I done and have I dared, Everything to be prepared!”  
“Listen Lord oh listen Lord, As I whisper soft and low.  
Bless my Mom and bless my Dad, There is something they ought to know.  
I will keep my honour bright, The Oath and Law will be my guide.  
And Mom and Dad this you should know, Deep in my heart I love you so.  
“Quietly we join as one, Thanking God for Scouting fun,  
May we now go on our way, Thankful for another day.  
May we always love and share, Living in peace beyond compare,  
As Scouts may we find, Friendships true with all mankind.  
“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, Living in peace under skies above.”

Blessed are those who prefer others before themselves. — **Baha’i Faith**

Hurt not others in ways that you yourself would find hurtful. — **Buddhism**

What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. — **Judaism**

Do not judge a person until you have walked a long distance in his moccasins.— **American Indian Saying**



## **SCOUT LAW RESPONSIVE READING**

**Scout:** A Scout is Trustworthy.

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

**Scout:** A Scout is Loyal.

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

**Scout:** A Scout is Helpful.

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

**Scout:** A Scout is Friendly.

**The Group:** *A real friend is one who remains loyal in victory and in defeat.*

**Scout:** A Scout is Cheerful.

**The Group:** *Our moods make our days. If we are grouchy, our day is gloomy. If we are cheerful, our day is always brighter.*

**Scout:** A Scout is Considerate.

**The Group:** *Consider the needs of others, think how your words and actions affect others.*

**Scout:** A Scout is Thrifty.

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

**Scout:** A Scout is Courageous.

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

**Scout:** A Scout is Respectful.

**The Group:** *When we show respect for others they respond with respect for us.*

**Scout:** A Scout Cares for the Environment.

**The Group:** *Enjoy nature in all its beauty and encourage others to do the same.*



## **STORIES THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

### **B-P's Farewell Message to Scouts**

Dear Scouts:

I believe that God put us in this jolly world to be happy and enjoy life. Happiness doesn't come from being rich, nor merely from being successful in your career, nor by self-indulgence. One step towards happiness is to make yourself healthy and strong while you are a boy, so that you can be useful and so can enjoy life when you are a man. Nature study will show you how full of beautiful and wonderful things God has made in the world for you to enjoy.

Be contented with what you have got and make the best of it. Look on the bright side of things instead of the gloomy one. But the real way to get happiness is by giving out happiness to other people. Try and leave this world a little better than you found it and when your turn comes to die, you can die happy in feeling that at any rate you have not wasted your time but have done your best. "Be Prepared" in this way, to live happy and to die happy – stick to your Scout promise always – even after you have ceased to be a boy – and God help you to do it.

Your Friend,  
Baden-Powell of Gilwell  
September 1, 1940

### **Two Wolves**

One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.

He said, "My son, the battle is between two "wolves" inside us all.

One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: "Which wolf wins?" The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."

## **What Goes Around, Comes Around**

### ***A true story***

His name was Fleming, and he was a poor Scottish farmer. One day, while trying to make a living for his family, he heard a cry for help coming from a nearby bog. He dropped his tools and ran to the bog. There, mired to his waist in black muck, was a terrified boy, screaming and struggling to free himself. Farmer Fleming saved the lad from what could have been a slow and terrifying death. The next day, a fancy carriage pulled up to the Scotsman's sparse surroundings. An elegantly dressed nobleman stepped out and introduced himself as the father of the boy Farmer Fleming had saved. "I want to repay you," said the nobleman. "You saved my son's life." "No, I can't accept payment for what I did," the Scottish farmer replied, waving off the offer. At that moment, the farmer's own son came to the door of the family hovel. "Is that your son?" the nobleman asked. "Yes," the farmer replied proudly. "I'll make you a deal. Let me take him and give him a good education. If the lad is anything like his father, he'll grow to a man you can be proud of." And that he did.

In time, Farmer Fleming's son graduated from St. Mary's Hospital Medical School in London, and went on to become known throughout the world as the noted Sir Alexander Fleming, the discoverer of Penicillin. Years afterward, the nobleman's son was stricken with pneumonia. What saved him? Penicillin. The name of the nobleman? Lord Randolph Churchill. His son's name? Sir Winston Churchill. Someone once said: What goes around comes around.

**Footprints** © Carolyn Carty, 1963 Adapted from: *Footprints in the Sand* © Mary Stevenson, 1936

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand: one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This greatly bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why when I needed you most you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My precious, precious child. I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

## The Paradox of Our Time

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings,  
but shorter tempers;  
wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints;  
we spend more, but have less;  
we buy more, but enjoy it less.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values.  
We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.  
We've learned how to make a living, but not a life;  
we've added years to life, not life to years.

We've been all the way to the moon and back,  
but have trouble crossing the street to meet the neighbour.  
We've conquered outer space, but not inner space;  
we've cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul;  
we've split the atom, but not our prejudice.

We have higher incomes, but lower morals,  
we've become long on quantity, but short on quality.  
These are the times of tall men, and short character;  
steep profits, and shallow relationships.

These are the times of world peace, but domestic warfare;  
more leisure, but less fun;  
more kinds of food, but less nutrition.  
These are the days of two incomes, and more divorce;  
of fancier houses, but broken homes.

It is a time when there is too much in the show window  
and nothing in the stockroom;  
a time when technology can bring this letter to you,  
and a time when you can choose either to make a difference,  
or just hit delete.

## **CLOSINGS THAT ARE HELPFUL FOR A SCOUTS OWN**

### **An Old Irish Blessing**

May the road rise to meet you,  
May the wind always be at your back,  
May the sun shine warm upon your face,  
The rain fall soft upon your friends,  
And until we meet again,  
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

### **The Prayer of St. Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace; Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is doubt, faith; Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.  
Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console;  
to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are  
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

### **Short Benedictions**

May we all remain fast and firm in faith, that the glory of glories may  
rest upon us. Thou art Gracious, the Bountiful, the Merciful, the  
Compassionate. -- From the **Bahai faith, Abdul Bahai.**

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine  
upon you, And give you peace. --**Traditional**

May the Lord watch between me and thee, while we are absent from  
one another. -- **The Mizpah**

For health, strength, and daily food, we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For this and all your mercies, Lord, make us truly grateful.  
For food, health, and friendship, we give you thanks, O Lord.  
For food, for raiment, for life, for opportunity, for friendship and  
fellowship, we thank you, O Lord. --**(Philmont Grace)**

As our campfire fades, we thank you for the joys and blessings of this  
day. We lift our minds and hearts to you in gratitude for life,  
happiness, and the Scouting movement. Lord, protect our camp this  
night. May we rise refreshed and ready to serve You. Amen.

### **Closing Ceremony Thoughts**

May I grow in character and ability as I grow in size.  
May I be honest with myself and others in what I do and say.  
May I always honour my parents, my elders and my leaders.  
May I develop high moral principles and the courage to live by them.  
May I strive for health in body, mind and spirit.  
May I always respect the rights of others.  
May I set a good example so that others may enjoy and profit from my company.  
May I give honest effort to my work.  
May I learn things that will help me make life better for every living  
thing in God's beautiful world.



## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS THE BUDDHIST FAITH.**

Like other traditions the Buddhist faith is not homogenous. There are two broad traditions, **Mahayana and Theravada** and these tend to be geographically and culturally arranged, but this is not absolute.

Thai, Lao, Cambodian, Burmese and Sri Lankans will be Theravada. There are also a number of Malaysian and Singaporean Buddhist - mostly Theravada. It is more likely that Chinese, Vietnamese, Korean and Japanese Buddhists will be Mahayana. Tibetans and Mongolians will always be Mahayana. Western Buddhists (so mostly Caucasian) can be from any tradition.

What does this mean in practice:

1. **Diet** - Mahayana practitioners will usually be vegetarian, although some will eat fish and Tibetans (if you have any) probably won't be vegetarians. Theravada practitioners are not usually vegetarian, but some will be. The best option is to think largely vegetarian with an option of meat and then people will blend in with the choices. Also, culturally, most Asians will find it difficult to go without rice for any length of time, so be aware of this in meal planning (the younger kids though are changing!). Western Buddhists - whether from a traditional or non-traditional background- are probably used to adjusting to what is on offer - so again the option to choose is good. It is unlikely that you will have anyone on the higher precepts (which require them not to eat after midday sun-time) - if they are I expect they will identify.
2. **Special religious observances** - some practitioners will want to say prayers before eating. People will often do this quietly to themselves. You can offer a brief moment before eating to allow for this. Other than this, I doubt that there is anything that is absolute. Serious practitioner may like a quiet time in the morning or evening for meditation.
3. **Special days - Buddhist tradition** is based on a lunar calendar. Special days of observance are the new moon and the full moon days. The Chinese Mahayana traditions do have a lot of festival days - coinciding with the moon days - but again these are not mandatory. If you are holding something over the Chinese new year then you need to be aware of that (somewhere around the end of January) - it will affect everyone, not just Chinese.
4. **Special attire** - the general view is that attire should be modest. Other than that nothing special.

It is worth noting that, in general, unless you are an ordained Sangha member, Buddhism does not have much that is mandatory: The emphasis of the tradition is upon personal commitment. Mostly then, people will adjust around what is on offer and avoid something if their particular tradition does not consider it wholesome.

One other thing - Buddhists will usually try and keep to the first precept which is to abstain from taking life: this includes bugs and other creepy crawlies, which can be difficult to avoid in a camping situation. Accidental injury is not an issue, but it will be best not to ask a serious Buddhist practitioner to spray or otherwise kill any insect intruders. I don't think there would be any other situations where you might engage this precept on a Jamboree though.

## **A BUDDHIST SCOUTS OWN**

Find a place for reflection away from the busy-ness of life

Find a place where nature surrounds

Asked a Venerable to the question, "How to generate boundless compassion for all beings?" His answer was to "Cultivate Equanimity." That means, to realise the ultimate equality of all beings-

I'm not superior to anyone, just as no one is inferior to any other. We are all one body.

That reminds us of the simple but important parable of the two-headed bird.

A bird had two heads that shared only body. One day, out of spite, one tricked the other to eating poisonous fruit, and the whole bird died as a result. Likewise, "others" and "I" share one body. Who we are and our survival depends on others

-no food, no clothing, no friends, no parents, no jobs... without "others"-

all are interdependent.

one gone astray might begin the downfall of all society.

Reflect on the following words:

Then Ananda came to the Buddha and said:

*"Half of the holy life is: friendship, association and intimacy with the spiritual."*

The Buddha replied:

*"Say not so! It is the whole of the holy life, not half, this friendship, this association, this intimacy with the spiritual."*

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS A HINDU FAITH**

### **Special dietary considerations.**

Sri Raman - People who follow Hindu faith - some of them are vegetarians while some are non-vegetarians.

**For vegetarians** - Vegetarian food with dairy products but with **no onion, no garlic and no eggs**.

**For non-vegetarians** - On certain days of the week, they are not supposed to have non-vegetarian food. I suggest asking them about their practice of not-having the non-vegetarian food including egg and fish, etc.

### **Special religious observances when camping with scouts.**

Sri Raman - There is no rigid rules and observations imposed by Hindu faith. So, people who follow the Hindu faith have their own individual religious practices such as fasting certain days, meditation, worship etc. So, I suggest finding out their way of practicing the religion.

Special weekend observances, days/ hours of religious significance. Sri Raman - Usually, Fridays and Saturdays are special days in Hindu faith. Also, there are other special days that are observed as per the Hindu calendar every year.

**Particular attire observances.** Sri Raman - There is no hard and fast rules regarding attire observances in Hindu faith. However, there are special dress that people wear on special days during their prayer. So, again, I suggest to find out from the cadres about their practice.

### **Reflection for Scouts Own for Hindu Faith:**

**I am dependent upon others.** There is a great deal of interdependence in the world. We do not usually recognize it or feel grateful about it. We think that every success that we achieve is because of our individual merits or some chance events. But from the time you are born you receive help from innumerable sources, without which it would not be possible for you to live at all. Whether you are worldly or spiritual, you cannot exist without interacting with the world or without depending upon others for your survival and sustenance. Every living being is connected with life's innumerable streams in mysterious ways. The world is your great teacher.

Ask yourself and perhaps discuss with others: How does this impact on the patrol system, how does it affect my patrol?

This is the sum of all duty: treat others as you yourself would be treated. —Hinduism



## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS A JEWISH FAITH**

There are many variables for those practicing the Jewish faith. The Jewish faith has a number of observances, which are expressed in different ways.

Most Jewish Scouts are aware of their specific needs and observances. These may be such things as dietary for some, but not for others. Troop leaders may discuss with the Scout, or are already aware of specific needs, which could be required at the Jamboree.

Where there is an issue with an individual Scout who practices the Jewish faith, either leading up to or at the Jamboree itself, the Troop Leader may contact the Jewish Scout Chaplain for advice. He is: Rabbi Peter (Tzur) Moore - 0412 563 660. During the Jamboree, a special service and community dinner will be organised for the Jewish community attending the Jamboree. Details will be published in the Jamboree newspaper.

### **Something to reflect on for a Scouts Own - Jewish faith.**

If you did good, celebrate that you have a G-d who is there with you in your good work.

And if you fell on your face, celebrate that you have a G-d who does not abandon you when you fall.

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST FAITH**

Seventh Day Adventist is a Christian faith centred around healthy living and respect of the Sabbath, which is held on the seventh day.

**Special dietary considerations.** The majority of SDA's are vegetarian. If they are meat eaters they won't eat flesh that is considered 'unclean' ie pig meat, will eat fish, but not other seafood. Vegetarianism is important for some, so at an event like the Jamboree the vegetarian dishes need to clearly identified so the children feel confident and comfortable with what they are eating – not fearing that they might be eating the wrong thing.

**Special religious observances when camping with Scouts.** Camping is one of the best ways to spend the Sabbath hours. Some SDA's aren't comfortable swimming on Sabbath. Having a chat to the SDA's in your troop would be the best way to find out what they're comfortable doing on Sabbath. Most activities will be perfect fine.

**Special weekend observances, days/ hours of religious significance.** Sabbath observance – sunset Friday night to sunset Saturday night. We welcome Sabbath in on Friday night with worship and we exit the Sabbath with worship on Saturday evening (often just a prayer – of thanksgiving)

**Particular attire observances.** No particular attire observances – just modest attire

### **Something to reflect on for a Scouts Own - Seventh Day Adventist faith**

Most of us have an animal of some sort as a pet. I think I've always chosen a cat as a pet because a cat doesn't require a lot of care. In the day it just finds a little place, curls up and goes to sleep. When it gets hungry it tells me, when it wants to go outside again, it lets me know. It is sort of a nuisance at times but somehow one just puts up with the little irritations because it's part of the family. In spite of the fact that it really does almost nothing for the family except simply to be there, we spend money on it, we feed it, and we care for it. When it hurts, we hurt and when it dies, we feel a very real loss – not because it did any great thing, but only because it was part of the family.

The relationship between cats and humans are an object lesson of God's grace and his love for us. Truly Scripture is correct when it says, "All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;" That is the love of God for us do-nothing creatures, "God demonstrates His own love toward us."

When Jesus' disciples asked him how many times they should forgive a person he told them something shocking, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven." The ancient phrase seventy time seven simply means no limit.

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS THE ISLAMIC FAITH**

**Special dietary considerations.** Could be vegetarian food or Halal certified – fish is also fine. Strictly forbidden are pig products and alcohol

**Special religious observances when camping with scouts.** Prayer five times a day. Can do quietly. The scout will face towards west as this is the direction of Mecca. A clean area is required. Prayer takes 5-8 minutes. *Five times are: before sun rise; mid day; around tea time; after sun-set; last one before bed.*

**Special weekend observances.** Ideally between 1:30 – 3:30 for one hour

**Particular attire observances.** Modest dressing, girls wearing a hijab.

### **Something to reflect on for a Scouts Own - Islamic faith**

No one of you is a believer until you desire for another that which you desire for yourself. —Islam

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS THE SIKH FAITH**

None dietary - some Sikhs will not eat beef and some choose to be vegetarian, but no religious compulsion.

Devout Sikhs will spend few minutes to half or even an hour of morning evening time for reciting and meditations quite diligently, others can be flexible with it.

Sunday mornings visit to temple but not compulsory

Most Sikhs are required to wear a "mini or full turban" to keep their head hair safe with a comb tucked in and spend some time to keep their beard well groomed. Some wear a small symbolic dagger called KIRPAN -and they wear a steel/iron bangle (Karra) in the right arm.

### **Something to reflect on for a Scouts Own**

The Sikh Prayer for Peace

"God adjudges us according to our deeds, not the coat that we wear: that Truth is above everything, but higher still is truthful living. "Know that we attain God when we love, and only that victory endures in consequence of which no one is defeated."

Be not estranged from another for God dwells in every heart. —Sikhism

## **THINGS TO CONSIDER IF I HAVE A SCOUT IN MY TROOP WHO FOLLOWS THE MORMON FAITH**

### **OR CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS**

It may not be obvious if one of your scouts also belongs to the LDS church. Many come to scouts to do scouting.

As an Australian scout leader you may not have to make any adjustments. Some further understanding to broaden your own knowledge can be followed.

The LDS church states for LDS members involved in scouting:

*Faith in God is the activity program for the worldwide Church and is meant to be used along with Scouting. If you are new to Scouting and are not sure where to begin, you could plan activities for your Scouts by using the Faith in God for Boys guidebook.*

An information module from the LDS church can be accessed at:

<http://broadcast.lds.org/eLearning/pth/faith-i-god-and-scouting-training-module/load.html>

#### **Special dietary considerations:**

Things to be avoided are:

- Alcohol, including wine and beer.
- Black tea, green tea, and other caffeinated teas.
- Coffee and recipes that use it
- Illegal drugs, recreational drugs, and illicit prescription medications.
- Tobacco.

Mormons also observe a monthly fast, or abstinence from food or water for the equivalent of two meals, on the first Sunday of each month to both show self control and humility before God.

**Special religious observances when camping with Scouts.** The church encourages all people to pray each day.

**Special weekend observances.** The church holds its normal worship services on Sunday.

**Particular attire observances.** Sunday best for services, otherwise regular clothes for the rest of the time.