

## JUST FORTY WORDS



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.

JUST FORTY WORDS. THE SCOUT OATH IS JUST FORTY WORDS LONG, BUT IN THESE CONCISE PHRASES ARE THE VALUES AND ETHICAL STANDARDS THAT HAVE MOLDED GENERATIONS OF BOYS INTO A SPECIAL BREED OF MEN; RESPONSIBLE AND RESPONSIVE, CAPABLE OF LEADERSHIP, YET TRAINED IN TEAMWORK, ABLE TO ADAPT AND FACE THE CHANGING CHALLENGES OF THEIR TIMES. THE UNIQUE STRENGTH OF THE SCOUT ETHIC IS THAT IT REMAINS AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS IN 1910. AND, IF EVER THERE WAS A NEED TO DEVELOP MEN WHO CAN OVERCOME CHALLENGES, IT IS NOW. OUR WORLD IS CHANGING FASTER THAN EVER BEFORE, FOR BOTH GOOD AND BAD. THE SEEDS OF THE FUTURE ARE ALREADY SEWN. WHAT THE BSA DOES FOR EACH BOY, IT DOES FOR THE MAN HE WILL BECOME. IN DOING SO, SCOUTING PAVES THE WAY FOR INDIVIDUALS ALONG THE ROAD OF LIFE.

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