Remember: The front sight doesn't move; if you are "missing the mark," the rear sight needs adjusting.



Stained Glass at Gilwell Park, UK

Interfaith Worship Service

Wood Badge 110

August 20, 2014 **Philmont Scout Ranch**

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Wood Badge Course – Reverence in Scouting

Imagine writing this letter to a parent in your Troop:

Dear Mr. Jones.

I am sorry about Johnny Scout's horrible allergic reactions to the peanut butter sandwiches that we serve on all of our campouts. I didn't ask the boys about their food allergies because I didn't want to offend or embarrass anyone.

Your Scoutmaster

How about writing this one:

Dear Scouts and Families,

This is to inform you that effective immediately, we will no longer be serving food on our campouts.

While we have always enjoyed preparing and serving food with your sons each weekend, we recently discovered that one of the boys is a vegetarian. Since we are used to serving meat with most meals, we have decided it is easier to simply not serve any food over the entire campout weekend. Those boys who are interested in eating should bring their own food and must eat privately within their own tents. PS, please do not leave crumbs.

Your Scoutmaster

Just as we must be aware and sensitive with our Scouts' dietary needs, we must be equally aware and sensitive to their deity needs – else they will either have an allergic reaction or starve.

Man does not live on bread alone, but on the word of God Deuteronomy 8:3

CLOSING HYMN - JOHN

Mountain Hymn (To the tune of "Ode to Joy") -- Lyrics by Gordon Gross

As we walk in Philmont's canyons Give us peace and strength, O Lord. Give us courage to continue By Your good and gracious word. As we see Your world around us, Help us recognize Your hand. Let us keep and love it ever Wondrous wilderness, this land.

As we stand upon these mountains, Help us treasure all our days Time we spent with You at Philmont; Hear us as we sing your praise. Hear our prayers, accept our singing As we lift our voices high. Thank You, Lord, for Your creation For we know that You are nigh!

BENEDICTION / CLOSING -- LARRY

Lord, thank you for the wondrous opportunities of today and this week.

We thank you for the efforts of those thousands of men and women who have brought Scouting to millions of youth the world over, including many of us during our earlier days. We rededicate ourselves to the principles of our Movement -- to do our best -- to do our duty to God -- and to our Country.

This week, we thank you for this Wood Badge course. Please give us the energy and wisdom to enjoy each moment, the clarity to remember it all, the perseverance to push ourselves further than we ever have before and the courage to pay it forward. Bless all members of our units and our families as we continue our journey in Scouting. *Amen*

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	CALL TO WORSHIP
	AN ACT OF FRIENDSHIP Please exchange an act of friendship with the people immediately surrounding you.
	OPENING PRAYER - Scout Law DAVID
	Spoken together
	When facing deceit and dishonesty, help us to be trustworthy.
	If we see hypocrisy and selfishness, help us to be loyal.
PERSONAL PRAYERS OF REFLECTION JEFF	Where the disregard of others is so common, help us to be helpful.
Lord Baden-Powell wrote: "First love and serve God, second love and serve	In an atmosphere of ill manner, help us to be courteous.
your neighbor. In doing your duty to God, always be grateful to Him.	Where some measure adulthood in coarseness, help us to be kind.
Whenever you enjoy a pleasure or a good game, or succeed in doing a good thing, thank Him for it, if only a word or two."	Though lawlessness and rule-bending are common, help us be obedient.
thing, thank thin joi it, if only a word or two.	While others grumble and complain, help us to be cheerful.

In a world blighted by waste and extravagance, help us to be thrifty.

While surrounded by impiety and moral decay, help us to be *reverent*.

When confronted with danger or temptation, help us to be *brave*. As we see filth and pollution everywhere, help us to be *clean*.

OFFERING

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Let us pause for a time of silent, personal meditation.

OPENING SONG – Morning Has Broken PHILIP	TODAY'S MESSAGE
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.	
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.	
SHARED PRAYER – A Scout Leaders' Wish BEN	
Please put yourself in a spirit of prayer, so that after each line that is offered, you might collectively reply back " <i>This is our prayer</i> "	
May we have the humility to seek help from those more	
knowledgeable than ourselves.	
May we remember, that in a Scout's eyes, what we do speaks louder	
than what we say.	
May we have the patience to let the Scouts lead, fail and succeed.	
 May we have the grace to praise the Scouts for the troop's successes and the blame for its failures. 	
 May we have the perception and caring to seek out the troubled 	
youth, the homesick camper, and the lonely Scout.	
 May we have the necessary qualities and skill to instill the true 	
meaning of the Scout Law, Oath, Motto, and Slogan.	
 May we remember, but not be burdened by, the responsibilities of our positions. 	
 Please, Lord, help us to watch over the Scouts under our care. 	