

Cub Pack and Troop 554 Leadership and Lifestyle Statement

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.

Before we pledge ourselves to any oath or promise, we must know what it means. The following paragraphs define how BSA Cub Pack and Troop 554 understand the meaning of the Scout Oath.

The Boy Scout Oath has traditionally been considered to have three promises. Those three promises are delineated by the semicolons in the Oath, which divide it into three clauses. The three promises of the Scout Oath are, therefore:

- Duty to God and country,
- Duty to other people, and
- Duty to self

DUTY TO GOD AND COUNTRY: Our family and religious leaders teach us to know and serve God. By following these teachings, we do our duty to God.

Men and women of the past worked to make America great, and many gave their lives for their country. By being a good family member and a good citizen, by working for our country's good and obeying its laws, we do our duty to your country. Obeying the Scout Law means living by its 12 points.

DUTY TO OTHER PEOPLE: Many people need help. A cheery smile and a helping hand make life easier for others. By doing a Good Turn daily and helping when we're needed, we prove ourselves a Scout leader and do our part to make this a better world.

DUTY TO SELF: **Keeping ourselves physically strong** means taking care of our bodies: eat the right foods and build our strength. **Staying mentally awake** means learn all we can, be curious, and ask questions. Being **morally straight** means to live our lives with honesty, to be clean in our speech and actions, and to be a person of strong character.

Volunteer adult leaders in Troop and Pack 554 must conduct themselves, in and out of the scouting environment, in a way that will not raise questions regarding their commitment to the Scout Oath. A commitment to this oath should reflect the biblical perspective of integrity and appropriate personal and family relationships, business conduct, and moral behavior. An adult leader is expected to demonstrate a teachable

spirit, an ability to share love for others, a willingness to live contentedly under authority, and a commitment to follow the Matthew 18 principle when an issue arises with fellow volunteers or with our charter organization.

Whitefield Academy, Cub Pack and Troop 554 expect adult leader volunteers to maintain a lifestyle based on biblical standards of “morally straight” conduct. Moral misconduct, which violates the bona fide occupational qualification for adult scout leaders to be Boy Scout role models includes, but is not limited to, promiscuity, extra-marital sexual relations, homosexual behavior, or any other violation of the unique roles of male and female. Whitefield Academy, Cub Pack and Troop 554 believe that biblical marriage is limited to a covenant relationship between a man and a woman. In addition, Whitefield Academy, Cub Pack and Troop 554 believe that gender is established by God at conception – it is fixed and not discretionary. Therefore Boy Scout leaders will not be transsexual or transgender.

I declare that I am in agreement with the above statements. My signature below indicates that I meet the moral integrity standards and Boy Scout role model lifestyle requirements of Whitefield Academy, Cub Pack and Troop 554.

Boy Scout Volunteer Adult Leader Signature

Date

Cub Pack/Troop 554 Committee Chairman's Signature

Date