

## **KAB SCOUT IDEALS**

KAB Scouting is a “game” and every game has rules. The rules of KAB Scouting are embodied in its ideals, especially in its Promise and Law. The ideals are a way of teaching the KAB Scout the purpose of Scouting and his responsibilities as a member of the movement. In a lighter vein, the KAB Scout Ideals add romance, a sense of mystery, and exclusiveness to the movement, and the boys simply love this. As he recites THE KAB Scout Promise and Law and executes the Sign, Salute, and Handshake, the KAB Scout is reminded of the real aims of KAB Scouting.

To make the KAB Scout Ideals a way of teaching the KAB Scout desirable values, use them frequently in Color Group and Kawan activities. The Ideals of KAB Scouting include the:

- KAB Scout Promise
- KAB Scout Law
- Scout Motto
- KAB Scout Slogan
- Scout Sign
- Scout Salute
- Scout Handshake

### **Ang Pangako ng KAB Scout**

Ako’y nangangakong gagawin ang makakaya:  
Upang mahalín ang diyos at ang aking bayan,  
Gumawa ng mabuti araw-araw, at  
Sumunod sa Batas ng KAB Scout

### **The KAB Scout Promise**

I promise to do my best  
to love God and my country  
to do a good turn every day, and  
to obey the KAB Scout Law

Everyone who becomes a KAB Scout makes the KAB Scout Promise. When the KAB Scout says “Ako’y nagangako” (I promise) he agrees to do something and takes responsibility for keeping his promise.

The KAB Scout promises to “gagawin ang makakaya” (do his best). It means that he will do his best - not other people’s best. The KAB Scout should be made to feel the satisfaction that comes from doing his best and improving on his best. Praise and recognition are therefore in order.

“Mahalín ang Diyos” (Love God) is very important. KAB Scouting respect all religions. Love of God means that the KAB Scout must try to put his beliefs into practice every day, and that his religion, like Scouting, is a full and active part of his every day life.

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Love of country means that the KAB Scout agrees to obey the laws of our country and is a good Filipino citizen. He should understand that when he serves his institution and his community, he is serving his country. He should understand that his country is made up of communities like his own.

“Gumawa ng mabuti araw-araw” (Do a good turn every day) places before the KAB Scout the ideals of Service. The good turn is not just something he has to do for the sake of being courteous. It involves both big things and little things – from serving during emergencies to picking up a banana skin from the street. A Scout does his Good turn cheerfully and quietly. He does not brag about them, for people expect them of him.

### **Ang Batas ng KAB Scout**

Ang KAB Scout ay sumusunod sa nakatatanda.  
Ang KAB Scout ay tumutulong sa pagsulong ng Kawan  
Ang KAB Scout ay nagsisikap upang maging kapaki-pakinabang.

### **The KAB Scout Law**

The KAB Scout follows his elders.  
The KAB Scout helps his Kawan  
The KAB Scout makes himself useful.

A KAB Scout obeys his elders. He shows respect and is courteous towards his elders. He helps make his Kawan go by participating in all the activities of the Kawan. A KAB Scout makes himself useful. He tries not to be selfish and tries to help people whenever he can.

Your responsibility to a boy joining KAB Scouting is to lay a firm foundation of the Promise he will make during his investiture. Your explanation of the Promise and Law is an opportunity to develop in him proper values. Discuss the meaning of the Promise and Law in simple language and if possible, in the vernacular. This will lay a basis of respect and understanding that will build a bond between you and your KAB Scout.

In explaining the Promise and Law, remember that the KAB Scout has a short attention span, hence make your explanations brief. It would be more interesting to the boy if you could build stories into your explanation.

After the investiture, you need only to remind your KAB Scout of his Promise and Law to encourage him to “Do his best” in everything that he does.

**Scout Motto:** LAGING HANDA (be Prepared)

Laging Handa is the motto of all sections in the Boy Scouts of the Philippines. Everyone in the Scouting Movement tries to live up to it all the time.

**KAB Scout Slogan:** GAWIN ANG MAKAKAYA (Do your best)

## **The Scout Sign**

The Scout sign is the same for all Scout sections. It is made by raising the right hand, palm forward, with the index, middle, and ring fingers extended together, the thumb folded over the little finger and with the forearm and upper arm forming a right angle, with the forearm parallel to the shoulder.

Three fingers pointing upward signify that the Scout reaches upwards to higher and nobler ideals. They also stand for the:

- 3 points of KAB Scouting Promise
- 3 points of KAB Scout Law
- 3 duties of the KAB Scout
  - \* Duty to God and country (middle finger)
  - \* Duty to Others (ring finger)
  - \* Duty to self (index finger, nearest the body)

The two fingers stand for the constitutional objective of the Scout movement – character building and citizenship training.

The Scout sign is made when a KAB Scout makes or renews his Promise and when he recites the “*Panunumpa sa Watawat.*” It is also used as a greeting or sign of recognition among Scout and Scouters all over the world.

You may use it to call the attention of the boys during a meeting and to keep them quiet. When you give the sign, any boy who sees it should execute the sign, at the same time keeping quiet. Compliment the first boy who does the sign.

## **The Scout Salute**

The Salute is made with the right hand in the Scout Sign. The hand is brought up smartly (taking the shortest distance), with fore finger touching the tip of the right eyebrow, if the boy is bareheaded. If he is wearing a cap, his forefinger must touch the cap visor slightly to his right side.

Scouts salute each other as a sign of friendship. As Scout, we salute the Philippine flag, as a sign of respect. KAB Scout salute their Leaders when they meet each other, and during formal occasions like parades.

## **The Scout Handshake**

Scouts all over the world shake hands with their left hand to show that they are members of the brotherhood of Scouts. It also denotes trust for one another.

In Africa, warriors once fought with spear and they used their left hand for holding a shield to protect them. If they meet a friend, they did not need protection so they lay down their spears and shield, and extended their left hand to show trust and to offer friendship.

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Lord Baden-Powel met an African chief who held out his left hand in greeting, showing that he wanted to be friendly and that he was not holding a shield to protect himself. This must have impressed B.P. that he introduced this as a special greeting for Scout.

### **Scout Oath and Law**

As a Kawan Leader, you should commit yourself to the Scout Oath and Law. You will do this during your Installation Ceremony when you are formally inducted as a Kawan Leader. You will re-dedicate yourself to the Scout Oath and Law during Scouters gathering when you are with leaders of other sections.

When you recite the Scout Oath and Law, you take a solemn vow that you will live up to the ideals of Scouting.

#### **The Scout Oath**

On my honor, I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country,  
the Republic of the Philippines,  
And to obey the Scout law;  
To help other people at all times  
To keep my self physically strong,  
Mentally awake and morally straight.

#### **Ang Panunumpa ng Scout**

Sa ngalan ng aking dangal, ay gagawin ko  
ang buong makakaya  
Upang tumupad sa aking tungkulin sa  
Diyos  
at sa aking bayan, and Republika ng  
Pilipinas,  
At sumunod sa Batas ng Scout;  
Tumulong sa ibang tao sa lahat ng  
pagkakataon;  
Pamalagiing malakas ang aking katawan,  
gising ang isipan at marangal ang asal.

#### **The Scout Law**

A Scout is:

Trustworthy  
Loyal  
Helpful  
Friendly  
Courteous  
Kind  
Obedient  
Cheerful  
Thrifty  
Brave  
Clean  
Reverent

#### **Ang Batas ng Scout**

Ang Scout ay:

Mapagkakatiwalaan  
Matapat  
Matulungin  
Mapagkaibigan  
Magalang  
Mabait  
Masunurin  
Masaya  
Matipid  
Matapang  
Malinis  
Maka-Diyos