

HOW TO INTEGRATE VALUES DEVELOPMENT IN KAB SCOUTING ACTIVITIES

1. Awareness of Surroundings and the Beauty of Nature.

Awareness and appreciation of the beauty of nature will instill in the KAB Scouts, values of self-reliance, resourcefulness, and self-worth. It also instills the realization of GOD, the Creator, through His wondrous works coupled with active performance of His Will in service of others. Scouting teaches the boys, not only to get a living but how to live, that is, in a higher sense, how to enjoy life. B.P. says in his book, Aids to Scoutmastership, "If you want boys to be happy in life, let them appreciate nature while at the same time doing good to others."

2. Fun, Songs, and Games

Have you ever conducted a game with your KAB Scouts asking them to count the number of people who smiled at them on their way to school, and then asking them to do the same the following day but this time for them to smile at those whom they meet on their way. Compare the two results. There will be more numbers the second time since they have made more people happy. They have done more good turns and its fun.

Songs, when properly sang, can inculcate the value of unity, harmony, concern, of patriotism, of service, and self-sacrifice for the good of others.

Games properly officiated and with rules firmly imposed, can instill discipline, fairness, self-restraint and good temper. As the saying goes, "It is not the winning but the way you play the game that counts". Develop among your boys the practice to be the first to cheer and congratulate the winner and the winner to be humble in victory.

3. Awareness of Moral and Spiritual Values

B.P. says "Moral and Spiritual values can never be taught. It can only be caught." This is where the problem lies. Mostly our moral and spiritual values have become a matter of knowledge and less of a way of life. These values can only be learned if they are lived if service and concern for the good of others are done repeatedly, effectively demonstrated ... modeled if you wish... by those whom the boys consider as their elders.

Teach the boys the value of Reverence.....Reverence to GOD.....Reverence to Others as children of GOD... and Reverence to Self as a servant of GOD. On these are anchored the foundation of every form of religion. Teach them to serve. Teach them to do a good turn daily. Show them. Let them be aware that a good turn done to others is a good turn done to GOD.

But this is not all. They must also be encouraged to attend to their religious obligations as required by their respective religions. There must never be any attempt to influence them to convert to another religion nor to attend/participate in sectarian spiritual activity in the guise of Scouting nor to discourage them from attending their own.

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4. Group Interaction and Sharing

Participation in discussions as to the kind of activity the boys enjoy and how they wish the activity to be conducted with the Assistant Kawan Leader and the Chief Usa on effective way of inculcating in the boys a sense of fairness and the understanding and consideration of the opinion of others. This also instills in them the value of respect for the rights of others. Being allowed to share in the activities of the Kawan and the Color Group also awakens in them a sense of self-worth and of self-respect, of belongingness, which is the value of interdependence.

5. Skills for Creative Expression

This awakens in the KAB Scouts the value of resourcefulness and self-reliance as well as their creative and innovative talents. These activities inculcate in them the value of self-confidence as to enable him to be proactive in life.... to create their own circumstance and not to simply be reactive to circumstances of other people's making.

6. Achievement through the Badge System

This inculcates on the KAB Scout, the value of self- development and the pursuit of excellence. It must be made clear to them, however, that the reason why they have to learn more, to achieve more, and to become better persons is not to become great and win the accolades and the adulation of people. Rather, they should strive to achieve more and become better, and better only so that they can give more and serve better. That the only reason they have to learn is so they can teach the ignorant. That the only reason they have to be strong is so they can protect the weak. That the only reason they have to be rich is so they can give to the poor. That the only reason they have to aspire for power is so they can help improve the lot of the oppressed and the powerless. That the only reason they have to aspire for excellence in themselves is so they can serve others with excellence. That the only reason is... **LOVE.**