

Our Scout Programs provide our Scouts opportunities to demonstrate their enhanced good character by using, as guidance, our Scout Promise, Scout Code, and Scout Spirit. We believe character counts and when combined with effort and a positive attitude, our Scouts are truly giving their best. We also believe this contributes to our Scouts living and leading their lives in a meaningful way.

Periodically, our Rising Star Scouts engage in action hero play. Complete with capes, costumes, and catchphrases, our younger Scouts are encouraged to take on the persona of larger than life heroes who fight to help others. Action heroes, like our Scouts, have a code that they follow. Unlike action heroes who use their powers sparingly and only when necessary, our Rising Star Scouts use their Scout promise as a way to live their everyday life.

The Rising Star Scout Promise

The **Scout Programs of Adventure Scouts USA** do not require our Scouts to swear an oath, but asks each to make a promise. Below is the Rising Star Scout Promise:

Rising Star Scout Promise (5 to 10 year old Scouts)

As a Rising Star Scout I love my family and my friends, our community and country too. I wonder about it all, stand tall and true, and I Give my Best in all I do.

These are not just nice-sounding words. When our Rising Star Scouts begin saying their

promise, we want them to understand the words they are using. When our Scouts say “I..” rather than “we...” they become invested in the words they are saying and make them their own.

I love my family...

We started with the basics.



We chose words that inspire and ring true for young children such as love of family. We promote strong families and strengthen family values by offering

opportunities for our Scouts to spend time naturally with multiple generations of their family and extended family members. When our Scouts say “I love my family...” those words may be simple, but they mean the world to our younger Scouts who get the opportunity to spend

time baking pizza with Mom or recreating old radio shows with Grandpa. Our Scouts love their families and one of the ways they demonstrate it is by spending quality time with them.

And my friends...

Our Rising Star Scouts love their friends. Our Scout Programs encourage our Scouts to forge the bonds of friendship. In fact, a portion of each meeting is devoted to games which encourage friendship between our Scouts.

Rising Star Scouts are at the age that they are developing social skills and learning the definitions of concepts such as sharing, fair play, good sportsmanship, and consensus.



We help our Rising

Star Scouts develop social skills they will need and use the rest of their lives.

Our community....

Our Rising Star Scouts are part of several different communities: their families, friendship groups, their neighborhood, city, nation, and as members of our Scout Programs. We

help our Scouts
recognize they are
part of a whole by
participating in
activities in service to
the greater
community, such as
baking cookies with
their parents and
delivering them with

adult assistance at holiday time. We encourage our Rising Star Scouts to step into their communities and begin forging ties and giving to others, with emphasis on simple concepts such as

sharing. Because of their uniforms, but most of all because of their enthusiasm, our Scouts are always recognized in the community as a force for good.

And Country too....

Our country is
another community
our Scouts are
members of. Our
Rising Star Scouts
demonstrate love of

their country by
voting democratically
on their own
activities. We
encourage them to
begin to understand
the political process
and that they too
have a voice. We do
not neglect the

feelings and input of our Rising Star Scouts. For instance, if a family watches the news together, young children may have questions and concerns about what they see. We encourage them to

Speak up and talk to
Team Counselors
and their parents
about their ideas.
Sometimes the
youngest voices
among us are the
wisest.

I wonder about it
all....

Our Rising Star
Scouts are filled with
wonder and awe
about the world they
live in. We enable

our Scouts to
increase their
knowledge of their
faith or worldview,
and to develop a
spiritual approach to
life. We encourage
our Scouts to stop
and smell the

wildflowers! Though
a spiritual approach
to life can mean
many different
things to different
people, we
encourage all our
Scouts to take time
to reflect and

appreciate their lives
and the wonder of
nature. We enable
our Scouts to be
part of our Religious
Recognition Program
or Ethics
Recognition
Program. We strive

to enhance
character instilled by
parents. Imagining
the wonder and awe
on the faces of
Rising Star Scouts
as they see giant
Redwoods or watch
a hummingbird fly

for the first time is
inspirational to us
all.

Stand tall and
true....

Our Rising Star
Scouts stand tall
and true because
they stand up for
what they believe is
right. Life presents
us all with

challenges. We want our Scouts to know they have the strength and fortitude to handle what might come along. We encourage them to live their lives with a

sense of
inclusiveness and
good character. In
the school
lunchroom, our
Scouts are expected
to sit with someone
who is alone and
speak up when they

witness an injustice.
We instill in our
Scouts the
confidence that they
can accomplish
whatever they set
their minds to.

And I give my best
in all I do....

All our Scouts give
their best in all they
do. Our Rising Star
Scouts are learning

about concepts such as fair play. During their Challenges, in which demonstrate a learned skill, they are asked whether they really gave their best. If they answer that they did

not, we ask them to concentrate on giving their best during the next Challenge. They know we recognize and appreciate it every time they give their best. It is the

effort that counts,
and our Rising Star
Scouts develop
confidence in
themselves each
time they give their
best.