

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 familyâ€™!

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 friendsâ€¦

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 communityâ€™.

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
allâ€™.

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

trueâ€¦.

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.