

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.