

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.