

A Key to Scouting

Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges



I have here in my hand a key. It's a small item as you can see. Yet it will open the door to my car, and when properly placed and turned it will start the engine. With this little key I can visit faraway places, see wonderful sights, and do so many things that were impossible a generation ago. Is it any wonder that I always carry this key with me?

(Hold up a copy of the Official Boy Scout Handbook or an OA Handbook)

Your Boy Scout Handbook or OA Handbook is a lot like my car key. It is a small item, yet it will open the door to Scouting and the Order, and will speed you on your way to adventure. Sure, you probably could get by without using your handbook. I could get by without my car key, too, but I'd have to walk and it would be slow. I certainly wouldn't get to see all those places I can reach by car.

Let's not leave our key behind as we enjoy Scouting and the Order of the Arrow. Use your handbook regularly. Take it with you to meetings and on hikes and camping trips. Let your handbook open the door for you.