



A Scout is Loyal

Providing Resources to Support Units, Chapters, and Lodges

The second point of the Scout Law is “A Scout is Loyal.” Our Scout handbook explains that a Scout is loyal to his family, Scout leaders, friends, school, and nation.

I'm going to add one more thing to that list—a Scout is loyal to his team. The team might be his patrol, chapter, or sports team. Your patrol or soccer team can't be as good as it should be if you goof off a lot or constantly complain about your teammates or your patrol leader or coach. A winning patrol and a winning team must have a winning attitude. That means that every member must be willing to do his part and not spend time griping because the patrol's plans or the game are not going his way.

That doesn't mean that you have to be close friends with everybody in your patrol, chapter, or team or even like all of them. But it means that when you join, you commit yourself to the success of the group and pledge to give it your best effort. In Scouting and sports, it's teamwork that makes winners. So whenever you're with others, remember, “A Scout is loyal.”