

Scout Spirit

For many leaders, Scout Spirit is hard to define. However, try a few of the following ideas to see if it can be seen.

1. When a scout arrives, he is in full uniform.
2. Upon arrival, the scout asks if he can be of some help, and if needed, helps.
3. The scout helps put away anything out of place.
4. The scout is ready to participate in activities, even though he may not have experienced the activity
5. If the scout has done the activity before, he offers to help someone who has not had the experience.
6. On outings, the scout helps with dishes, helps someone set up a tent, participates in a pioneering project.
7. A scout may be asked once to do some activity, but not twice.
8. On hikes, the scout tries his best. If he is a fine hiker, he walks with slower boys. He is seen to care about others rather than himself.
9. The scout participates in service activities, not asking what he will get out of it.
10. If the scout is helpful at home, the same attitude will show in the troop.
11. The scout will cheer on others who are trying to accomplish a task.
12. The scout goes out of his way to help new members of the troop.
13. If the scout has had a disagreement with a fellow scout, once he has calmed down, he seeks to apologize or get on better terms with the other scout.

Attitudes that **do not** show scout spirit.

1. Lack of pride in wearing the uniform to meetings.
2. Making fun of other scouts who are trying to participate.
3. Planning "tricks" that will disturb other campers.
4. Scouts whose choice in getting a point over is to bully or show that their size is bigger, thus intimidating younger or physically less capable scouts.
5. Scouts who openly disregard leaders directions.
6. Scouts who create new ways to upset meetings and leaders.
7. Scouts whose foul language is insulting to others and unacceptable in public.
8. Scouts who openly defy adults.

If you wonder where a scout is who shows scout spirit, look to an Eagle Scout for example.

If you wonder where your boy or boys stand in scout spirit, use this as a test.

If you are a scout and wonder about scout spirit, test yourself and be honest. If you find you are weak in an area, decide to change your ways.